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Library News

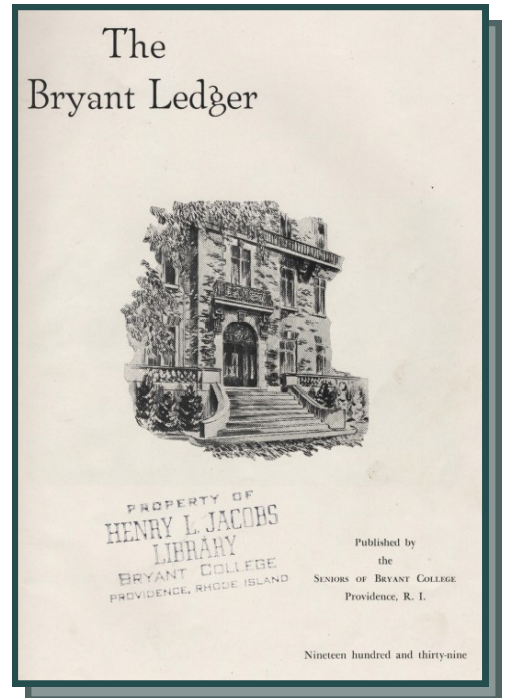
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The 1939 *Bryant Ledger*—Now Online!

Bryant’s inaugural yearbook, the 1939 *Bryant Ledger*, was recently added to the Library’s Digital Commons. The yearbook includes a letter to graduating seniors from college president Henry Loeb Jacobs, a comical “Class Will,” photos of sororities, fraternities, clubs, and sports, and more. The 1939 *Ledger* can be downloaded in its entirety from the Digital Commons @ Bryant University.



The *Bryant Ledger*’s foreword:

“The modern yearbook of today should serve as a mirror, reflecting the life of the college, including the faculty, graduates, underclassmen, sororities, fraternities, and all the varied activities, as woven around a definite theme. This first edition is in keeping with the pioneer spirit which has been Bryant’s for the past seventy-six years. The editors have chosen as a theme, “Life at Bryant,” being a compilation of one chapter of her

memories, scenes, and traditions. Many have worked on this book and many more are represented in it; therefore, let the BRYANT LEDGER be a monument to the College, to its Publishers, and to the Class of 1939.”

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Visit DigitalCommons.bryant.edu/yearbooks/ to download the complete 1939 *Bryant Ledger*!

Mintel Oxygen Marketing Database

There's a new marketing database on the block — brought to you by your local library! We're pleased to offer Mintel Oxygen Academic to the Bryant community. Mintel is a leading supplier of consumer-based market research, and the Mintel Oxygen database contains a wealth of downloadable research reports covering the US and European marketplaces. This database focuses on primary consumer research, unraveling key trends, and tracking behavior and attitudes. It also includes in-depth analysis and daily updates on the hottest issues affecting key consumer markets and the economy, written by Mintel experts. The reports are organized by broad topical categories, such as Finance, Food & Drink, Health, Leisure & Entertainment, Retailing & Apparel, Technology, Travel, and more.

Visit the library's Articles & Databases page to take Mintel for a test drive: <http://0-academic.mintel.com.helin.uri.edu/>.

First-time users will be prompted to create a profile using a Bryant email address and a personal password. Once a profile is created, Mintel is available on and off campus. To learn more and see Mintel Oxygen in action, join Jenifer Bond at a Teaching Tools Sandbox session on **Thursday, February 23** at noon in Gulski. Contact Jenifer for details at jbond2@bryant.edu.



