Welcome to the premier issue of Biblio-Tech, Lehman College Library's new Newsletter! Books and technology, print documents and electronic databases, special collections and DVD-ROMs -- these are the multiple formats of the current academic library. Physical and virtual space, interactive websites and Group Study Rooms - are some of the challenges operating a library in a 24/7/365 environment.

I was pleased to join Lehman as your new Chief Librarian on August 1, 2007 - and am grateful to Prof. Sandra DeMinco for her stewardship as Acting Chief Librarian over the past year. Lehman is my fourth CUNY campus - I've been honored to work with our students and faculty at Hostos, LaGuardia and York.

We're particularly proud of the window-endowed library at Lehman - and our commitment to outstanding customer support. The strongest feature of the Leonard Lief Library is our faculty and staff, who are always seeking ways to serve you better.

This Fall heralds the opening of our new Education Library, made possible through $600,000 in renovation funds from the Office of the Bronx Borough President. Please stop by our third floor to see its possibilities. With the support of the Provost's Office, we've just opened a state-of-the-art Graduate Research Room, located in the southeast corner on the first floor.

Plans underway include upgrading multimedia in our Fine Arts Classroom, exploring extending Interlibrary Loan privileges to our Honors Students, and initiating an access exchange agreement with the New York Botanical Garden Library.

Prof. Kenneth Schlesinger, Chief Librarian
New Library Faculty

Please join us in welcoming Kenneth Schlesinger and Jennifer King to the Library.

Kenneth Schlesinger was appointed Chief Librarian at Lehman College in August 2007. A Fulbright Senior Specialist, he has previously been affiliated with three libraries of the City University of New York system (Hostos, LaGuardia, and York), and served as President of the Library Association of the City University of New York (LACUNY).

His research and publication interests include library architecture, open access, institutional repositories, intellectual property, performing arts archives, and digital preservation. Professor Schlesinger received a Master's in Information and Library Science from Pratt Institute and an MFA in Dramaturgy and Dramatic Criticism from Yale University. His undergraduate degree is in Dramatic Art from the University of California, Berkeley.

Jennifer King is the new Science Librarian at the Leonard Lief Library. She earned her MLS from Queens College and BS in Biology from SUNY Geneseo. Jennifer has a passion for plants. She worked for over six years at the New York Botanical Garden in the Plant Records Office, where she researched, accessioned, and labeled all the plants in the Garden.

A Special Flower Blooms in the Bronx

On Friday evening, September 14th, a rare and unique event occurred in the Lehman College Teaching and Research Greenhouse: an Amorphophallus titanium Becc., flowered. This was only the fourth time that a “corpse flower” has bloomed in New York since its discovery by the Italian botanist Odoardo Beccari in Sumatra in 1889.

This fascinating plant is called a corpse flower because of the rotting flesh smell it emits when in full bloom. In addition, the plant produces one of the largest inflorescences (cluster of flowers) in the world and is on average 2 meters tall (ca. 6-1/2 feet).

The corpse flower is a member of the Areaceae or aroid plant family. Two good resources to consult to learn more about aroids such as the Amorphophallus titanium are:

This website is a great place to find information on all different types of aroids and contains over 5000 images. This site also has a webpage dedicated to the genus Amorphophallus at: http://www.aroid.org/genera/amorphophallus/.

Book (Call # QK 495 .A685 868): Bown, D. (1988). Aroids: Plants of the arum family. Portland, OR: Timber Press. This wonderful and informative book examines aroid genera by their habitats. Also discussed are their general characteristics, reproduction, the plants' chemistry, and its use as food source. Helpful illustrations and pictures complement the text. The book contains a checklist of Areaceae genera, glossary, bibliography, and an extensive list of references.
Computer Labs

The Library has three computer classrooms located on the Concourse level: Computer Lab B27A, Instructional Lab B27B, and B27C. These rooms contain 48 PCs, 20 laptops and four printers.

