Building tomorrow’s university library, today

New librarians
The Libraries welcomed three new librarians in the past year – Francesca Giannetti, digital humanities librarian in the New Brunswick libraries; Elizabeth Surles, archivist in the Institute of Jazz Studies at Rutgers University-Newark; and Lily Todorinova, undergraduate experience librarian in the New Brunswick libraries.

Elizabeth Surles, center, and Francesca Giannetti stand together at a recent Libraries event. Inset – Lily Todorinova.

Places and spaces
1. The new computer lab at the John Cotton Dana Library, Rutgers University-Newark, offers 100 computers for student use and a regularly staffed IT help desk on the premises.

2. The Fordham Information Commons, in the Douglass Library, offers two 3D printers and corresponding software, state of the art computers, comfortable seating, and readily available staff support.

3. The newly renovated third floor of the Paul Robeson Library, Rutgers University-Camden, features 14 state-of-the-art group study rooms, a quiet study area, a spacious special collections room, and librarians’ offices with spaces for consultations.
Advancing research and learning

This academic year (2014-2015) five librarians in the Rutgers University Libraries will be ‘walking the walk’ of their faculty colleagues by teaching Byrne Seminars courses.

Librarians to teach Byrne Seminars courses
Undergraduate Academic Affairs on the New Brunswick campus offers 1-credit courses called Byrne Seminars for first-year students, taught by tenured or tenure-track faculty, limited to 20 students. The purpose of the seminars is to offer new students the opportunity to engage with each other and faculty around a topic of mutual interest.

- Music and performing arts librarian Jonathan Sauceda will offer a course on ‘Rockin’ Roots, Global Reach: Telling the Story of Jersey’s Popular Music.’
- Latin American, African, Latino, Spanish and Portuguese studies liaison librarian, Melissa Gasparotto, will offer a class on ‘The Secrets (and Big Business) of Search Engines,’ which will explore the factors and stakeholders of web searching.
- Instructional design/education librarian Leslin Charles offered a course on ‘Truth or Fiction?’ which looked at how social media, while providing a voice to all, can also blur the lines of fact and falsehood.
- Chemistry and physics librarian Laura Palumbo and engineering librarian Connie Wu will offer a course called ‘Closing the Gap: Women in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics.’
- Engineering librarian Connie Wu offered a second course of her own as well, ‘The ABCs of Patents: How to Protect Your Creative Invention and Avoid Stealing from Others.’
New expertise, new resources

Health sciences libraries
The Rutgers University Libraries gained two new health sciences libraries in July 2013, a result of Rutgers’ integration with the former University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey. The Libraries have already reaped many benefits from having these two new family members.

Health science librarians in both the George F. Smith Library of the Health Sciences, in Newark, and the Robert Wood Johnson Library of the Health Sciences in New Brunswick are well-regarded by their faculty peers for their expertise. In this photo, Pamela Hargwood, information and education librarian in the Robert Wood Johnson Library of the Health Sciences (far left), provides research assistance to pediatric residents at the Bristol-Myers Squibb Children’s Hospital (part of the Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital system, in New Brunswick).

In January 2014 “The Poisoner's Handbook” premiered on PBS’s American Experience. Based on Deborah Blum’s book, the program depicts the rise of forensic science in New York City in the 1910s-20s under Charles Norris and Alexander Gettler. The George F. Smith Library of the Health Sciences contributed rare and historically significant materials to make this program possible. A segment on radium, in the program’s second half, features several images from Smith Library’s Special Collections, including Harrison Martland performing an autopsy, and Martland’s handwritten list of some of the deceased Radium Girls. Other New Jersey segments in the program included reports on arsenic poisoning in Newark, and tetraethyl lead poisoning in Elizabeth.
Popular programming, innovative technologies

Student centered activities elicit enthusiastic response
The libraries in New Brunswick conducted a variety of student focused activities that drew in a broad number of students and generated tremendous goodwill.

- In October a pumpkin decorating event at the Kilmer Library attracted sell-out crowds on two different days.

- December ‘stress-busting’ activities included make and mail your own holiday card craft opportunities at the Alexander Library and the Library of Science and Medicine, snowflake making at the Kilmer Library, and free coffee giveaways at the Library of Science and Medicine during exams.

- In April the Douglass Library chose from a stack of submissions and presented the Third Annual Undergraduate Multimedia Awards to four students, to acknowledge the creative use of university library collections in the production of a multimedia-based research project focused on women’s or gender issues.

- In June graduating seniors attended a dance in ‘Club Alex,’ the reimagined reference room of the Alexander Library as redesigned by the staff of the Rutgers Student Life office. The library was selected overwhelmingly as the venue for this dance by request of the students.

New makerspace at Douglass Library
Two new 3D printers at the Douglass Library have already begun to attract a growing audience. Announced in April 2014 with little fanfare, the 3D printers have drawn in dozens of Rutgers faculty, students, and staff users as well as members of the surrounding communities, who have produced a diverse array of items.

A gyroscope created by a community member, printed on one of the 3D printers at the Douglass Library.
Serving a global community

Intermediate libraries lending requests fulfilled* by Rutgers University Libraries June 2013 – July 2014
Total International Loans 228

Interlibrary loan sets a standard of service and grows stronger
In July 2013 the Libraries added UBorrow to the suite of consortia libraries that partner with our very active Interlibrary Loan office. UBorrow is one of several new services being introduced at the Rutgers libraries through membership in the CIC, a group of top research universities – all but the University of Chicago are members of the Big Ten athletic conference. Through UBorrow, students and faculty have access to at least 10 million unique titles in the collections of Big Ten school libraries that are not on the shelves at Rutgers.

New Jersey libraries lending requests fulfilled* by Rutgers University Libraries June 2013 – July 2014
Total NJ Loans 7,466

North Dakota 1
South Dakota 1
Montana 3
Oregon 4
Idaho 6
Mississippi 6
Wyoming 6
Nevada 7
Maine 8
Alabama 10
Kansans 11
New Mexico 11
Arkansas 13
Hawaii 14
Kentucky 15
Oklahoma 17
Vermont 17
Utah 20
Louisiana 21
Colorado 25
West Virginia 27
Tennessee 32
Georgia 34
Rhode Island 34
Delaware 35
South Carolina 37
Washington 39
Missouri 40
Arizona 43
Oregon 59
Florida 64
Virginia 65
New Hampshire 81
North Carolina 85

United States libraries lending requests fulfilled* by Rutgers University Libraries June 2013 – July 2014
Total USA Loans 18,330

Texas 89
Washington D.C. 96
Massachusetts 153
Nebraska 196
Iowa 216
Connecticut 255
Ohio 255
Wisconsin 293
California 314
Indiana 352
Maryland 427
Alabama 427
Minnesota 465
Michigan 1,056
Pennsylvania 1,352
Illinois 1,705
New York 2,711
New Jersey 7,466

*ILLiad & JerseyCat Statistics
# Library & Development Statistics

## Development Report

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## Library Collections

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## Library Staff

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Expenditures

Overall Library Expenditures
$36,659,447

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Systemwide Library Collection Expenditures
$12,623,681

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