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The Douglas and Judith Krupp Library

LIBRARY NEWS

New Year, New Library

There have been a few strategic changes behind the scenes here! Seizing the opportunity presented by staff vacancies, we conducted a needs assessment with Information Services Vice President, Chuck LoCutro, and Human Resources. The result? We reorganized & rebranded to meet current customer demands and to keep up with the times. Our workloads are now better aligned across departments. The biggest change? Our 3 main departments have new descriptive titles that more accurately reflect roles—see sidebar!

On the staff side, two part-time positions were combined to create a new librarian position for more consistent coverage in our public services departments (meet Allison Papini on page 6!). Within library administration, Jenifer Bond was promoted to Associate Library Director.

On the operations side, Interlibrary Loan (ILL) is moving to Borrower Services and the Collection Management staff are focused on exciting new digital projects. We instituted double coverage for opening and closing shifts to eliminate library schedule interruptions. These are just some of the new enhancements that strengthen library support for the campus community.

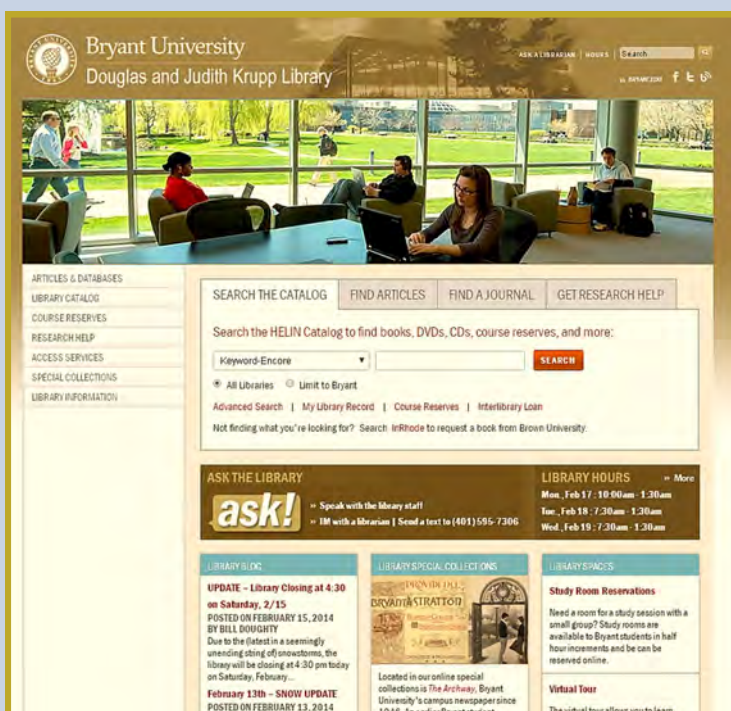
Our team was very patient during the reorg process and everyone willingly accepted new responsibilities. Not to worry, most of the changes are seamless from the outside looking in. We still promise our signature high touch service and will maintain a balance of traditional and innovative library offerings! One noticeable difference is our updated library website—spiffed up just in time to announce this news! Check it out!

Introducing the “New” Teams!

**Access Services/Circulation is now...
*Borrower Services***

**Reference is now...
*Research & Instruction***

**Technical Services is now...
*Collection Management & Digital Services***



Geek the Library By The Numbers

People appearing in “I Geek...” photo campaign: 60 Bryant faculty & staff members, 61 Bryant students, one bulldog, and one stuffed bear.

geek VERB

1. To love, to enjoy, to celebrate, to have an intense passion for.
2. To express interest in.
3. To possess a large amount of knowledge in.
4. To promote.

geekthelibrary.org

Cards filled out and posted on the “What do you geek?” board: 237

“Bryant Geeks the Library” and “I Geek...” buttons made and handed out at various events and in the library: 200+

Obviously we’re pleased with the reaction to our involvement last semester in OCLC and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation’s “Geek the Library” campaign. We wanted to remind you all that the Krupp Library is here to help you out with anything and everything you geek and in turn get you to support us by spreading word of our resources and services far and wide, and you did not disappoint. Many of you jumped at the chance to lend your names and faces to our posters and AXIS TV ads, made and wore pins, filled out cards for the geek board, and even sent notes and postcards to administrators telling them how important the library was to you.