Lab B27A functions as an open lab for students. The lab contains 23 PCs and one instructor-based PC, connected to a projector screen. The computers are equipped with Microsoft Office, Adobe Reader, Quick Time, Real Player, and Record Now Plus!, used for burning CDs and DVDs. New software, Adobe Acrobat 8 Professional and Talking Typing Tutor, will be installed this Fall. All PCs in B27A are print-enabled and the room has two printers. One is a standard Laser Jet printer, while the other is a Multifunction printer that accommodates both black-and-white and color printing, plus photocopying.

Instructional Lab B27B contains 23 PCs and one instructor-based PC connected to a projector. B27B features the same software as B27A. B27B is for Library instruction only. When classes are not scheduled it is used as an overflow room for students accessing the Internet and word processing, mainly during midterms and finals. The lab has one Laser Jet printer and is used for Microsoft Office workshops conducted monthly.

B27C is a wireless classroom housing 20 laptops for students and has an instructor PC. Students have Internet access, but are required to login using their Lehman e-mail username and password. Students also have access to word processing. Wireless printing is available, too.

Raymond Diaz

Managed Printing

In Fall 2006, Lehman introduced a new print management system called LPS (Lehman Print System). The College purchased 10 Minolta MFPS (Multi-Function Printers) to be used in conjunction with OCS (Output Control Software). There are eight MFPS in the Library and two in the IT Center. Using this equipment facilitates black and white printing, photocopying, and a new feature: color printing.

Lehman gives all registered students a free balance allotted through the Technology Fee. Full time students receive $22.50 per semester, while part-time students receive $11.25. Visiting students and guests may create an account to have access to LPS using a kiosk in both the Library and IT Center. Students must first initialize their accounts (Lehman e-mail username and password).

User directions for the system are posted near the machines. We also have a student-staffed Help Desk to assist you if you have any questions. LPS helps better manage use of paper and toner. In the future, we hope to incorporate scanning technology.

Raymond Diaz
The Circulation and Reserve Desk is where users borrow, renew and return library materials. CUNY students, staff, Friends of the Library, and College Now students may borrow books for 21 days. Retired CUNY faculty may borrow books for six weeks, while current Lehman faculty may borrow books for two months.

**All borrowers must present a validated CUNY ID, alumni card or Friends of the Library card when borrowing materials. New users need to register their ID card at the Circulation Desk to activate borrowing and remote access privileges.**

**CUNY offers a courtesy service that allows patrons to return materials and pay fines at any CUNY campus. You may also renew books online through our website.**

All materials should be returned to the Circulation Desk and should be handed directly to a Circulation clerk. Leaving them on the counter will not clear your record. When the Library is closed, materials can be placed in the book return slot located outside the building’s main entrance.

Immediately notify the Circulation Desk if your ID card is lost or stolen. Circulation also needs to be informed if you have moved or changed any personal information.

**Privileges for Lehman students only**

The Reserve Desk provides onsite use of course textbooks and other materials designated by faculty for individual classes. These materials are loaned for a two-hour period, and must be used in the Library only. If no one else is waiting for the material, the loan period in the Library may be extended.

Group Study Rooms, located on the third floor south side, have a three-hour time limit and can accommodate up to four students each. Laptop computers are also available for three-hour onsite loans. Keys for the Study Rooms and the laptops are available at the Reserve Desk.

**Request Circulating Books From Any CUNY Library**

Under a new borrowing service called CLICS (CUNY Library Intra-Campus Services), all CUNY students, staff and faculty with an unblocked, activated library account may request any circulating book owned by any CUNY library and have it shipped to any campus within 48 hours. Any book already checked out may still be requested. Your request will be held and processed as soon as the book is available.

Special materials, such as musical scores, CDs, or videos, are loaned via CLICS at the discretion of the individual CUNY library. Journals, Reserve material, reference works, archives and special collections cannot be loaned using CLICS.

You must activate your CUNY ID at the Circulation Desk. When the requested material arrives, you will receive an e-mail notification. For any questions, please contact the Circulation Desk at 718-960-8576.

Addy Soto
Special Needs and Assistive Technology

It is estimated that some 7 to 9% of college students in the United States have disabilities that can affect learning. These disabilities might be physical (blindness or low vision, hearing loss, mobility impairment), psychological, or even hidden disorders (articulation, attention deficit, hyperactivity, auditory processing, dyscalculia, dysgraphia, or dyslexia).

