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Know your librarians



Allison Reeves:

Wanted for enforcing circulation fines

Vitals:

BORN: Birmingham, Alabama

YEARS AT CARROLL: 5 in November

TITLE: Access services librarian

WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?

She provides "access" to "services" in the library. She is in charge of circulation, the CMC, and the hiring and supervision of evening supervisors. Allison is also the system administrator to the online catalog and the Webmaster.

LIBRARY LIAISON TO THE DEPARTMENTS OF: education, graduate education and CMC

FAVORITE MOVIE: BBC's *Pride and Prejudice* ("Mr. Darcy is hot!")

FAVORITE TV SHOW: BBC's *Coupling*

FAVORITE BOOK: *To Kill a Mockingbird*

FAVORITE FOOD: Fried green tomatoes

FAVORITE CONCERT: Grateful Dead in L.A., 1990

PETS: 3 big dogs, 1 cat

HOBBIES: Rehabbing old houses, and surviving living in one

PET PEEVES: Injustice in general

A.K.A.: Mom (see accompanying story.)

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FROM THE DIRECTOR

Library staff assesses circulation

By Lelan McLemore

Spurred on by the Association of College and Research Libraries' recently revised "Standards for College Libraries," the library staff at Carroll has been at work developing a program of ongoing assessment. Among the benefits of this task is that it has encouraged us to ask questions that are not normally asked and to take less for granted as we re-examine the way the library functions.

One of the more interesting and perplexing questions concerns circulation statistics. Should the library staff, should the faculty, should the college as whole be concerned with the level of circulation of library materials? Are high circulation rates the sign of a good library and low ones the sign of a poor one? Or is it broader than the library: are higher library circulation rates characteristic of higher quality colleges and lower rates typical of lower quality colleges? Surely circulation rates say something about the library and about the college, but it is not clear what their message is.

To give some edge to these concerns, a few comparisons are helpful. Consider the average number of circulation transactions per student (FTE) for the 2000-01 academic year (the last year for which comparative data are available) at Carroll and a few other colleges:

Carroll College: 7.59

Carthage College: 8.49

Cardinal Stritch University: 9.90

Concordia College: 13.47

St. Norbert College: 16.79

Millikin University: 17.72

Lawrence University: 37.78

Carleton College: 68.44

What, if anything, does this tell us about the library or about Carroll? Does it tell us that librarians and teaching faculty have done a poor job of selecting materials for the library? Does it tell us that we've done an inadequate job of keeping up with curriculum changes as some programs are dropped and others are added? Does it tell us something about the kinds of assignments made by teaching faculty? Does it matter?

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FROM THE CIVIL WAR INSTITUTE In America

by Becky Steffes

In America, more than anywhere else in the world, care has been taken constantly to trace clearly distinct spheres of action for the two sexes... You will never find American women in charge of the external relations of the family, managing a business, or interfering in politics... If the American woman is never allowed to leave the quiet sphere of domestic duties, she is also never forced to do so.

Alexis de Tocqueville,
Democracy in America

While Tocqueville's comments do not characterize the lives of all nineteenth century women in America, historians do agree that prior to the Civil War women's role in the United States was defined as private and domestic; her labor, largely unpaid, bore little or no relationship to the national economy. Recent gender research concentrating on the role of women in the Civil War has brought a new appreciation among scholars about the way in which the Civil War changed that relationship. Concentrating on the way in which the two sexes functioned in establishing the United States Sanitary Commission, the largest wartime benevolent institution, scholars have shown that as a result of the Civil War not only were women's lives changed, but also the economic and political life of the nation, wherein women no longer were to be considered non-participants. Students interested in researching on the role of women in the Civil War and/or those studying gender roles will find the following useful resources in the Carroll Libraries:

PRIMARY RESOURCES:

Brockett, Linus P., and Mary C. Vaughan. *Woman's Work in the Civil War: A Record of Heroism, Patriotism and Patience*. Philadelphia: Zeigler, McCurdy & Co., 1867. A history of the lives of women and the roles they played during the Civil War, this book focuses mainly on the women in the North. [Civil War Collection]

Livermore, Mary. *My Story of the War: A woman's Narrative of Four Years Personal Experience as Nurse in the Union Army, and in Relief Work at Home, in Hospitals, Camps, and at the Front, during the War of the Rebellion*. New York: Arno Press, 1972. Co-director of the Western branch of the United States Sanitary Commission, Mary Livermore was one of the few women to insist on drawing a salary for her labor. Her refusal to join with those seeking the strictly voluntary effort of middle-class women to aid in war work served as a first step in redefining the relationship of women to society. [Civil War Collection]

Moore, Frank. *Women of the War; Their Heroism and Self-Sacrifice*. S.S. Scranton, & Co. Hartford, CT. 1866. [Civil War Collection] An account of northern women's service during the Civil War., this title consists chiefly of letters from and about the women featured in the book who served as nurses or in a related capacity.

