

## Spring exhibits at the Libraries:

Through 3/31 **Dori Miller**, Art Library

3/9-9/15 **"Heaven, Hell, or Hoboken!":  
New Jersey in the Great War**,  
Alexander Library

Through 12/22 **Records at Play: The Institute  
of Jazz Studies @50**, Express  
Newark

Cover photos, clockwise from upper left: Kilmer Library\*, Smith Library±,  
Art Library\*, Robeson Library\*, Douglass Library±, Dana Library¥,  
Alexander Library\*. \*Credit: Nick Romanenko. ±Credit: Roy Groething.  
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# RUTGERS UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES



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## Improving with Your Feedback

Last spring, the Libraries used a LibQUAL+ survey to solicit feedback from Rutgers students and faculty in three areas:

- **Affect of Service** – how prepared and responsive are we to address the needs of users?
- **Library as Place** – Do our facilities meet the expectations and needs of users?
- **Information Control** – Do we have the resources our users need to do their work and are they accessible?

We had over 6,700 responses and happily our results were good overall—particularly in the areas of Affect of Service and Library as Place. However, there was a consistent finding, across libraries, that Information Control does not meet faculty expectations.

In response to these findings, we have reshaped our priorities to focus on collections and discovery. What this means is we've invested heavily in new content with major acquisitions of e-books, journal backfiles, and databases covering all subjects. We are also working to change how our collections are discovered and presented on our website. Look for these improvements to roll out over the next year or so.

For more information on our current priorities, visit [libraries.rutgers.edu/mission](http://libraries.rutgers.edu/mission). As always, we welcome your feedback!



Krisellen Maloney, vice president for information services and university librarian.

## \$4 million NSF Grant to Support Regional Data-Sharing Network

The Libraries and Rutgers join a team including partners at Penn State and Temple Universities that will establish a regional data-sharing network called the Virtual Data Collaboratory. This computing infrastructure will allow research data to be stored and preserved, then easily discovered and used by other researchers.



## Rutgers Class of 1950 Dedicates Learning Technologies Lab

With funding from a \$25,000 class gift that was matched by **David Cayer RC'50**, this space in Alexander Library was retrofitted to provide specialized equipment and staffing to support Rutgers students with disabilities.



The Jersey City News, "democratic in principles and independent in its views on local questions," is among the papers that will be digitized.

## New Jersey Digital Newspaper Project Selects Titles for Digitization

This collaboration between Rutgers University Libraries, the New Jersey State Archives, and the New Jersey State Library will digitize three historical New Jersey newspapers from microfilm and make them publicly available on the Library of Congress website Chronicling America.

The *West-Jersey Pioneer* (later the *Bridgeton Pioneer*) will be digitized from 1851 to 1917; the *Jersey City News*, from 1889 to 1906; and the *Perth Amboy Evening News*, from 1903 to 1922.

"These papers offer local perspectives that simply cannot be found elsewhere," said **Mary Chute**, New Jersey state librarian and member of the project's advisory board.

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