Welcome to the Library!

Employee Changes for 2015

At the end of the fall 2014 semester we said farewell to four wonderful staff members:

*Chris Montgomery* transferred to Technology Support Center (TSC) to become a new Support Technician.

*Jennifer Ho* accepted a position with the Chicago Community Trust, becoming their new Digital Archivist.

*Amy Chellino* said goodbye after 10 years with USF to become a librarian at Joliet Junior College.

*Rebecca Berkowicz* left to become a full-time librarian at Palos Heights Public Library.

New Hires!

We also saw the return of *Susan Weinmann* in December of 2014.

Part-time librarian *Gloria Hendrickson* transferred departments to be the new Archives Librarian.

New Signage

*Come join us and the USF Alumni League on May 10th* for a celebration and remembrance of the new signage.
In the month of March, we would like to celebrate women, social workers, and (of course) reading!

Here are just a few example of some very inspiring, courageous, empowered women about whom you may not have heard:

**Elizabeth Blackwell:** first American woman to earn a medical degree, she founded a medical college for women so that they would not face the same struggle as she did to find a physician program that would admit a woman

**Esther Peterson:** worked for consumer protection, improved labor conditions for American workers, and fought for equal opportunity for American women

**Victoria Woodhull:** first woman to be nominated and campaign for the U.S. presidency

**Benazir Bhutto:** became the first female prime minister of a Muslim country and helped to move Pakistan from a dictatorship to democracy

**Tegla Loroupe:** held the women’s marathon world record and today promotes peace, education and women’s rights in Kenya through her Peace Race and Peace Foundation

Through the Brown Library online at library.stfrancis.edu or by contacting a librarian for assistance, you can access books, articles, online videos, and eBooks. To get there, click on the “Books and Media” tab and try choosing any of the following terms:

- Women’s rights
- Feminism
- Equality

You can use these terms to search our electronic databases in order to find articles.
MARCH MADNESS!

Social Workers

Not only is it Social Workers month in March, the National Association of Social Workers, 2015 marks its 60th anniversary. If you are a student who is majoring in Social Work, the Brown Library is here to help you to find resources for your papers and projects.

Reading

Conveniently, it is also Reading Month…but then shouldn’t ALL months be reading months?

Anyway, Brown library has a Popular Literature collection which consists of some great books. We have the latest in:

- Biographies of fascinating people
- Graphic novels
- New York Times Bestselling fiction and nonfiction

Stop on by between classes and check them out!
Featured Subject Guide:

You may be wondering: what are subject guides and why should I care about them? Subject guides, or “LibGuides,” are online resources you can use from anywhere. Basically, librarians have already done all of the work for you by grouping together countless resources to help you find information on any topic or for any class. The best part is that all of the resources are “legit,” and can be used as a cited source for your paper.

To find the subject guides, visit the Brown library website at: http://library.stfrancis.edu/ and click on the “Subjects” tab near the top of the page. A list of the main topics are linked there and will bring you to the whole smorgasbord of LibGuides.

Would you like to try an iPad?

The Library has 35 iPads to loan so if you are looking to try one out or use a set for a class activity, now is the time! The iPads have many useful apps such as Khan Academy, Dropbox, Evernote, iMovie, and many others. If there is an app that you would like to see that Library add to the iPads, please let us know. We are happy to add any apps that increase the functionality of the iPads. So why would you want to use an iPad? As tablets and other hand held devices become more prevalent, it can be beneficial to learn how to use this technology.

So how long can they be used for? Individually, students can check out an iPad for 3 weeks while faculty and staff have a 6 week check out period. This allows people to have a good length of time to learn how to use all the functions of the iPad. The iPads come in a pouch that contains a charging cord and plug.

So how does someone get the classroom set? At this time, the classroom set is only available to professors and staff. The classroom set can be checked out for 2 days but this is flexible depending on the needs of the class. We have a rolling trunk that can carry many iPads if needed so portability can been taken care of. In order to check out a classroom set, we request that the circulation desk be contacted to reserve the set. This helps the Library make sure there are enough sets for everyone and get them ready to be picked up when needed. The circulation desk can be contacted at circulation@stfrancis.edu or 815-740-3690.

If there are any questions, please don’t hesitate to contact the Library at circulation@stfrancis.edu or 815-740-3690.
Databases You May Not Know We Have

I would like to highlight some databases that are think are really useful but are underutilized. So please join me on tour of databases you may not know we have.

If you are interested in music and would like to figure out how to pronounce the words from a French or Latin song, then IPA Source is for you! The site also offers translations so you know what you are singing. Online since 2003, IPA Source is the web's largest library of International Phonetic Alphabet (IPA) transcriptions and literal translations of opera arias and art song texts. It has over 11,000 texts including 1444 aria texts. Poets and Latin texts are also translated in this collection.

