

DEAR COLLEAGUES, STUDENTS AND FRIENDS OF THE NJIT LIBRARIES:

It has been my pleasure to serve you as University Librarian since July, 1995, 13 years ago. In AY 2006-2007, the pace of change continued to accelerate in the library and publishing world. In AY2007, library hours continued to be extended in a continuing effort to try and meet the schedules of the growing Millennial student population and be more student-centered. Journal, e-journal and database annual subscriptions continued to rise in price over 7% per year while the library's non-personnel budget has remained the same.



[Richard Sweeney, NJIT University Librarian]

In AY 2005-2006 in spite of a flat materials budget, the library was able to maintain all of the journal, e-journal and database subscriptions because the State of New Jersey (NJKI) began funding some subscriptions allowing NJIT to use those funds to cover the other price increases. In AY 2006-2007 in spite of a flat materials budget, the library was able to maintain all of the journal, e-journal and database subscriptions because the library had negotiated a three year partnership contract with Elsevier for Scopus that resulted in the third year (FY 2006-2007) being free, allowing NJIT to use those funds to cover the other price increases. There is nothing for AY 2007-2008 that will help to offset this trend of materials increasing in price and a static library materials budget. In the long term, it is possible that open source (free to users) journal publications might hold the prices of NJIT subscriptions, but that is still not assured.

With a new Assistant University Librarian, the library undertook several major projects including moving our library catalog, and library website to new university servers and moving all of the library staff offices on the second floor of the library to the first floor to make room for Pre-College Services, which has been recently given this space. In addition, NJIT purchased a new software license to EndNote, software that automates a faculty member or student's citations and research sources.

There also has been constant flux in AY 2006-2007 in the full time library staff with two vacant positions being filled and one new position being vacated in June 2007. As we entered AY 2007-2008, the library had 24 filled full time positions and one vacancy. In December of 2006, the library hired a new Assistant University Librarian, Ann Hoang and in March, 2007 also hired Jessica Fadel as the Architecture Library Specialist returning the library to the full complement of 25 just before Jacklyn Burrma resigned as Technical Reference Librarian.

I welcome your comments and feedback at sweeney@njit.edu.

Richard Sweeney

NJKI DATABASES NOT FULLY FUNDED

The legislature and Governor of New Jersey renewed funding for NJKI (The New Jersey Knowledge Initiative) but at a lower, two million dollar annual level rather than the full three million dollar level to support the current databases. Therefore the State Library, which manages NJKI, has announced that the NJKI databases are only funded through February 29, 2008 (two-thirds of the way through the AY 2009 fiscal year) when they will expire and no longer be available and accessible to NJIT students and faculty. Of course, in the meantime, the academic community, through VALE, NJLA, and other groups is trying to get the NJ Governor and legislature to provide a supplemental 1 million dollar budget increase to restore those databases for the full academic year. The databases include:

- Academic Search Premier,
- Biomedical Reference Collection,
- Business Source Premier,
- CINAHL and Pre-CINAHL,
- MEDLINE,
- Nature Online Journals,
- Nursing & Allied Health Collection,
- OVID Selected Core Medical Journals,
- RefUSA,
- Regional Business News,
- Wiley InterScience

The impact upon research and education at NJIT will be severe if these databases are not funded. See <http://www.njki.org> for more information.

INCREASED LIBRARY HOURS FY2006-2007

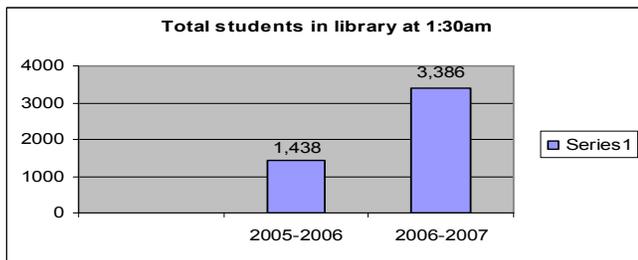
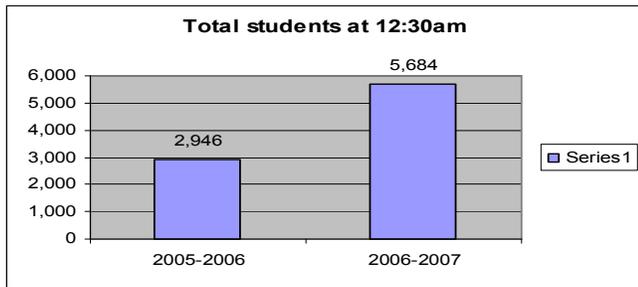
Late night library hours continued for 2006-2007 by popular demand. As the semesters progressed, attendance increased. In addition, for the final weeks of exam preparation, the library further extended hours to 2:45am.