It’s an understatement to say how flattered we were by all of this active, enthusiastic involvement, and we truly appreciate all that you have done. But even if the campaign is over, the work continues. If you use and value the many things the library does for you throughout the year, keep spreading the word to anyone who will listen and continue to help us help you!

It’s Time Again for the Annual HELIN Trials!

Each year the HELIN Consortium, of which Bryant is a member, acquires trial subscriptions to a variety of databases. These trials last from February through March. **Euromonitor**, which is only available for trial in February, is one of the databases that we highly recommend. Finding information on international industries and companies can be difficult, but **Euromonitor** does an excellent job of collecting this information.

With this **Euromonitor** trial we will have access to **Passport** and **Research Monitor**. **Passport** gives you access to world-wide information on industrial analyses, consumer information, and much more. **Research Monitor** gives you access to additional industry and marketing reports.

Please use these databases while we have access to them, and let us know what you think!

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

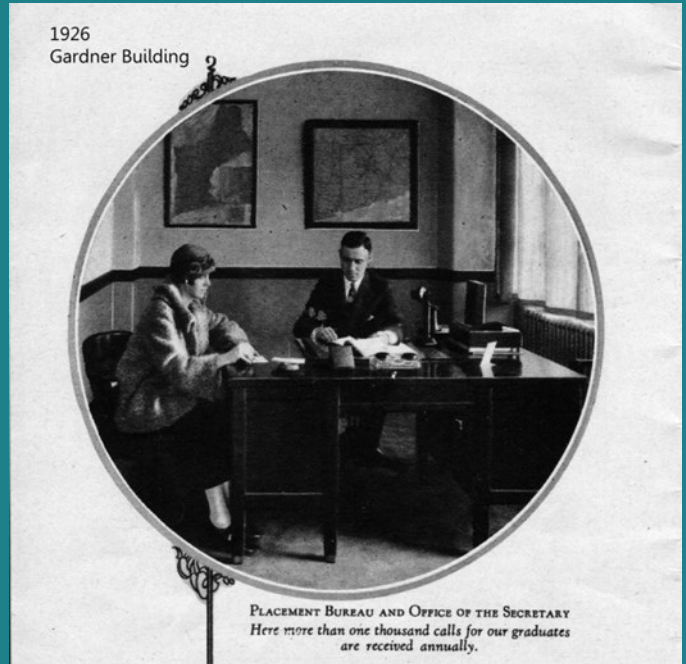


Employers Seek Bryant Grads: A Look Back

Since 1863 Bryant graduates have contributed to the success of many businesses in the southern New England area and beyond. Bryant's 1872 *College Register* states that Bryant graduates "are employed in many of the leading banks, insurance offices and business houses in this city [Providence], and are everywhere successful in giving good satisfaction to their employers." In an 1890 note to Bryant President Stowell, the office of Providence Worsted Mills wrote, "We take pleasure in stating that for ten years our entire office has been supplied by your college." In 1933, the president of Atlantic Mills wrote, "We have several of your graduates in our offices who are giving excellent satisfaction, among them being our head accountant."

Throughout Bryant's history, the "Placement Office" (now the Amica Center for Career Education) has assisted thousands of graduates in securing positions. Bryant's *Business Magazine* from 1897 extolled, "We have a special bureau engaged in seeking employment for students as fast as they become proficient, and for this service we make no charge." A 1913 Bryant catalog proclaimed, "the services of the [Bryant] Employment Bureau are free to alumni of the school and to business men who seek trained employees." During the 1920s and 1930s, Bryant's Placement office received over one thousand calls annually from the business community seeking Bryant graduates.

Today, the Amica Center continues Bryant's long standing tradition of exceptional career planning and placement and has been recognized by the Princeton Review as one of the top 10 career centers in the U.S. Best of luck to the Class of 2014 in your job search!