The Access and Technology Center in Room 215 of the Library helps provide solutions for students with special needs, through the use of cutting edge equipment and software.

A few of the more frequently accessed applications in the Center include:

- Dragon Naturally Speaking, a text-to-spoken sound conversion program with a 95 to 98% accuracy rate, that can be used without keyboarding from such software as Microsoft Word and Excel.

- JAWS, a screen reading program compatible with most popular software that converts written word into speech.

- Kurzweil products have reading, writing and learning software that can help struggling students with written text. They can also scan print documents and convert digital text files (such as e-mail) to audio that can be read aloud by the computer.

- Zoom Text can magnify standard font size text up to 36 times the original. It can also provide audio feedback to reinforce the information shown on the screen.

We encourage everyone to drop by the Assistive Technology Center to view the equipment, learn how it is used, and talk to staff. The Center is open during Library hours. Feel free to call (718) 960-8441 for more information about disability services on campus.

Janet Butler Munch

Interlibrary Loan

The Library provides Interlibrary loan (ILL) services to Lehman faculty, staff and currently enrolled graduate students. ILL is used to obtain materials NOT OWNED by CUNY for purposes related to research and scholarship. Graduate students must have a signed consent slip from their advisor on file when they submit their request forms for books and other material to the Interlibrary Loan staff. There may be fees charged for materials borrowed from non-CUNY libraries. One to two weeks should be allowed for receipt of loans.

The due dates on books we receive from outside CUNY will vary. Borrowers must understand that they are responsible for returning books directly to the Inter-Library Loan office on or before the due date. Please do not request an Interlibrary Loan for material already owned by the Library. Borrowers may also fill out an ILL request online: http://www.lehman.edu/provost/library/ill.htm. For further information, contact me at (718)960-7762 or interlibrary.loan@lehman.cuny.edu.

Eugene Laper
Are You a Friend of the Library?

As a proud graduate of a public university, my love for libraries and curiosity to learn were stimulated by its research collections.

Due to declining state support, however, my alma mater’s library was in danger of losing its stature. This is where loyal alumni and users refused to allow this to happen, increasing their support to aid the Library.

We face a similar situation here at Lehman. Suffice it to say that - in this age of electronic resources - libraries are expensive to run. Our book purchase budget has been flat for many years.

Think about the difference the Leonard Lief Library made in your education, and how it opened doors to knowledge in exciting and unexpected ways.

If Lehman is to remain the beacon of higher public education in the Bronx - a stellar resource serving our special community - then we need your support to supplement our collections and move to the next level.

By joining Friends of the Lehman Library, you are supporting this effort: underwriting the stimulating research undertaken by our fine faculty, as well as the professional future of the next generation of college students, many the first in their families to attend.

But, remember, we give something back in return. For a minimum $50 contribution, you receive the following benefits:

- Access to a comprehensive college library
- Research assistance by reference librarians
- Book borrowing privileges
- Announcements of book sales, exhibitions and special events
- Library newsletter

If you’re interested in joining, please visit the Library’s website at: http://www.lehman.edu/provost/library/Friends.htm

I look forward to hearing from you soon!

Kenneth Schlesinger
Chief Librarian
**Book Donations**

The Library welcomes donations of books on all academic subjects that support our curriculum and instruction. This includes art, music, literature, education, physical sciences, health sciences, social sciences, psychology, religion and philosophy. We also welcome current textbooks and desk copies from faculty. Materials in other formats, such as CDs and DVDs, are accepted. Generally, we do not accept gift journals unless the donation is a complete set of a specific title we do not own, or will supplement the gaps in our collection. Due to space limitations and processing costs, popular novels are not accepted.

Before delivering materials to the Library, please submit a list of items to be donated to the appropriate Subject Librarian (see Library Liaison contacts). The list should include author, title, publisher, date of publication, and condition of each item. The subject librarian will review the list and then contact the donor regarding whether materials can be accepted. If a particular subject librarian cannot be determined for the donation, the donor may contact me.

Once materials are received, the Library will send a letter of acknowledgement noting the number of items. The library will not assign a monetary value to the donation. At the donor’s request, a gift plate may be placed in the book.