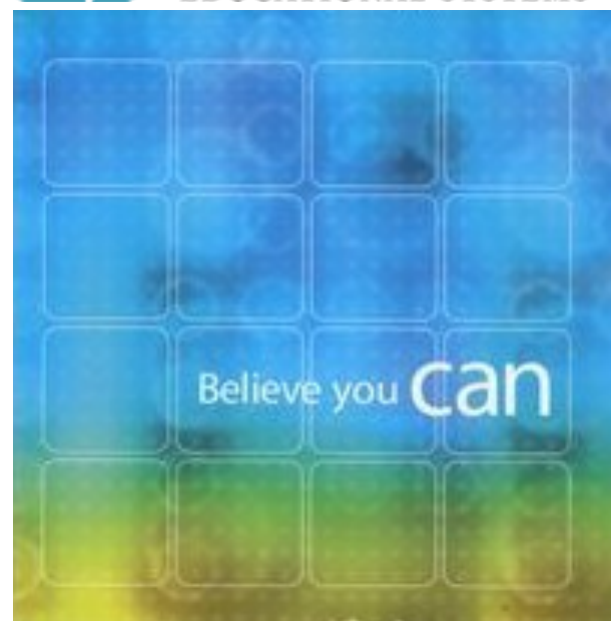
Kurzweil 3000 Text-to-Speech Scanner

Did you know? Krupp Library has a great tool to help you study! It's the Kurzweil 3000, a scanning program that converts text to speech. The Kurzweil 3000 offers a "powerful way for students who struggle with printed text to access curriculum materials so they can keep up with assigned reading, learn critical study skills, and successfully complete writing projects and test independently" (www.kurzweiledu.com).

The Kurzweil 3000 is located on the second floor of the library, in the lounge area near the group study rooms. Its text-to-speech software lets you scan books or import articles from the databases, and then it actually reads the text back to you. The program also lets you create MP3 files to listen to books and articles on your iPod or other portable device. The Kurzweil can even translate articles into Spanish and French for you! These are just some of the features of this amazing tool — for help with the Kurzweil 3000 Scanner, please see a librarian.



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Introducing: Erica Cataldi-Roberts

We're pleased to introduce the newest addition to the library staff, Erica Cataldi-Roberts. Erica was our Fall 2011 library intern, coming to us as part of the URI Graduate School of Library and Information Studies' Professional Field Experience program. She now joins the library as our new part-time Reference Librarian.

Visit the Reference Desk on Sunday, Monday, or Tuesday evenings and welcome Erica to Bryant!

All About Erica Q & A:

How long have you lived in Rhode Island?

All of my life, except for two-and-a-half years that I spent in Knoxville, Tennessee.

Where did you attend college?

I began as an undergrad at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, then transferred to a small school in Virginia for just one semester, and finally ended up back home in Rhode Island, where I graduated with a BA in History from URI. Now I'm back at URI, completing my final semester of the Master's of Library and Information Studies Program.

Have you worked in any other libraries?

Yup! I've been working as a Graduate Student Assistant in the reference department of the URI Library for about two years, and I'll be teaching a three-credit research skills course this summer. I also spent a semester as an archives intern at Salve Regina University.



What are some of your favorite books?

I'm a huge fan of anything by Tolstoy or Dostoevsky. I also enjoy reading biographies of late 19th century presidents and historical books on anything having to do with that era. Oh, and *Pet Semetary* by Stephen King!

What is your favorite place to visit?

I try to go to Kripalu, a yoga retreat center in the Berkshires, once a year — it's a great place to rest and recharge.

Dogs or cats?

Cats, but I prefer horses over both!





Goodbye Art, Hello Chuck!

Krupp Library recently bid a fond farewell to Art Gloster, Bryant's Vice President for Information Services. Art served as VP for nine years, overseeing the IT departments as well as the library. In an email to the Bryant University community, President Machtley noted that "Krupp Library... evolved under Art's stewardship, more fully integrating the use of technology in traditional library functions, which resulted in the NEASC accreditation team ranking the library as number one in the use of technology in New England."

We'd like to thank Art for his hard work, leadership, and dedication on be-

half of the library, and to wish him the best of luck in his retirement!