Spotlight on Student Employee

Zachary Doyle – Class of 2016



An actuarial major hailing from Hingham, Massachusetts, Zachary has been a valued member of the Reference Services team since September of 2012.

Reliable, dependable and sharp as a tack, Zachary quickly learned what it takes to be a stellar student employee. He has learned a variety of the research tools and techniques employed by the library and is always willing to help teach his peers and facilitate requests made by all library users. Adding a warm smile to his customer service skill set, and you have a winning combination when you meet Zachary!

Zachary is also heavily involved with student life here at Bryant University. As a freshman, he became actively involved with the Karate Club and remains a force to be reckoned with as he further develops his skills.

A clarinet player since the 5th grade, Zach also shares his musical talent with the Chamber Ensemble. Next time you see that flyer advertising the ensemble's upcoming concert, be sure to check it out!

Rounding out his student activities is his recently acquired position as Treasurer of Bryant Pride. Being an actuarial major, he is certain to keep the books afloat.

In his spare time, Zachary enjoys reading fantasy and fiction as well as continuing his pursuit of knitting which he began as a junior in high school. Currently he is learning to master the art of lace.

Thank you, Zachary, for all that you bring to us both at the library and university level. We are fortunate to have you in our ranks!

Need scissors? Tape? A highlighter or Sharpie?



Formerly located in Reference Services, these supplies (and many, many more!) are now located at the next desk over in Borrower Services.

Swing on by and borrow what you need to help that paper or project along!

Snow Day Shout Out!

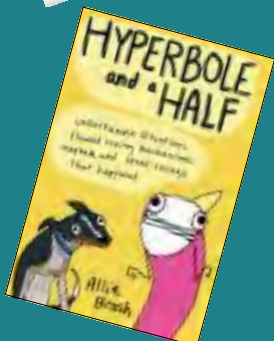
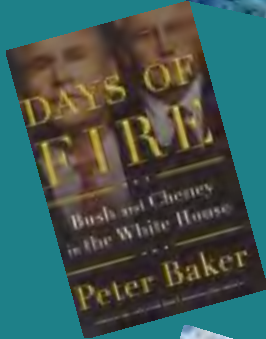
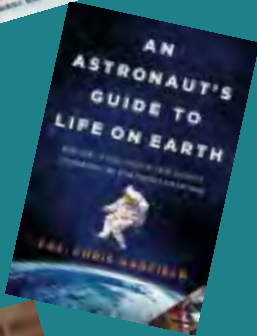
Our fantastic student assistants kept the library open for business into the evening hours during 2 recent February snowstorms. Neither sleet nor snow could keep them from accommodating Bryant's needs during these winter wonderland events!

Kudos and hand claps to:

Kassandra Vega, Adrian Simpson, Lu Sun, Kelsey DiCarlo, Cam Barnett, Jovana Hadzi-Tanovic, Melanie DeBarros, Tim Laffin, Zach Doyle, Kaitlin Casey, Brad Padula, Caroline Slak, & Sarah Stokowski.

We appreciate their enthusiasm and efforts!

What's NEW in Our Collection...



How to Fake a Moon Landing by Darryl Cunningham - A collection of deceptively simple but brilliant web cartoons debunking some of the more famous science denial claims of the last half-century. The moon landing “hoax,” the alleged vaccine/autism connection, claims against climate change, and more are presented and then dismantled by Cunningham’s masterful Fact Fu.

An Astronaut’s Guide to Life on Earth: What Going to Space Taught Me About Ingenuity, Determination, and Being Prepared for Anything by Col. Chris Hadfield - Col. Hadfield was the first Canadian to walk in space and was also the first Canadian commander of the International Space Station. While on the ISS, he also brought a once astronauts-only view of space travel to millions of people around the world and became a viral video sensation with his recorded-in-orbit cover of David Bowie’s “Space Oddity”. The man literally has a unique perspective is what I’m saying and his recollections and it’s probably worthwhile to give his advice a listen.