Total student use of the library to 12:30 am was 5,684 double the total attendance count for last year. Student use of the library until 1:30 am totaled 3,386, more than double the total for last year.

Schedule Changes made for spring 2007:

- Jan 16 through Jan 25 Sun -Thu: Closing at 12:45am
- Jan 28 through Apr 19 Sun -Thu: Closing at 1:45am
- Apr 22 through May 8 Sun -Thu: Closing at 2:45am



STACK REORGANIZATION

In order to make better use of limited library space, the circulation staff conducted a total shift of the circulation collection on the lower level of the Van Houten Library. With the purchase of more than 15,000 new books in the last three years, the circulating shelves had become overcrowded, primarily in the science and technology classifications. The goal of the shift was to redistribute the books throughout the open shelving area in order to eliminate densely packed sections. This reorganization of the book collection will result in easier access to the circulating collection for students and faculty.



VIRTUAL ACADEMIC LIBRARY ENVIRONMENT: THE FUTURE OF LIBRARIES: OPEN INTEGRATED LIBRARY SYSTEM

Ann Hoang, Assistant University Librarian, has been in the forefront of progressive librarians in New Jersey who are investigating a new model in library systems. In today's library world, the majority of libraries are dependent upon commercial Integrated Library Systems (ILS) that provide an online catalog interface and other functions. The number of commercial Library System vendors has gone from about 38 in 1996 to about 18 in 2006 due to mergers and corporate acquisitions.

Library staff and administrators have been increasingly disillusioned with the future of the current inflexible library systems. A possible alternative is Evergreen. Evergreen is a homegrown open-source ILS system running the Georgia PINES public library consortium comprised of 265 libraries. Evergreen is available for free to download from the Evergreen website, [http://open-](http://open-ils.org)

[ils.org](http://open-ils.org)). The achievement of the Georgia PINES implementation shows that this direction is an appropriate one and a much needed one for the future of libraries.

New Jersey's Virtual Academic Library Environment (VALE) formed a study team to review the Evergreen system. In May, 2007 the VALE study team consisting of Ann Hoang from NJIT, Edward Corrado from The College of NJ, Ann Montanaro from Rutgers, and Kurt Wagner from William Paterson University presented their white paper titled "*Report on the Feasibility of Implementing a Shared Open Library System for New Jersey Academic Libraries*" <http://www.valenj.org/newvale/ols> to the VALE Executive Committee. The paper recommends the implementation of the Evergreen system for the VALE consortium. This recommendation will facilitate resource sharing, cooperative collection development, statewide borrowing and other future possibilities. The white paper was accepted by the VALE Executive Committee. Further planning will be undertaken by the larger ad hoc VALE Open Library System group co- chaired by Richard Sweeney, NJIT University Librarian, and Taras Pavlovsky, Dean of the Library, The College of NJ.

REFERENCE AND LIAISON SERVICES

The reference librarians provided high quality reference services in person and virtually, despite serious technological impediments and staff vacancies. This included continuous building of relationships with faculty and staff in order to provide services tailored to the various needs in the areas of collection development, on demand document delivery, research help, and collaborative instruction. Working with the Provost's office the reference librarians improved the library contribution to the promotion and tenure process by enhancing the cited reference search and providing increased outreach to faculty prior to submission of the dossier. A major new initiative included working with faculty on designing a grant-funded faculty publications database. Librarians also participated locally, nationally, and internationally giving NJIT prominence through participation, presentations and publications.

Increased efforts at outreach included participation and analysis of focus groups to study library services and satisfaction. A successful effort to publicize major databases was accomplished by partnering with vendors, IEEE, Scopus and the Chemical Abstracts Service.

Librarians continued experimenting with Web 2.0 technologies such as Facebook, and also increased usage of chat reference service through viral marketing to better communicate with millennials. Reference librarians were also instrumental in identifying a need and expanding service to the Enterprise Development Center group of users. Another constituency to which reference librarians reached out was the Office of Career Development for which research workshops and follow-up consultations were given by reference librarians. Finally, the library also worked with the Office of Pre-College Programs and NCE on research workshops held in conjunction with Career Day.

LIBRARY BOOKS

The library continued to purchase hard copy books to support academic programs and research. Note that actual book purchases may occur in the year following the encumbrance.

