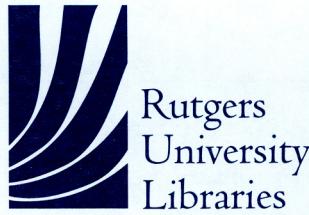


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New Libraries online tutorial Searchpath

Faculty members who want to help their students develop competent college-level research skills now have an innovative new tool. Students seeking a comfort level with library resources before the crush of final research assignments now have an ally in their corner.

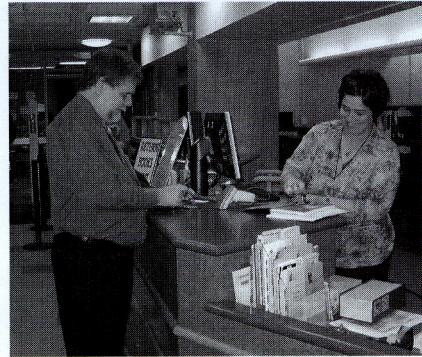
A new service of the Rutgers University Libraries, Searchpath is an interactive online tutorial about finding and using worthwhile information sources in the libraries and on the Web. Searchpath will help students save time, produce higher quality research, and get higher grades.

Many students arriving at Rutgers largely used the Internet to prepare high school assignments. Now they need a solid grounding in the library services and scholarly resources necessary to complete college-level assignments successfully. Searchpath provides modules on six discrete areas of college-level research at Rutgers: starting smart (identifying different types of information on the Web and in library resources), choosing a topic, using IRIS - the Libraries online catalog, finding articles, using the Web, and citing sources. Each module takes 15-20 minutes to complete and can be viewed either alone or as a complete series. Each module ends with a quiz that assesses the students' understanding of the concepts covered.

For more information on Searchpath, please see: http://www.libraries.rutgers.edu/rul/news/05/02_searchpath.shtml. To access Searchpath, please go to: <http://searchpath.libraries.rutgers.edu>. ■

Renovation at Robeson

With financial support from the Camden campus and the Rutgers University Libraries, and input from all the personnel that work in the facility, the Paul Robeson Library gave itself a face-lift this past summer. The \$125,000 renovation allowed the library to redesign and upgrade the entrance to the library and bring together the circulation and information desks to create a more open, user-friendly environment.



In the photo above, library staff person Addie Fuller checks out a book for Rutgers-Camden Law Professor Perry Dane at the new circulation desk.

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Looking over the horizon

While the Libraries are engaged, full time, in meeting the current research needs of faculty and students, we're also thinking ahead five years.

Our Strategic Plan Steering Committee is hard at work, with the goal of issuing a new Rutgers University Libraries five-year long range plan by the summer of this year. The committee, chaired by Special Collections and University Archives Head Ron Becker, has already begun meeting and plans to hold open forums and to seek input from across the university as well.

To view the working documents of the Strategic Plan Steering Committee, which include vision statements submitted to the committee on such topics as assessment, collections, diversity, facilities, personnel, and public services, please see: http://www.libraries.rutgers.edu/rul/staff/strategic_planning/strategic_planning.shtml. ■

New resources

The Libraries have added the following new electronic resources since September:

- D&B Key Business Ratios database
- Dissertations and Theses research guide
- EIU.com database
- FIAF International FilmArchive database

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Essential library services now available in myRutgers portal

myRutgers users now have a quick and easy path to the Libraries services they value most.

A new Libraries tab has been added to the myRutgers default layout for all new users. The Libraries tab contains seven new channels that can also be added to myRutgers users' personalized layouts. The new Libraries channels include a search screen for IRIS, the online catalog; Ask a librarian; Libraries resources and services; How do I?; Find articles; Find reserves; and Libraries announcements. The Libraries tab appears as the third option underneath the myRutgers masthead, at the top of the portal.

Current myRutgers users, who may have already personalized their layout to reflect their interests, can either subscribe to the new channels individually or may choose to revert to the default layout using the myRutgers options screen.

The myRutgers portal was developed by Rutgers Administrative Computing Services to present customized and personalized university services and news for students in one easy to access format. Rutgers University Computing Services help desks on all Rutgers campuses support myRutgers.

To access myRutgers, please go to:
<http://my.rutgers.edu/>. ■

New resources

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- FDC Reports/NDA Pipeline database
- Geography research guide
- Housing and Development research guide
- Investment Plus database
- Patrologiae Graecae database
- Social Work research guide

For more information on these resources, please see: <http://www.libraries.rutgers.edu/rul/news/news.shtml>. ■

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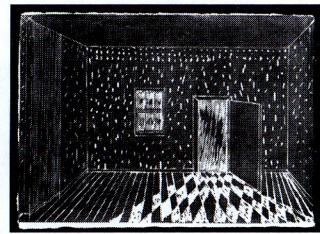
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Billie Holiday's Gardenia and Other Artworks by Penny Dell EXHIBITION OPENING RECEPTION



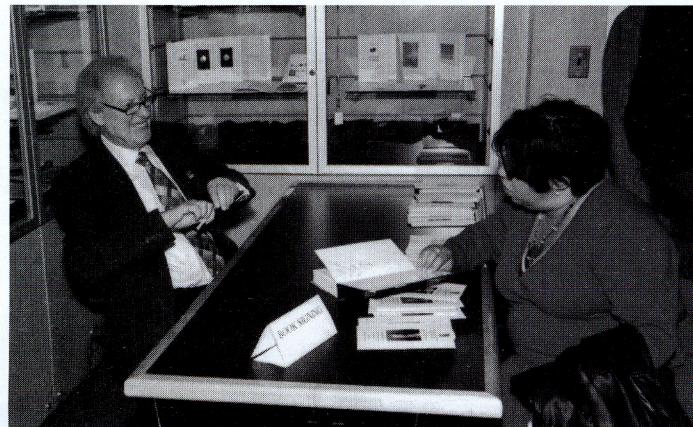
A Sunny Event by Penny Dell.

The current work of New Jersey-based printmaker and artist Penny Dell is inspired, in part, by artifacts and memorabilia in the Institute of Jazz Studies at the John Cotton Dana Library. Ms. Dell is the developer and curator of the annual World Paper Challenge exhibition at the Dana Library.

The exhibition will run through July 29, 2005.

To RSVP, send email to maisonav@andromeda.rutgers.edu or call 973/353-5223.

Crowd gathers to celebrate publication of *Living with Jazz*



Over 100 people gathered in November at a celebration in the John Cotton Dana Library to sing praises for IJS Director Dan Morgenstern's new book, *Living with Jazz*. In the photo above, Dan smiles during the book signing program.

Special Collections now working on the railroad (bibliography)



Photo of old Pennsylvania Railroad Station in New Brunswick, NJ, circa 1900, from Special Collections and University Archives.

Congratulations to Special Collections and University Archives, which just received notice of a \$20,000 grant from the New Jersey Historical Commission, enabling the unit to undertake the New Jersey Railroads Bibliography Project.

With the grant, Special Collections staff can complete *Railroads and New Jersey: A Bibliography of Contemporary Publications, 1812-1900*, exhaustively compiled by Special Collections curator emeritus Donald Sinclair yet left uncompleted upon his death in August. David Kuzma will serve as the principal investigator of the project, whose estimated completion date is March 2006.

Given Rutgers University's recently declared goal of establishing national preeminence in the study of transportation issues, when completed this bibliography should serve as a valuable new research resource at the university and for scholars nationwide. ■