Days of Fire: Bush and Cheney in the White House by Peter Baker - Baker, the chief White House correspondent for *The New York Times*, gives an account of the George W. Bush and Dick Cheney years in the White House drawn from interviews with key players and thousands of internal documents. This is as close to an inside look as we’re likely to get at the famously tight-lipped Bush / Cheney administration.

The Reason I Jump by Naoki Higashida - Translated by KA Yoshida and David Mitchell. Originally published in 2007 when Higashida was just 13, this is his account of what it is like to grow up autistic, attempting to both explain his actions and feelings to the outside world as well as make sense of it himself. David Mitchell (author of *Cloud Atlas* and other novels) and wife Yoshida are themselves the parents of an autistic child, and in his introduction Mitchell lauds Higashida’s abilities to express himself in writing and what an act of love the translation project was for he and Yoshida.

Mission in a Bottle: The Honest Guide to Doing Business Differently - and Succeeding by Seth Goldman and Barry Nalebuff - The founders of Honest Tea tell the story of how they created a mission-driven business, describe the challenges of creating a successful business in today’s marketplace, offer advice to fans and business owners alike, and sing the praises of creative problem-solving. These are useful stories for anyone looking to get a business off the ground or just get ahead in life.

Hyperbole and a Half: Unfortunate Situations, Flawed Coping Mechanisms, Mayhem, and Other Things That Happened by Allie Brosh - Web cartoonist Allie Brosh has gained a large following for her drawn-in-MS-Paint comics in which she depicts the trials and tribulations of her life in an unflinching, warts-and-all but still very funny manner. Whether it’s her childhood obsession with acquiring cake or her adult struggles with depression, Brosh’s ability to deliver an emotional gut punch and then follow it up with a legitimate laugh out loud moment is something to behold.

Meet our most recently appointed team member here at the library!



Allison Papini
Reference Librarian

Born and raised right here in RI, Allison joins us from Sanford-Brown Institute. You may already recognize her, though, as she also served as an on-call librarian at Bryant since the spring of 2011. Having earned her Bachelor's Degree at Providence College in History and Secondary Education, she also completed her Master's Degree in Library and Information Science at URI.

Allison began snowshoeing at the age of 16, is an avid New England sports fan, and also enjoys any outdoor activity that involves "getting dirty" including hiking and kayaking.

She enjoys movies and possesses a sick fascination with trivia and quiz show podcasts - all part of being a nerd, she says!

She finally has her dream job and loves getting information to people that helps them understand themselves and the world.

Come swing by the library to say hello... and welcome aboard, Allison!

**Stillwell Prize
for Undergraduate Book Collecting**
PRIZES: \$750, \$500 & \$250

Do you collect books and other printed stuff? Do you want to? Now's your chance. Get into it! Pick a particular interest and build from there. The books you collect don't have to be first editions, leather bound or gold gilded. All types of books, including paperbacks, may be included. This is your chance to test out your inner bibliophile and win some money too!

Application & Guidelines:

<http://www.jrbs.org/stillwell>

Application Deadline: April 4, 2014

Technology Fair

Thursday, February 20th

9:30am—12:30pm

Unistrukture
(outside of Gulski)

Come join us for the Technology Fair!

Please stop by to meet the staff from Academic Computing & Media Services, Administrative Systems, Network Services, Krupp's Library, Help Desk and the Center for Teaching & Learning to learn about services and technologies offered and supported here at Bryant University.

We look forward to seeing you!

HELIN Consortium Annual Conference



On January 15, 2014, the HELIN Library Consortium held its annual conference at the Bello Center. Celebrating its 30th anniversary as a consortium, HELIN invited guest speakers including author and columnist Anya Kamenetz, author and writer Dan Cohen, and professor and author Susan Crawford.

Anya spoke on some provocative issues including the "cost, access and relevance" of higher education, and why higher education currently reflects the values of the industrial age and must be redesigned to reflect the current digital age. Dan's talk focused on "Collaboration, Aggregation, and the Digital Public Library of America" and Susan highlighted her important and provocative views on the current state of wireless and broadband, and what the future must hold to insure the success of online education and the increasing access to educational resources on the internet.