	FY 2003-2004	FY 2004-2005	FY 2005-2006	FY 2006-2007
Hardcopy books purchased	5,624	4,482	7,080	3,973
Expenditure+ encumbrances	\$364,250	\$368,073	\$148,911	\$307,396

E-BOOKS: EBL, SAFARI, AND KNOVEL

Electronic books are in demand at NJIT. The EBL (Ebook Library) electronic book database provides brief, browsable access to over 50,000 books online. NJIT has purchased 64 e-books in this system which gives our users the ability to read them online without a time limit, or to download an e-book to their computer for three days at a time. Usage figures illustrate that these books are cost effective purchases as they have been well used during the year. In 2006-2007 our users read online or downloaded these 64 NJIT-owned EBL e-books 253 times. Our users browsed from among the non-owned EBL books 1374 times during the year at no additional cost.

The Safari e-book interface works differently from EBL. NJIT has a fixed number of books (99 books) on the electronic "bookshelf" at any given time, but newer titles are substituted for older ones as they become obsolete. Of these the system recorded 7055 hits from users to sections within the collection during the course of the year. The Safari book most frequently used was "*Programming C#*" by Jesse Liberty.

We also provided links to nine technical e-books that are freely accessible on the web from Knovel, but no usage data is available for those titles.

PROMOTING SCHOLARSHIP & DATABASES

On February 28, 2007, Haymwantee Singh, Technical Reference librarian, organized and conducted an exhibit in the lobby of the Central Avenue Building outside of the Van Houten Library promoting scholarship and use of the IEL (IEEE Electronic Library) database. For 3 hours, 1pm to 4pm, members of the NJIT Student Chapter of IEEE, two representatives of IEEE, and Haymwantee promoted the use of IEEE journals, conference proceedings, and other online materials to students, faculty and visitors. The materials cover a wide variety of disciplines including electrical engineering, biomedical engineering, information systems, computer science, physics and many others. IEL is one of the most used databases in the Van Houten library and is accessible both on-campus and remotely to NJIT users with a UCID. Coffee, cookies, pens and other prizes were made available freely by IEEE. This popular exhibit is an entertaining way to help students learn about important tools in their discipline. This is the second such NJIT exhibit for IEEE, while the library has conducted exhibits previously for Elsevier (Scopus) and Chemical Abstracts (SciFinder Scholar).

Bruce Slutsky, Technical Reference Librarian, organized Scifinder Scholar Day on September 26, 2006. Bruce and Gary Cummins of Chemical Abstracts Service conducted demonstrations and answered student questions about Scifinder Scholar, a database of information in chemistry, chemical engineering, and the life sciences.

Librarians publicized major databases by partnering with vendors IEEE and Scopus. Photo below: IEEE at NJIT Library, March 2007.



[Bob Magliore, (left) president of the NJIT IEEE student chapter explains IEEE to an unidentified student. Joe Vaitkus, IEEE (center back), and Judy Brady, IEEE, (right foreground) assist student s learning about the IEL database.]



INFORMATION LITERACY

Information Literacy was a major focus throughout the entire year and the librarians were involved on all levels, from strategic planning and Middle States evaluation to collaboration with faculty and students on class and consultative instruction. Heightening awareness was a major goal resulting in more collaborative instruction that in turn resulted this year in many more in-depth classroom and individual sessions. Meanwhile, work to determine outcomes proceeded. The reference group continued working on development of both standardized national assessment work with the Educational Testing Service and locally driven formative and summative assessments in the College of Arts and Sciences, the College of Computing Sciences, and the Newark College of Engineering. The information literacy instruction and assessment efforts of the library's reference librarians received attention from NCE, ABET, and Middle States. A full report of our efforts was included as a major accomplishment in the Middle States self study report and received positive recognition from the outside reviewers who listed "information literacy" as one of the major improvements in the library in their report." (External Reviewers' Report: Middle States Periodic Review Report. Final 2007)

See the library homepage for the Information Literacy link: <http://library.njit.edu/researchhelpdesk/infolit>

LIBRARY RESOURCES AND MATERIALS

In FY 2006-2007, NJIT was the beneficiary of 15,448 journal subscription titles that were accessible to our students and faculty but were paid by some other agency. The New Jersey Knowledge Initiative (NJKI), funded by the State of New Jersey through the New Jersey State Library, accounted for most of those titles. This meant that NJIT faculty and students had online access to 37,151 journal titles including 21,703 directly paid by NJIT. Faculty and staff usage continued to increase dramatically with these journal titles. See <http://www.valenj.org/newvale/spotlight/njki-academic-library-staff.pdf>