Over the years, the Library has received thousands of gift books from the Lehman community. We thank patrons for their good will and generosity, and we appreciate your continued support.

Ka-Chuen Gee

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The Bronx is Up!

During *American Archives Month* in October, we focused attention on the Jill Jonnes Papers held in the Library’s Special Collections. This collection contains the working papers the author used as she wrote her two South Bronx books.

October 2007 also marked the 30th anniversary of President Jimmy Carter’s visit to the devastated Charlotte Street neighborhood in the South Bronx. His visit on October 5, 1977 brought immediate national attention to the area, making it a metaphor for urban decay.

In 1983 Jonnes wrote to Carter as she was researching her first book, *We’re Still Here: The Rise, Fall and Resurrection of the South Bronx*. In her letter she asked the former President why he came to the Bronx and let him know that progress had been made since his visit. Carter’s hand-written response to Jonnes was on the letter she sent him. His answer is telling and represents an important primary source document in the Jonnes Papers.

Fuller information about the Jonnes Papers can be found in the CUNY+ online catalog and WorldCat, a national database used by scholars across the country. Jonnes makes a point of alerting readers that Lehman holds her Papers. Her books are: *We’re Still Here*... (Atlantic Monthly, 1986) and its update *South Bronx Rising: the Rise, Fall and Resurrection of an American City* (Fordham University Press, 2002).

Lehman’s Special Collections division has strong holdings on the Bronx. To arrange an appointment to use materials, contact me at (718) 960-8603 or at janet.munch@lehman.cuny.edu.

Janet Butler Munch

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Evaluate Database Trials

Lehman College students and faculty have onsite and remote access to thousands of electronic journals, newspapers and magazines available through the Library’s website. The subjects covered by these databases vary from general news and topics to specialized sources such as art, linguistics, biology, etc.

Every year subject and reference librarians review the list of databases purchased by the Library. Before making decisions on renewals or cancellations of any of these, we carefully examine their content, ease of use, and real need and support of the College curriculum.

Libraries generally request trials on databases considered for purchase. Every month the website updates the list of trials for new databases offered centrally through CUNY and by various vendors. We invite your input and encourage all Lehman faculty and students to review the resources found on the Library’s Trial Databases page: [http://www.lehman.edu/provost/library/Trials.htm](http://www.lehman.edu/provost/library/Trials.htm).

We welcome your suggestions and comments.

Galina Letnikova
Reference and Instruction: Working Hand-in-Hand

The American Library Association defines information literacy as a set of abilities requiring individuals to "recognize when information is needed and have the ability to locate, evaluate, and use effectively the needed information." Inherent in acquiring these skills is being able to successfully navigate the print and electronic resources of a library. This is where the Reference department and Instruction Services play an important role. Our prime objective is to increase the information literacy skills of the Lehman community. In this process we answer over 6000 patron questions a year and teach nearly 250 library skills orientations.

Reference Services

The teaching of information literacy skills centers on three major information access points: the CUNY+ online catalog, electronic periodical databases, and full-text journal locators - all of which are accessible off-campus.

CUNY+ is the online catalog of the 20 CUNY libraries. It includes holdings information on books (print and electronic), journals and annuals, government documents (print and electronic) and media (videos, DVDs, recordings, etc.). The MY ACCOUNT feature of CUNY+ allows for online renewals and CLICS intercampus borrowing.

Electronic periodical databases are the gateway to thousands of articles and are searchable by subject. The Library subscribes to over 65 electronic periodical databases, most of them subject-specific in their coverage. A list of "Databases by Subject" helps users select which to search from: art or education or health to Hispanic Studies or literature or science. All databases provide an article reference and most provide access to full-text articles as well.

Other sources of full-text articles are journal locators. The "Electronic Journals by Title" list from the Library Home Page lists over 13,000 journals with online articles. CUNY+ catalogs over 1500 print journals in the Library.

