Supporting the Rutgers Community at All Stages

The Libraries proudly support programs at Rutgers that are designed to enrich the experiences of students before, during, and after their time at the university.

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Second Round of OAT Project Grants Opens in October

Due to a fantastic response to our launch of the Open and Affordable Textbooks Project, applications for a second round of grants will open in October. Twenty faculty or instructors will receive $1,000 to replace an existing textbook with freely available, open educational, or library-licensed resources. For more information, visit libraries.rutgers.edu/open-textbooks.

George Segal Art Coming to Robeson Library

Among several of Segal’s works that were recently donated to Rutgers—Camden, Parking Garage will be installed in the library lobby this summer. His Restaurant Scene, pictured, is now on display at the new Rutgers—Camden Welcome Center.
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works with Future Scholars between their second and third years of high school. In their weeklong internship, the students tackle projects such as gamification of library instruction—last summer’s group later used for transfer student orientations—and visit with library faculty and staff.

“I love giving the students exposure not just to a university setting, but also to an array of career opportunities that they may not have considered,” Nathanson said.

And since most Future Scholars go on to attend Rutgers, an added benefit of the program is how it situates them for success when they return as undergraduates.

“They become comfortable at the library and so are not afraid to ask for help,” she said. “It’s a huge advantage.”

At Rutgers–Newark, business librarian and information literacy coordinator Roberta Tipton teaches an academic research workshop for the Honors Living-Learning Community (HLLC), a program that brings nontraditional students together to address social issues like poverty and inequality.

“While the workshop covers fundamental skills such as using databases, it is ultimately designed to help students apply scholarly concepts in ways that will enrich their community engagement.

“HLLC students are leaders,” Tipton said. “I think it is very important that the library helps them understand how their growth as scholars will support their growth as leaders.”

But the Libraries’ commitment to Rutgers students doesn’t end when they graduate. Alumni are always welcome to borrow from our collection of over 4 million volumes, enjoy on-site access to our electronic resources, or consult with a librarian to satisfy their information needs.

Rutgers University Libraries Welcome New Leadership

We are delighted to welcome two new leaders to the Libraries.

Effective August 7, Dee Magnoni will join us as assistant vice president for information services and director of the New Brunswick libraries.

In this role, Magnoni will provide leadership for 15 libraries and centers across Rutgers–New Brunswick, including Special Collections and University Archives. She will develop a vision that is innovative and focused on excellence in research and student success, working closely with campus stakeholders to ensure that the collections, services, and spaces of the New Brunswick libraries continue to contribute to the mission and success of the university.

Magnoni comes to Rutgers from Los Alamos National Laboratory, where, as library director, she led a team of professional library faculty and staff, directed the strategy and vision of the library, and collaborated on institutional and library projects.

“The New Brunswick libraries will benefit greatly from Dee’s strengths and experience in leadership, collaboration, creative problem solving, and strategic planning,” said Krisellen Maloney, vice president for information services and university librarian.

In April, Victoria Wagner joined us as the associate director and medical education coordinator for the Robert Wood Johnson Library of the Health Sciences.

In this role, Wagner leads efforts to integrate technology, online- and curriculum-based instruction, and evidence-based practice to support medical education, residency training, research, and patient care outcomes.

Wagner comes to Rutgers after 18 years at William Paterson University as the access services librarian and head of lending services.

“I look forward to working closely with Victoria to develop our biomedical information services and facilities in support of the robust academic, clinical, and research programs at RBHS,” said Judith Cohn, assistant vice president for information services and director of the health sciences libraries.

Dana Library celebrated its 50th anniversary as a Federal Depository by hosting 50 mini-sessions to promote open access government information. Our Shared User Services Department reports that in 2016, we added 840 student theses and dissertations to PRIS:

Jersey Collective: The First Two Years was on display at Robeson Library in June. The New Brunswick Libraries partnered with the Office of Summer and Winter Sessions on their summer AuthorTalk series, welcoming Azzan Yadin-Israel, author of The Grace of God and the Grace of Man: The Theologies of Bruce Springsteen, and John Bader, author of Dean’s List: 10 Strategies for College Success.

Scholarly open access repository librarian Jane Otto served on the working group to implement ORCID identifiers across the university.

Dana Library and the Institute of Jazz Studies paid tribute to our longtime former colleague Ed Berger with an exhibit of creative works of over 50 students at Express Newark.

Krista White, Express Newark, and the P3 Collaboratory at Dana Library, digital humanities librarian Krista White, was awarded a $10,000 Rutgers–Newark Chancellor’s Seed Grant for her proposal of the Digital Storytelling as 21st-Century Pedagogy (DS21P) course suite.

Mary O’Mara, Unit Computing Manager, New Brunswick Libraries.

Victoria Wagner, Associate Director and Medical Education Coordinator, Robert Wood Johnson Library.