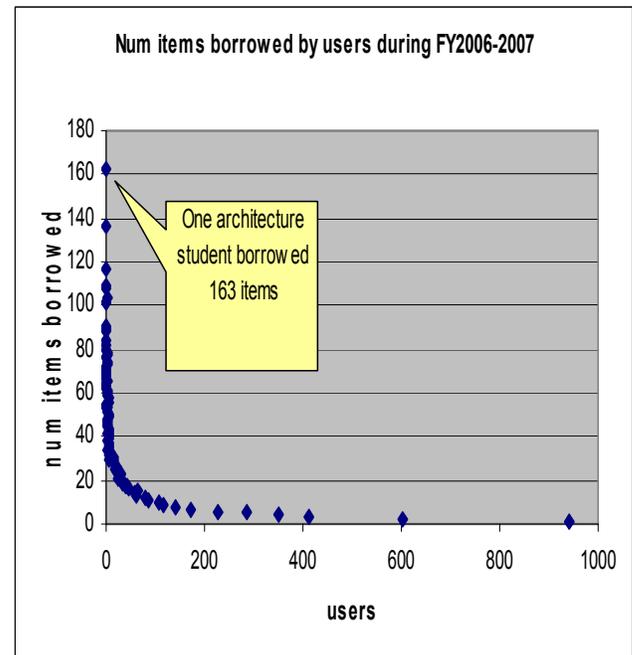
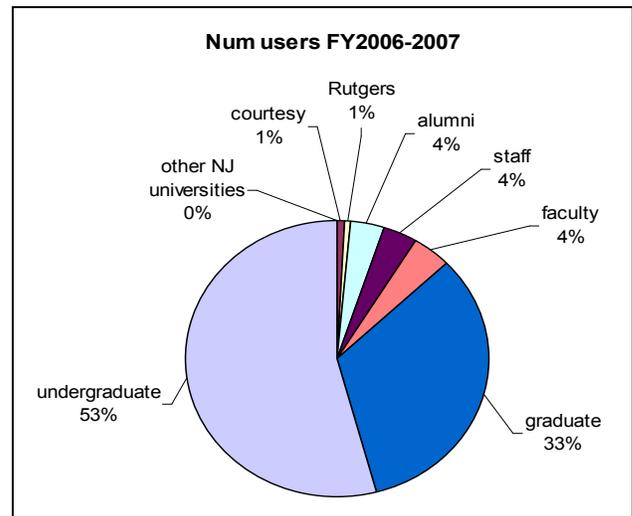
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- See <http://library.njit.edu/journals> to see if a specific title is available

Journal Table

	FY 2002-2003	FY 2003-2004	FY 2004-2005	FY 2005-2006	FY 2006-2007
Journal titles purchased in online databases	13,114	13,482	19,541	20,705	21,703
Journal titles accessible not-purchased				14,658	15,448
Total individual journal subscriptions	500	424	410	455	507
Individual print only journals	378 (6 packages)	195 (16 packages)	100 (14 packages)	161	161
Individual e-journals only	59	134 (6 packages)	197	223	240
Both print & e-journals	50 (1 package)	95 (11 packages)		71	68
Online bibliographic indexes	8	10	7	7	7
Online full text databases	9	7	11	19	20
Databases aimed for nationally prominent programs	NA	NA	5	5	5

USER ANALYSIS

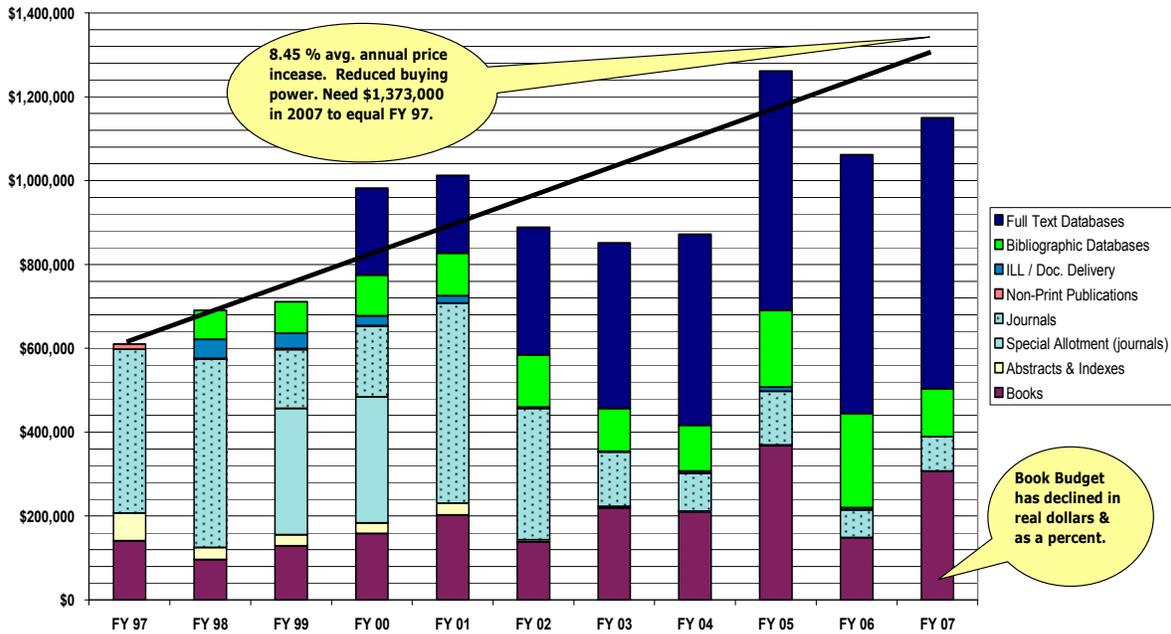
The total circulation count for both NJIT libraries was 40,553. NJIT students borrowed a total of 86% of items borrowed (books and other media) from the NJIT library. The remaining items were borrowed by faculty, staff, alumni, students from other NJ colleges, and guest borrowers.