Instruction Services

Not only do we provide face-to-face instruction for students, we also prepare finding aids and subject research guides tailored to the curriculum, as well as online handouts and tutorials, and give individualized consultations. We partner with the Freshman Year Program (FYI) to teach introductory skills to all incoming freshmen. We also work with English Composition faculty to teach research skills to all ENG 120 classes. Faculty members wishing to sched-ule a library class are encouraged to visit the following website: http://www.lehman.edu/provost/library//LibraryInstruction.htm

Susan Voge and Addie Armstrong
Government Documents

Lehman College is a designated federal depository library. We regularly add documents covering such fields as health, social services, business and education. These documents are mainly from the: Commerce, Labor, Health and Mental Hygiene and Education departments. Students, faculty, and even the general public may view our documents (preferably by appointment). Documents do not circulate but can be photocopied. Our access policy can be found on the Library’s homepage.

Focus on Iraq

Recent links of interest on the war in Iraq:

Benchmark Assessment Report

Address by the President to the Nation on the Way Forward in Iraq

National Security
http://www.whitehouse.gov/infocus/nationalsecurity

Securing, Stabilizing and Rebuilding Iraq

Rebuilding Iraq: Status of Funding and Reconstruction Efforts

Jessica Hernandez

Peruvian Earthquake: An Eyewitness Account

As many of you are aware, Peru suffered a devastating earthquake on August 15, 2007. There was catastrophic damage to cities and homes, mainly in the southern region. During October I had the privilege of participating in relief work with the Fordham Manor Church. This involved reconstruction, as well as the distribution of food, blankets and other necessities.

The photograph depicts the plight of many Peruvians, whose adobe houses could not withstand the earthquake’s force. The house with an “X” is targeted for demolition. Owners of such houses must now live with others in tents until suitable housing can be secured.

Although Peruvians were affected by this disaster, I witnessed enormous strength, resiliency and hope in the Peruvian spirit.
Education Collection Moves Upstairs

The Education Library’s new look is getting rave reviews, especially the grape lounge chairs. In our new location, we have increased the number of computers to 18 and added a more robust printer. Students will find study tables, carrels, a variety of chairs, as well as specialized assistance in using databases, journals, microfiche, the Children’s Collection, education reference and circulating books. The Education Library is a quiet zone. Students doing group work are encouraged to use the Study Rooms on the southeast side of the third floor, or the CyberCafé on the first floor. A conference room is available for workshops, research meetings, and library related classes.

We owe appreciation to Dr. Rona Ostrow (retired Chief Librarian, 2006) who requested and received public funding from the Office of the Borough President Adolfo Carrion. Dr. Ostrow’s creative energy and determination resulted in a reconfiguration that affected services on every level of the Library without additional space. General reference (1st floor) now includes Science reference books (and a new Science Librarian); Fine Arts books have been integrated into the general collection (2nd floor); Periodicals (Concourse) now contains science journals and has expanded into the former Education Library. We acknowledge the original Space Committee: Janet Munch, Sandrea DeMinco, Madeline Ford, Daisy Dominguez, and Vatthana Chin; and are grateful for the invaluable assistance of Joseph Middleton and Jerold Barnard (Information Technology Resources). Needless to say, none of this would have been accomplished without extraordinary assistance from Rene Rotolo (Campus Planning and Facilities) and her staff, especially Joe Parone.

Sandrea DeMinco

Downstairs for Periodicals

The Periodicals division of the Library has expanded. We now occupy two large rooms located on the north and south sides of the Library’s Concourse level, for housing print bound volumes of journals. In January 2007, we acquired the science and fine arts journal collections when they were moved into the existing periodicals collection. This was made possible by the relocation of the former Education division to the third floor of the Library.

We have been busy rearranging all our bound journal holdings for more convenient access by patrons. This includes installing attractive signage and labeling shelves for easier access to journal titles. All print journals are arranged alphabetically.

Currently we receive some 700 periodical titles in print format covering topics from art to women’s studies. We also have earlier bound volumes of these current journals. In addition to hard copies of journals, we have many periodicals and newspapers on microfilm. We hold the New York Times in microfilm, for example, back to 1852 when the paper began. In all, we have over 3,000 journal titles, some with holdings going back to the 1930s.

Microfilm machines are available for reading and copying articles from journals and newspapers. Eight computer terminals are available for research of online databases which contain thousands of electronic journal titles. There is plenty of space for quiet studying in Periodicals, too.

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