External state grants boost Libraries’ programs

Planning for academic year 2006–2007 began with painful adaptations to cope with severe New Jersey state budget cuts. It is encouraging then to note that state organizations recently provided significant grants to support noteworthy initiatives and ongoing programs in two Libraries units.

In July the New Jersey Historical Commission awarded $118,000 to Special Collections and University Archives for general operating support. Special Collections uses these funds to support the salaries of an archivist, an information assistant, and student assistants, and to purchase preservation supplies and equipment. The archivist is currently working on placing a research guide for the Consumers' Research collection on the Internet, processing the Elizabeth R. Boyd historical collection, which contains Rutgers material dating back to the eighteenth century, and processing other collections for Special Collections and University Archives. She recently completed the processing of the NJ Folk Festival collection.

The information assistant oversees all the procedures in the New Jersey Reading Room, where Rutgers students, faculty, staff, and guest researchers from across the globe access the rare treasures of Special Collections and University Archives.

This is the fifth year that Special Collections has received a New Jersey Historical Commission grant. Historical Commission grants are funded through appropriations to the New Jersey Department of State to support organizations working to preserve and to promote the historical and cultural heritage of New Jersey.

In August the New Jersey State Council on the Arts awarded a grant of $22,168 to the Margery Somers Foster Center to support the Center's statewide visual arts activities.

Institute of Jazz Studies director wins national award

Congratulations to Dan Morgenstern, director of the Institute of Jazz Studies, for being selected as one of seven recipients of the National Endowment for the Arts 2007 Jazz Masters awards.

Morgenstern received the A.B. Spellman NEA Jazz Masters Award for Jazz Advocacy at a ceremony and concert in New York on January 12th. Previous award winners include music critic Nat Hentoff, producer George Wein, and manager John Levy.

Speaking to the Star Ledger on the occasion of winning the award, Morgenstern remarked: “What I’m pleased about is that whatever publicity comes to me will be publicity for the Institute of Jazz Studies.” (Oct. 7, 2006).

We commend our colleague for receiving this richly deserved recognition for his decades of work as a scholar, historian, writer, editor, and preserver of jazz.

Morgenstern’s extensive knowledge of jazz led famed documentarian Ken Burns to ask Morgenstern to act as senior adviser to his 10-part PBS series, Jazz.

Morgenstern co-produces and co-hosts the institute’s “Jazz from the Archives” program on WBGO-FM, co-hosts the monthly Jazz Research Roundtable, and also has earned six Grammy awards, for best album notes.

Morgenstern’s career includes seven years as editor of Down Beat magazine, stints as jazz reviewer for the New York Post and record reviewer for the Chicago Sun Times, and editor of...
New Resources

Historical Statistics of the United States: Millennial Edition

The Libraries' new online database, Historical Statistics of the United States: Millennial Edition, is a standard source for data on all aspects of American history. The Millennial Edition is divided into five sections broadly covering: population, work and welfare, economic structure and performance, economic sectors, and governance and international relations. Data relates to the social, behavioral, humanistic, and natural sciences including history, economics, government, finance, sociology, demography, education, law, natural resources, climate, religion, international migration, and trade.

Historical Statistics of the United States includes over 37,000 data series and statistics from more than 1,000 sources. The database covers the colonial period until the year 2000.

Users can access Historical Statistics of the United States from the home page of the Libraries web site, either through IRIS or by following the path: Research Resources > Indexes and Databases > General and Multidisciplinary > Government Publications > Historical Statistics of the United States.

The Libraries new online Latino Studies subject research guide brings together a wealth of resources for students and scholars in Latino studies.

A Government, Law, and Statistics section provides a select list of executive, congressional, legislative, and state publications, as well as statistical data included in online resources and print publications. A General Reference and Biographical Sources section identifies twelve authoritative publications available in the Rutgers University Libraries.

Other sections cover specialized and related electronic indexes and databases, directories, and clipping services. The research guide includes a list of Rutgers University research centers, departments and programs that offer courses, publications, or research opportunities in Latino Studies. The research guide also provides a selected list of links to web sites outside Rutgers covering aspects of Latino Studies in the United States.

The Latino Studies subject research guide was prepared by Lourdes Vázquez, Latin America, Spanish & Portuguese and Africa subject specialist. Users can access the Latino Studies subject research guide from the home page of the Libraries web site, either through IRIS or by following the path: Research Resources > Subject Research Guides > Social Sciences and Law > Latino Studies.

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