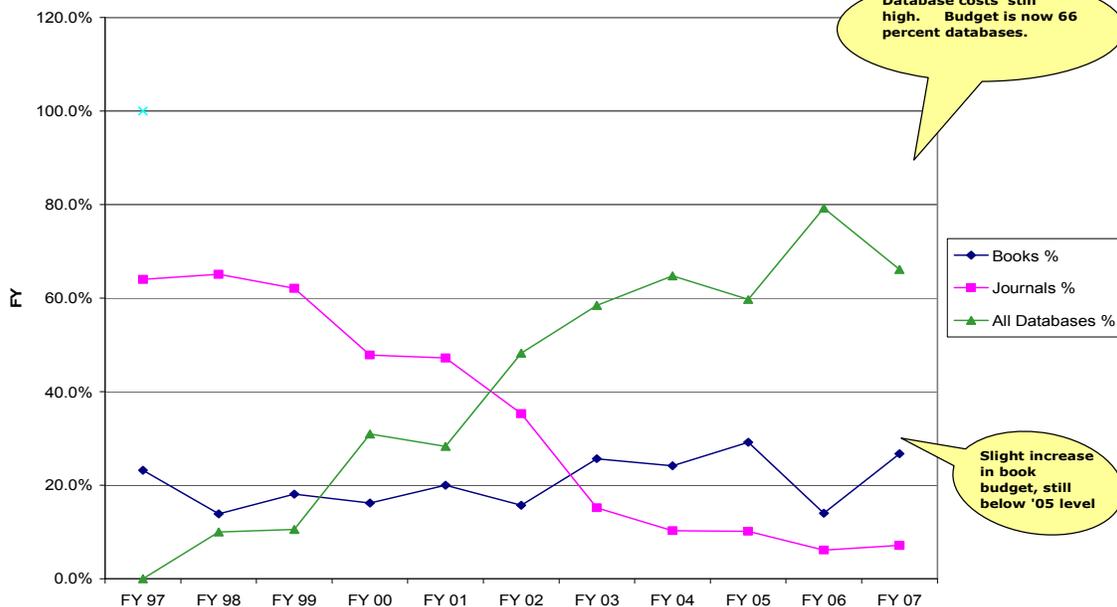
LIBRARY AND MATERIALS EXPENDITURES

Below is a graph presenting the ten-year history of the NJIT library materials expenditures (and encumbrances). The average subscription prices continue to increase about 8.45% per year. See Library Journal's annual periodical price survey. The result is that the NJIT library is able to purchase far fewer titles.

Library Materials Expenditures



Percentage of Materials Budget (Books, Journals vs. Databases)



**ROBERT W. VAN HOUTEN & LITTMAN ARCHITECTURE LIBRARIES
STATISTICS**

	FY 2002-2003	FY 2003-2004	FY 2004-2005	FY 2005-2006	FY 2006-2007
Hours open in a typical week	93 (spring semester); 91 (fall semester)	91	93 (spring semester) 91(fall semester)	93 (spring semester) 91 (fall semester)	107.5
User visits to Van Houten library	574,943	476,234	403,725	428,274	425,209
User visits to the Littman Architecture Library	77,757	71,742	71,084	72,135* est.	77,450
General circulation (both libraries)	55,780	40,493	40,920	42,412	40,553
Items borrowed from other libraries	2,301	2,189	2,200	2,241	*1,691 *Decrease in number of requests received.
Items lent to other libraries	457	307	683	998	981

LITTMAN ARCHITECTURE LIBRARY

Libraries have been increasingly viewed not only as repositories of materials, but also as educational centers and places for collaborative teaching and active studying. To foster information literacy skills among graduate and undergraduate students the library offers general and course-specific instruction sessions relevant to the curriculum. To be able to assess architecture library services, the staff worked on developing Standards for Information Competencies for Students in Architecture and Design Disciplines, an initiative of the Association of Architectural Schools Librarians and the Art Libraries Society of North America. In addition to instructional sessions, the staff created more tutorials covering a variety of subjects which are placed on the Architectural Library website, so students can access them remotely.

