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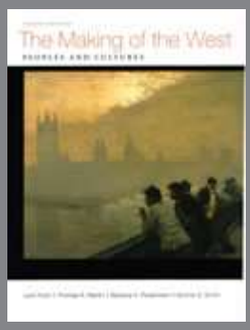

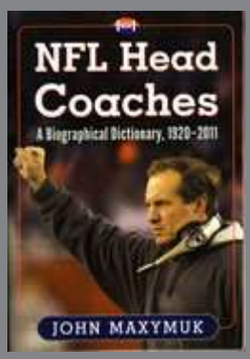

Rutgers University Libraries' Website Upgraded!

The Rutgers University Libraries are pleased to introduce the newly refreshed main page of our website. This is part of a continuing effort to enhance user experience on the site by making it more visually attractive and usable. Introduced on July 18th, the new website provides the same navigation as was previously available but within a cleaner, more elegant interface. The website features a new tabbed search box that allows users to easily search library resources in four distinct areas: articles, books & media, journals, and course reserves. The new search interface is still being tested and the Libraries invite all users to visit the homepage and provide feedback on how successful they are in finding what they need. Please take a look: http://www.libraries.rutgers.edu.

Libraries Help Pioneer New University-wide Assessment

How can units across Rutgers determine whether or not they are contributing substantially to the larger goals of the university? Can RU departments, offices, and divisions find common criteria to demonstrate their value to undergraduate students and the other communities they serve?
In the interests of forging reliable, data-driven measures to answer questions like these, the university has developed the new Rutgers Mission Alignment, Assessment, and Planning system (MAAP). The objective of MAAP is to clarify the contributions of various programs and units to the fulfillment of the Rutgers-New Brunswick undergraduate educational experience mission/goals, and to facilitate and encourage assessment and alignment of outcomes and progress toward those goals. To read more, click here.

RU Libraries' Project Cited in White House Initiative

Rutgers' Associate University Librarian for Digital Library Systems, Grace Agnew, was invited to participate in a White House press conference on June 14th, led by the acting Secretary of Commerce, the director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy, and the head of the National Science Foundation. The press conference was held to announce a new public/private partnership called US Ignite that will develop and promote a new suite of services that make use of state-of-the-art programmable broadband networks that are 100 times faster than the Internet most of us use regularly.
In a fact sheet issued by the White House the Libraries' Video Mosaic Collaborative was chosen as one of the federal National Science Foundation grant-funded efforts that effectively illustrates the use of high-speed broadband to improve education, workforce development, and health outcomes. To learn more, click here.

Spotlight

Enhanced Searching: Proquest Databases

The Libraries subscribe to a number of Proquest databases which span many academic fields (Ethnic NewsWatch, Library and Information Science Abstracts, Proquest Historical Newspapers, and the Social Sciences and Natural Sciences Collections, to name a few). The databases are on a new platform, which features advanced search tools, allowing a user to drill-down to needed content quickly and efficiently in a user-friendly interface. Notes can be made on search results and saved for later use, and alerts and RSS feeds can be set up based on the search parameters provided. To see more, please visit our Indexes and Databases page or Proquest.

New! Put Audio/Visual Material on Hold with One Click from the Library's Catalog

A Media Booking button has been placed in the catalog record to eliminate the extra steps of returning to the Libraries home page and drilling down to the booking form. While in the catalog record of your search item, simply click the "Media Booking" button at the upper right to immediately access the form and complete it manually. This short-cut is available on most Visual Materials and Recorded Sound formats.
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