Black Thought and Culture offers resources about African American history but also literature produced by African Americans. This database contains 1,303 sources with 1,210 authors, covering the non-fiction published works of leading African Americans. Particular care has been taken to index this material so that it can be searched more thoroughly than ever before. Where possible the complete published non-fiction works are included, as well as interviews, journal articles, speeches, essays, pamphlets, letters and other fugitive material.

The Military Library offers current news pertaining to all branches of the military and government; a thorough collection of periodicals, academic journals, and other content. Over 300 journals are in full text. So if you like to read the Air Force Times, Aviation History, or Political Science Quarterly, please take a look at this database.

Would you like to learn a new language? We offer the Rosetta Stone database. Rosetta Stone Library Solution offers flexibility to match student, faculty, and staff schedules and features. This database offers the first level of courses for 30 different languages. There are 50 hours of foundational instruction with core lessons to build reading, writing, speaking, and listening skills. Focused activities are designed to refine grammar, vocabulary, pronunciation, and more.

So here are just a few of our great databases. Please don’t hesitate to contact us at 815-740-5041 or ref-desk@stfrancis.edu for questions regarding these databases or other questions.
What’s New in Pop Lit

Things are really popping in our Pop Lit Collection. This little “public library in the library” has all types of books – from Sci-Fi to mystery to the latest graphic novels – and even some popular non-fiction titles. For instance, you might try:

*Gretel and the Case of the Missing Frog Prints: A Brothers Grimm Mystery* by P.J. Brackston. Albrecht Durer the Much Much Younger’s Frog Prints have been stolen! Albrecht naturally turns to Gretel, Bavaria’s most famous private investigator. Will Gretel and her chunky brother Hans find the elusive thief and recover the stolen artifacts? Read to find out!

*Superman Unchained* by Scott Snyder and others. In this action-filled graphic novel, Superman, his archenemy Lex Luther, spunky Lois Lane, and her ruthless father General Sam Lane must fight a deadly enemy who fell to earth decades before Superman ever made his first appearance and … has become UNCHAINED! Will Earth survive?!!?

*Dad is Fat* by Jim Gaffigan. Ever wonder what life is like for comedian Jim Gaffigan, his five very young kids, and wife, all stuffed in a two-bedroom apartment? Yep, just as you’d expect. Give the book a look – and it will give you a giggle … or two!

Tech Services Update (2014/2015)

Tech Services is happy to welcome our new archivist, Gloria Hendrickson, to our department. Gloria is not new to the Brown Library, having worked as a reference librarian for several years. However, archives is Gloria’s area of expertise and her passion, and we are excited to have her working in this capacity. So stop by the Archives and give her a “hello,” while taking a quick look at the fascinating historical items.

Notice something new about the New Materials Bookshelf? That’s right; all of the books, CDs, and DVDs sitting on it have a bright red “New” sticker on them. How about if you need to find one of the new books, say *Super Sniffers: Dog Detectives on the Job*? Just do a title search for it in BernieCat, and you’ll see that it is “Temporarily Shelved at the New Materials Bookcase, Main Floor by Reference Desk,” complete with the red sticker, of course.
The most exciting part of Tech Services work is handling the exciting, new materials that come through our department. Here are some examples of some of the items that we have handled:

New Periodicals

*Human Development* (complete print set). Donated by Sr. Mary K. Himens, USF Class of ’51, this journal is written for people interested in “religious leadership and formation, spiritual direction, pastoral care and education … for the whole person.” [www.hdmag.org](http://www.hdmag.org)

*Journal of Gerontological Social Work* (online). The library has once again started receiving this excellent journal, this time online. In it, the social work student will find current information about issues in the field of aging.

*Journal of Applied Sport Management*. (print and online) Purchased for the Recreation, Sport, and Tourism Management Department, this peer-reviewed journal provides information on applied research in sport management. Other titles purchased for RSTM include *Journal of Facility Planning Design and Management* and *Journal of Outdoor Recreation Education & Leadership*.

The Books

Talking about RSTM, the library has also purchased over 20 books as part of their accreditation process. Included among the many titles are *Therapeutic Recreation: Processes and Techniques; Supporting Individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder in Recreation*; and *Leisure Business Strategies: What They Don’t Teach in Business School*.

Math and women … can the two go together? The Math Department says, “Yes, indeed!” In support of this idea and the math club, the library has purchased *Math Girls*, a series of YA books that combine romance with actual math problems. For instance, in the first book, the shy and self-conscious narrator first starts helping the new girl Miruka work on number sequences. All is good. But when another girl, Tetra, asks him to be her math tutor, the jealousy begins. Goodness, how does that compute? Pick up the book to find out.

New DVDs

*The Book Thief*. Every wonder what WWII was like for ordinary Germans? In this story, we meet Liesel, an ordinary girl whose mother is no longer able to care for her, being adopted by a very ordinary German family. But when the family ends up hiding a Jew in their house, things are not so ordinary after all.