External grant support made possible the acquisition of state of the art equipment (digital camera, flatbed scanner, and dual screen computer workstation) for the library's Digital Image Lab. With this new equipment the staff was able to continue to digitize library materials.

Although the library maintains an extensive slide collection, the Architecture Library focuses its attention on the development of the Digital Image Database to provide more comprehensive coverage of a subject, to stay current, and to respond promptly to curricular needs. The library continues to maintain e-reserves for a variety of classes.



The staff began to develop the Digital Archive of Newark Architecture, an initiative undertaken to document the built environment of Newark. This project is designed with the intent to create a digital archive of past and present architectural projects in Newark that pertains to the physical life of the city, its architecture, and its infrastructure. The archive will include, but is not limited to, plans of the city, architectural drawings, old photographs and postcards, teaching and active studying, rare books, articles in periodicals, current monographs, student projects, exhibition catalogues, as well as links to already existing online resources. The archive will be used by students and the public as a resource for research on the city of Newark. Last year we acquired and digitized rare books and historical maps of Newark, among them,

"Historic Newark: a collection of the facts..." (1916) and "Combined Atlas of the state of New Jersey and the city of Newark (1873)". We continue to maintain MetroFile, an online database of articles on Newark history and its preservation and to design the website for the Digital Archive.

Work continues on the Image Database. 2085 images and corresponding data were uploaded this year. An additional two thousand images are scheduled to be uploaded.

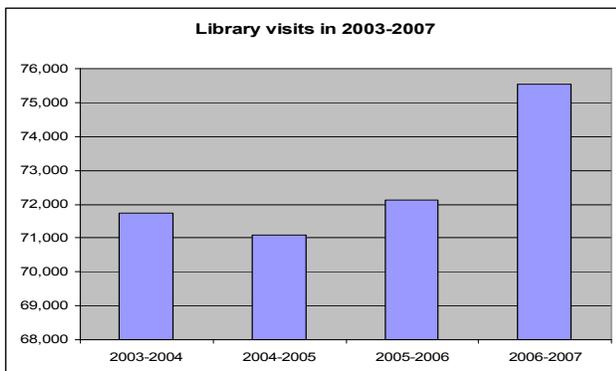


[Cherron Bradshaw, Library Assistant, seated in white shirt, at the Architecture Library Workshop for Central High School students]

As part of the library community we hosted a workshop "Design of a small park in Newark" for the students at Central High School. The Littman Architecture Library also offered library tours, subject consultations, individual and group instruction to adjunct faculty, graduate, undergraduate, and prospective students.

In summer 2006 the Architecture Library hosted a workshop which was attended by forty five students from the Central High School. Library staff helped them to learn more on how to do research to complete their project-Design of a small park in Newark.

ARCHITECTURE LIBRARY VISIT STATISTICS FY 2003-2007



As the student body increased, usage of the Architecture library increased as well. Patrons still heavily rely on books and print journals: the book circulation over the last five years grew by 300% (from 3,406 to 13,643. Jessica Fadel joined the staff as Architecture Specialist, and Library Assistant I Cherron Bradshaw will continue to work at the Architecture Library 60% of his time.

ELECTRONIC THESES AND DISSERTATIONS (ETD)

Researchers, students, and business people from around the world continue to find hits to our ETDs (Electronic Theses & Dissertations) through Google and Yahoo searches and then get immediate full-text content through our ETD server.

As of July 1, 2007 there were 1063 ETDs online. There were 62 ETDs that went live from July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007. The breakdown is as follows:

- 9 Current thesis & dissertation
- 8 ILL Request
- 26 Retrospective
- 19 Web Request

PDFs for 1057 of the ETDs were downloaded a total of 40,379 times during the academic year.