Davis, Margaret B. *The woman who battled for the boys in blue. Mother Bickerdyke; her life and labors for the relief of our soldiers. Sketches of battle scenes and incidents of the sanitary service*. San Francisco: A. T. Dewey, 1886. [Civil War Collection] An interesting account of one woman's work laboring for the United States Sanitary Service.

Strong, George Templeton, 1820-1875. *Diary*. Edited by Allan Nevins & Milton Halsey Thomas. New York : Macmillan, 1952. 4 Vols. [Civil War Collection] Strong was one of the founders and early directors of the United States Sanitary Service; his diary presents a colorful picture of social life in New York during the time of the Civil War.

Hurn, Alice. *Wisconsin women in the War between the States*, [Madison] Wisconsin History Commission, 1911. [Main collection] A very early study of the lives of Wisconsin women based on women who lived during the Civil War.

SECONDARY RESOURCES:

Attie, Jeanie. *Title Patriotic toil : Northern women and the American Civil War*. Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 1998. [Main collection] This book is a scholarly study about the tense relationships which obtained between the men and women who founded the United States Sanitary Commission.

Giesberg, Judith Ann. *Civil War Sisterhood: The US Sanitary Commission and Women's Politics in Transition*. Boston: Northeastern University Press, 2000. [On order] A study of the impact which the founding of the United States Sanitary Commission had on later gender relations.

Boydston, Jeanne. *Home and Work: Housework, wages, and the Ideology of Labor in the Early Republic*. Oxford: University of Oxford Press, 1990. [On order] Cited as an outstanding academic work in 1990, this book presents a history of women's unpaid domestic labor in the context of the emergence of an industrialized society in the northern United States.

Clinton, Catherine. *Divided Houses*. Eighteen essays discussing the gender, race, and class and the 'separate sphere' mentioned by Tocqueville. Oxford University Press, 1992. [On order]

Clinton, Catherine. *The other civil war: American women in the nineteenth century*. New York: Hill and Wang, 1984. A vivid portrayal of what happened to women during the nineteenth century. [Main collection]

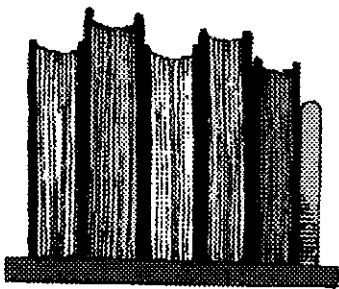
Interlibrary loan has moved

By Lori Phillips

A major change took place in the Interlibrary Loan (ILL) department this summer. ILL duties have been handed over to Karla Strand, the access services assistant. Karla is located in the office behind the circulation desk. If you have any questions concerning ILL, please e-mail her at ill@cc.edu. Undergrads may request an ILL by filling out a paper request form at the library's reference desk, while graduate students, faculty and staff may use the convenient online form found on the library Web site at: <http://marion.cc.edu/library/ill/index.html>. If you still have questions regarding the ILL process, do not hesitate to contact Karla.

New bookcases in the browsing room

by Linda Hartig



If you have visited the Browsing Room in the past month or so, you have noticed the renovation of our bookshelves. What is in those nice, new bookcases now?

The library has several special collections that have been hidden away upstairs for decades. The new bookcases allow us to show you some of these special books without subjecting them to harmful light. Since many are quite old and frag-

ile, the cases are locked to prevent unnecessary use, and to keep your hands and clothing clean. If you wish to browse through some of the books, please come to the reference desk and we will be happy to pull any item for you to use in the library.

In addition to a general special collections, we have the Barclay Collection, the Welsh Collection, the Carroll Authors Collection and the John Ball Collection. Selected parts of these collections (and the entire Carroll Authors Collection) have been moved to these new bookcases.

On the east wall, you will find selected books from our general special collections and, on the right, selected items from the William A. Barclay Collection of Scottish literature. Mr. Barclay donated this collection of rare books to Carroll College in the 1970s. The Barclay Collection contains the oldest book owned by the Library, "Constitvtions and canons ecclesiasticall...", dating from 1604.

Around the corner on the south wall you will find selected books from the Llewelyn and Mary Williams Welsh Collection. These books fall into the general areas of religion, history and literature. Although some titles are in English, most are in Welsh, and many of the books date from the 19th century. Several of the newer books include color illustrations of the Welsh landscape.

To the right of the Welsh Collection, next to the fireplace, sits the Carroll Authors Collection. These books are written by present and former faculty members, but the collection also includes many books written by Carroll College graduates. John Ball, class of 1934, is one such graduate whose success as a writer was sealed with his "In the Heat of the Night." In addition to the first edition books of John Ball, the library also houses manuscripts of some of Mr. Ball's works in the special collections room on the second floor of the library.

Some of these special collections books are duplicated in the main stack areas, especially those written by current faculty members.

To browse through or read any of these special collections books, please ask for assistance at the reference desk. The books do not circulate, but we encourage their use in the library.