*Guardians of the Galaxy*. In this fantastic tale, space adventurer Peter Quill, or Star-Lord, a combination Hans Solo/Indiana Jones, steals the orb and then is himself hunted as various characters try to steal the orb from him, including Rocket, a talking raccoon; Groot, a mono-syllabic tree person; and Gamora, a beautiful, but dangerous woman.

*My Life as a Turkey*. This is the true story of Joe Hutto, an artist and naturalist, who ends up bonding with and caring for a group of motherless wild turkeys. Dare I say, “Gobble, gobble?”
USF Library Offers Online Video Tutorials for Students

Do you ever find yourself having questions about how to use the library? If so, the library offers a variety of resources which will come to your rescue!

In addition to offering support to students through traditional reference and instruction services, the library offers a collection of online Video Tutorials which give detailed instructions on how to use specific resources. These tutorials cover a wide variety of subject areas ranging from how to register for a library borrower ID, how to search the library’s online catalog and online databases, and how to place interlibrary loan requests.

The library’s Video Tutorials are a great resource for all USF students, whether you are a traditional on-campus student or an online distance student. Students can access a wealth of useful information - and can access those resources 24 hours a day, 7 days a week - with just a single click. The library’s Video Tutorials are a great option for those times when a USF Librarian is not available, or for students who wish to brush up on their library skills independently.

As always, students are welcome to contact a USF librarian directly for assistance in person, via phone (815) 740-5041, via email at refdesk@stfrancis.edu, or via the LibraryH3lp chat widget on the Library Homepage.

We look forward to helping you with all of your research needs. Have a great year!

Hello from the USF Library Archives!

Firstly, I am very excited to be the new USF archivist. As a former student and librarian at the school, I am very familiar with the rich history of the university. I hope to bring a fresh perspective to the archives starting with revamping our blog. There will be stories about my work, as well as, a place for me to teach about the world of archiving. My goal is to keep it updated on ongoing projects, donations, and exciting news related to the archives.

I have several goals for the spring, including updating finding aids with donations made in the past year, building our ArchivesSpace management system, and having the archives student worker, Adjo Tameklo, complete the 4,000 item digitizing project. Collaborating, promoting, and advocating with faculty and staff on projects and events are also areas I want to work on in 2015.

If you have any questions regarding USF archival collections and/or have a donation, please contact Gloria Hendrickson, Archives Librarian, at ghendrickson@stfrancis.edu or x3539.
College Life Laugh

No matter where you are in this cycle, Brown Library is here to help you!

Collection Corner

Have you been thinking about life after college? Have you decided what work you would like to do with your degree or whether you want to attend graduate school? Do you need to prepare for any licenses or tests? “Stop overwhelming me!”

The library has a collection specifically geared toward helping you prepare for your future. It is located near the reference desk, by the newspapers, magazines, and new materials. Because the books in this collection like to stay in the library, you are welcome to have a seat in a cozy nook or make copies of any pages that you would like to take home.

Here are some types of information that you will find:

Test prep for: CLEP, LSAT, MCAT, GMAT

Job application how to’s:

- Cover letter and resume writing
- Owning the interview
- Working in your major: How to find a job when you graduate

Other post-baccalaureate topics:

- Graduate admissions essay writing
- Teaching English abroad
- Rules of business etiquette
- Careers and vocational guidance
- The perfect career for this time in your life
Spotlight on a Student Worker: Anna Kassuba

Hometown: Vanderbilt, Michigan
Year/Major: Senior, Elementary Education
Career goal: To become an elementary teacher. I want to impact the world by changing the lives of children.
Favorite book: My favorite book is the Bible.
Favorite movie: Two of my favorite movies are Blended and Just Go With It.
Favorite band/music: I really listen to just about any type of music. The Band Perry, Skillet, Maroon 5, Rascal Flatts, Toby Mac, Katy Perry, Red, Carrie Underwood, and Chris Tomlin are some of my favorite bands/artists.
Favorite quote: My favorite quote is “I took the road less traveled by; now where the heck am I?”
Favorite hobbies: I enjoy running, crafting, watching movies, eating food, and long walks on the beach.
What is a little known fact about you?: I am very sarcastic.

Job duties as a student worker in the library: As a library student worker I have many responsibilities. I check out books to students. I also check books back in. Every hour the student worker is required to walk around and get a head count of the students using our facilities. Making sure that the printers are constantly full so that the students never run out of paper when printing off essays and other important information, is another glorious job of a library student worker. Student workers also go through the books trying to find missing books. I also make sure that the books stay in order so that they are easier to find.

What is the most important thing you’ve learned at USF: The most important thing I learned at USF is how to use a key (to lock and unlock things).

What advice would you give to new students: My advice to the new students is to not be afraid to be yourself. You don’t have to act like a “typical college student” to have fun. There are many ways you can enjoy your college life without getting into trouble.