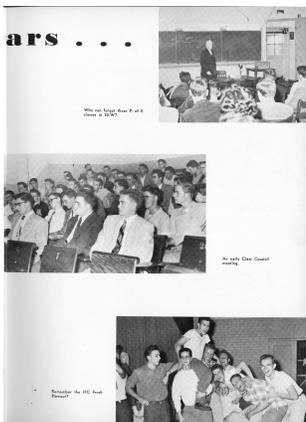
To see NJIT's ETD's go to <http://library.njit.edu/etd>

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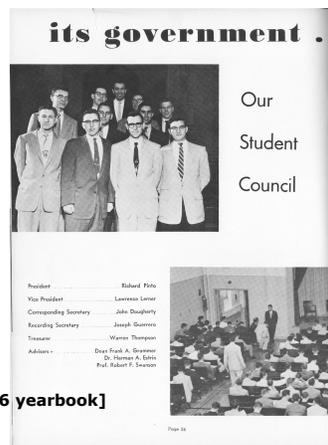
In the fall of 2006, the NJIT archives digitized the 1956 and 1981 yearbooks and placed them on the web in conjunction with the 50th and 25th anniversary of the alumni visit to the campus during reunion week. See the past yearbooks and other archival collections at <http://library.njit.edu/archives>



[Sample images from the 1981 yearbook]



[Sample images from the 1956 yearbook]



NEW COLLECTION ADDED TO THE ARCHIVES

In December the archives began digitizing reports created by the Computerized Conferencing and Communications Center. The reports were supplied by faculty member Murray Turoff, which include reports from the center as well as technical manuals and reports prepared by the US Office of Emergency Preparedness. To date 30 of the reports are available online.

See the CCCC reports and other archival collections at <http://library.njit.edu/archives/cccc-materials/>

RUSSIAN LIBRARIANS VISIT NJIT LIBRARY



On October 5, 2006, a group of Russian librarians visiting the US through the Open World Leadership Program visited the Van Houten Library. Our Russian colleagues participated in a unique program, the American Corners libraries in Russia (<http://amcorners.ru>), a partnership between the American Embassy and more than 30 public libraries around Russia. The intent of the program is to make information about the United States available to the participants. One of the places they visited during their participation in this program was NJIT. Rich Sweeney and Maya Gervits welcomed our guests and shared with them their thoughts on librarianship as a profession, its recent trends, and vision for the future. Rich offered a tour of the library during which visitors met with NJIT librarians and staff, and learned about our collections and services to patrons. During the reception following the tour, we discussed a variety of subjects, including librarian's education and training in the US, and the increased use of technology. Maya Gervits facilitated the meeting by conversing in Russian with the visiting librarians.

STAFF RETREAT

The 2007 annual library retreat was held at The College of New Jersey Library on May 17, 2007. The guest speaker was **David Lindahl, Director of Digital Library Initiatives** for the River Campus Libraries. He has extensive experience in library-related digital research and design projects, and is responsible for advanced development of all aspects of library systems including the library catalog and the institutional repository at the University of Rochester. At Xerox PARC, where he was previously employed, Mr. Lindahl received a user interface patent for the design of an image search and retrieval tool that integrated with an ILS. In addition, he was a principal investigator on two IMLS National Leadership Grants and the eXtensible Catalog project, funded by the Mellon Foundation.



[David Lindahl, guest speaker]

In addition to The College of New Jersey and the NJIT library staff, several guests from other libraries were invited to attend.

LIBRARY STAFF TRANSITIONS

Ann Hoang, was appointed as the *Assistant University Librarian*, effective December 1, 2006. Ann replaces Jim Robertson who was promoted last academic year to be the new NJIT Director of Web Services. Ann had been the Manager, Library Systems and Information Commons and Associate Director at the Brookdale Community College. Ann previously served as Library Manager at the Chang Science Library of Rutgers University in New Brunswick; as the Reference and Materials Delivery Coordinator at the Library of Science and Medicine, Rutgers University; and as Library Technician, Health Sciences Library of the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey. Ann has both her Masters in Library Science and her undergraduate Economics degree from Rutgers University. Ann became a co-chair of the VALE Website Committee in February 2007, and is a member of the Mid-Atlantic Innovative Users Group.



[Ann Hoang, Assistant University Librarian]

Jaclyn Buurma, *Technical Reference Librarian*, was on maternity and well baby family leave for the spring 2007 semester after giving birth to a baby boy. Jackie resigned from her position

effective June 1, 2007 just before she was due to return. The library is trying to recruit her successor.

Jessica Fadel was appointed as the *Architecture Library Specialist*, on March 22, 2007, a position that had been filled temporarily for over a year since Erin Finnerty was promoted. Jessica has a Master of Library Science and a Bachelor of Art History both from the University of Buffalo as well as a Master of Science Degree in History of Art from the University of Edinburgh, Scotland.



[Jessica Fadel, Architecture Library Specialist]

Doreen Mettle is now *Director of Circulation and Interlibrary Loan*. Her former title was Director, Projects and Grants.