DEAR MARIAN THE LIBRARIAN,

Questions and Concerns voiced by patrons of the Todd Wehr Memorial Library

Dear Marian:

So, OK, I was like in the library the other night, right? Yeah, and I was just settling in to a study room in the basement. I had, you know, pizza and Coke and some Chex Mix. Well, I had barely got, like, a bite of my pizza and this grumpy old guy came and kicked me and my group out! What gives???

Signed,

Peeved with Pizza

Dear Peeved,

Either you have seen the library's ghost, or you have run into our library director. First



Lelan McLemore

off, he is neither grumpy nor old. Lelan McLemore has been library director for six years. Dr. McLemore (AKA "The Enforcer") is also a professor of politics; therefore, he believes that all laws **MUST** be abided by. Library law is as follows: Thou shalt not eat **ANYTHING, ANYWHERE** in the library. Thou shalt eat **ONLY** in the Coffee Shop. Thou shalt not drink in the library **EXCEPT** from a Special Issue Spill Proof Library Mug. New students receive a free mug at the cir-

ulation desk and replacement mugs are available at the circulation desk for \$3. Now that you have been reminded of the rules, you can understand why someone might be less than cordial when kicking you and your pizza fingers out of the library. **ANYONE** found in the library with food or drinks will be asked to leave **IMMEDIATELY**. Strict and harsh, you might be saying. We in the library believe that it is common sense. If we have crumbs in the library, we will have mice in the library. If we have mice in the library, we will have mouse droppings in the library. If we have mouse droppings in the library, we will have stink in the library and **NO ONE** likes a stinky library.

Yours,
Marian

Mariya Grabow joins library staff

By Allison Reeves

The library is very pleased to welcome Mariya Grabow as a full-time staff member. Mariya replaces Laura Grace Bruss as the business manager and acquisitions assistant. Laura Grace has enrolled in the master's program at the University of

Wisconsin-Milwaukee to study public history. Fortunately for us, Laura Grace will continue working part time as a weekend and evening supervisor.



Mariya also worked for us in spring semester 2003 as a weekend and evening supervisor so you may have seen her in the library computer lab or at the reference desk. You also might have seen Mariya in class as she just completed her certification in secondary English and theatre arts through the department of education or perhaps you knew her when she was working on her BA in English and theatre arts. Or, maybe you knew Mariya when she worked as the administrative assistant for advancement and alumni relations. Regardless of how you know her,

I'm sure you'll agree the library is very lucky to have her as an employee. While Mariya isn't on campus, she can often be found scooping Gelato at Waukesha's very own Diveno Gelato Café on Main Street.

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Coffee Shop: (262) 951-3006
Library Fax: (262) 524-7377

LIBRARY HOMEPAGE:

<http://marian.cc.edu/library/>

LIBRARY MISSION STATEMENT:

The mission of the library is to satisfy the informational needs of students by providing an environment that fosters academic excellence, and by providing services that help students develop the sophisticated informational skills required for lifelong learning.

BY THE NUMBERS: 2002-03

New book titles added to the catalog:
3,033

New NetLibrary (electronic book) titles
added to the catalog: 2,060

Educational manipulatives added to the
catalog: 110

Number of pieces in added educational
manipulatives: 5,224

Number of checkouts to Carroll faculty:
481

Number of checkouts to the Friends of
Carroll College: 1

Total number of searches using JSTOR
database: 11,427

Total number of searches using Project
Muse database: 1,309

Total number of searches using
LexisNexis database: 7,006

Total number of pages printed on library
printers: 224,987

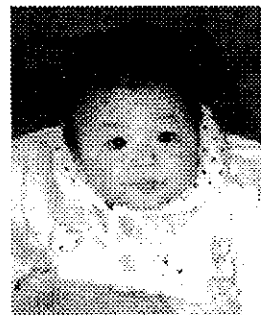
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After months of preparation and anticipation, Allison Reeves is about to embark on an exciting adventure. Allison and her husband, Kevin, are going to China. This is no ordinary two-week vacation - they will return with a very special bundle. Baby Kada, Allison and Kevin's one-year-old adopted daughter, will be coming home.

The couple's journey will take them from Chicago to Beijing to Changsha to Guangzhou to Hong Kong to Chicago and back home. They will pick up Kada in Changsha.



Kevin and Allison



Kada

Kada's full name is Kathleen Dahlen Gui Yan Grabowski - which is way too long for a little kid. Kathleen is in honor of Allison's mother, and Dahlen is in honor of Kevin's mother. The day that Allison and Kevin decided on the baby's name (and nickname) was Oct. 12, 2002 - coincidentally the same day that Kada was born in China! Kada's given name in China is Yue Gui Yan: Yue is for the city where her orphanage is located, Yueyang; Gui means sweet-scented osmanthus, and Yan means colorful or gorgeous.

Please join us in congratulating the super-sized Reeves-Grabowski family!