The library would also like to extend a warm welcome to Chuck LoCurto, our new VP for Information Services. Chuck joins us with 20 years of experience as executive vice president and CIO of Textron Financial Corporation, where he spearheaded numerous technological initiatives.

Chuck has stated that he looks forward to "identifying information technology trends and strategies that will help Bryant meet its ambitious goals that will prepare its students to become leaders who make a positive difference around the globe." Welcome, Chuck!

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2012 HELIN Annual Conference

This year's HELIN Conference, hosted at Bryant on January 11th, featured the theme "Thinking Outside of the Book: Creating the Future of Libraries." The Conference included three speakers who examined different aspects of this theme.

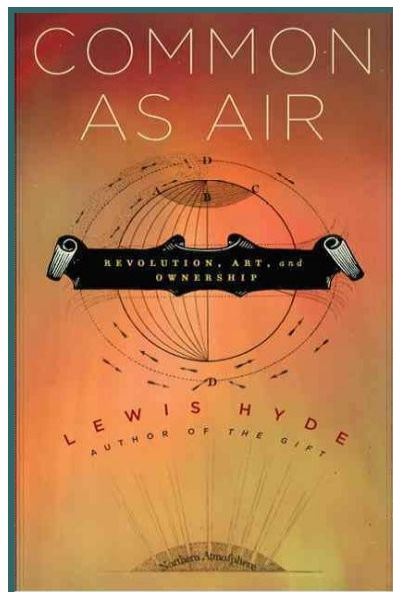
The day's first speaker, Maura Marx, is a Fellow at the Berkman Center for



Internet and Society at Harvard. She spoke about her work as Director of the Digital Public Library of America Secretariat (DPLA) and Executive Director of the Open Knowledge Commons, and she detailed how these projects might impact the future of libraries.

Dr. Fred Stielow, Dean of Libraries and Course Materials at the American Public University, is an innovator in online learning. Dr. Stielow presented on "University Libraries in the Web Age," placing his remarks in the context of his work with an online, for-profit university.

Dr. Lewis Hyde, author, poet, essayist, and Faculty



Associate at the Berkman Center, spoke about his new book, *Common as Air: Revolution, Art and Ownership*. He discussed the relationship between the cultural commons and the future of libraries.

Meet Henry...

The lovely Henry the Plant was given to Library Director Mary Moroney by a student worker — over 25 years ago!

This tenacious potted plant has survived since the mid-1980s, and is currently thriving in the Technical Services Department.

Stop by the 2nd floor of Krupp Library and say hi to Henry!



IS Spring Tech Fair

It's that time again! The Information Services Division will be shining the spotlight on various products and services during our Spring Technology Fair. This semester's expanded showcase promises informative updates and demonstrations on all things tech at Bryant, including:

- ◆ **WebEx & Video Conferencing**
- ◆ **Blackboard**
- ◆ **Tablets**
- ◆ **A/V Equipment & Web Checkout**
- ◆ **myBryant Portal**
- ◆ **New Library Databases**
- ◆ **Kindle Fires**

Join us for a cup of coffee and get all your burning technology questions answered at the same time! Already a tech expert? Stop by for a meet & greet with Chuck LoCurto, the new Information Services VP and CIO, from 11 - 11:30am.

Information Services Tech Fair
Thursday, February 9th @ 10am - 1pm
Upper Level Rotunda, Unistructure



2012 HELIN Database Trials Now Available

The HELIN database trials for 2012 are currently available online at:

<http://library.uri.edu/search/y=helin>

The trials are up and running through March 31st, so be sure to check out the databases and give us your feedback!

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These 105 trial databases cover a wide variety of topics and subject areas, from American history to biology to criminal justice and beyond. Try the PrivCo database for financial information on private companies, or choose Gale Literature Criticism Online for help with your LCS paper. Whether you're looking for historical newspapers or biographies of contemporary artists, you'll find what you need in these database! The trials are available on and off campus — just be sure to print or save materials you plan to use after March 31st.