LIBRARY SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENTS

Service Awards were presented on May 24th to Library employees.

- **Jacquelyn Rock**, Library Assistant III, for 15 years of service.
- **Sayed Hassan**, Systems Librarian, for 10 years of service.

STAFF PROFESSIONAL AND PERSONAL ACTIVITIES:

Richard Sweeney, University Librarian, continued his Millennial work with many presentations and panels at various colleges and universities. A summary of his findings can be found at his home page. <http://library1.njit.edu/staff-folders/sweeney>

Rich spoke and ran a Millennial panel at a forum run by the Chronicle of Higher Education with students from Nevada State College and the University of Nevada at Las Vegas on November, 22, 2006. That Millennial panel was written up into a multi-page article in the Chronicle of Higher Education on January 5, 2007.

Rich 's Millennial work was also the subject of a front page article in the Saturday Star-Ledger on October 21, 2006 entitled "To teach tech-savvy Millennials, forget 'boring' books and lectures by Kelly Hyboer.

Rich was quoted in the Aug 17, 2006 article entitled, "*Colleges adapt to tech-savvy new students*" issue of USA Today about his work with Millennials.

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New Jersey academic libraries" available at <http://www.valenj.org/newvale/ols/>

Ann Hoang attended the annual Endeavor End Users Conference in April 2007 in Chicago. It was her first and last attendance at the conference. Francisco Partners, an equity investment firm purchased Endeavor Information Systems and Ex-Libris in 2006. The acquisition resulted in the dissolution of the annual Endeavor conference. Next year the Endeavor conference will merge with ELUNA (Ex-Libris Users North America) and the combined annual conference will commence on July 30th 2008 in Long Beach, California.

Ann Hoang, Assistant University Librarian led and conducted four library focus groups (faculty, graduate and undergraduate students, and architecture students) to get feedback on the usability of the NJIT library websites in March 2007. Members on the committee included Doreen Mettle, Bruce Slutsky, Maya Gervits and Lucy Velez. Findings concluded that a re-design of the Van Houten and Littman Architecture library websites are needed. The re-design should include web 2.0 applications and technology e.g. blogs, wikis, RSS/feeds, semantically valid HTML, CSS, clear and meaningful URLs, dynamic content management, extensive use of folksonomies (use of tags or tagclouds), open source applications such as LAMP (linux, apache, MySQL and PHP), and an interactive user-friendly interface, AJAX-based.

David Scharf, Director of Reference, co-authored a peer-reviewed article: Scharf, Davida, Elliot, Nobert, Huey, Heather, Briller, Vladimir, & Joshi, Kamal. (2007, July). Direct Assessment of Information literacy using Writing Portfolios. *Journal of Academic Librarianship*, 33(4), 462-477.

David Scharf, co-authored a peer-reviewed poster entitled "Direct Assessment of Information Literacy" at the 2007 Association of College & Research Library (ACRL) Annual Conference, Baltimore, MD with **Heather Huey** (NJIT), Norbert Elliot (NJIT) and Mary Metzger & Donna Gunter (University of North Carolina Charlotte). Davida holds membership in the National Advisory Committee to the Educational Testing Service's *iSkills* Assessment. Davida made a presentation at a Rutgers University Colloquium on the *iSkills* Information Literacy Assessment. May 2007. Davida presented our research

findings on Direct Assessment of Information Literacy at the ACRL-NJ Research Forum held at the NJLA Conference in Long Branch, NJ. (peer-reviewed), June 2007.

David Scharf continued working on her doctoral degree at the School of Communication, Information and Library Studies at Rutgers University.

In October, **Heather Huey**, Information Literacy Librarian, presented "*Information Literacy Programs & Assessment at NJIT*", discussing NJIT's initiatives in information literacy, specifically the portfolio analysis, at a Metro Science & Medical Librarians Special Interest Group meeting (Manhattan). Heather presented "Socializing in the 21st Century" through Infolink three times; once at Newark Public Library in March and twice at Rutgers University (New Brunswick) for the 5th "Tech is It" Day in May. Also in



March, Heather led a workshop, "Connecting with Instant Messaging in Libraries" at the Camden County Library.

At the annual Vale User Conference in January 2007, held at Rutgers, **Heather Huey** led a roundtable discussion on the use of Myspace & Facebook in academic libraries. Heather also served on the ETS local development committee for the core version of the *iSkills* Test.

For the seventh consecutive year **Bruce Slutsky**, Technical Reference Librarian, was the convener of the METRO Science Librarians Group.

Bruce Slutsky worked with faculty on designing a grant-funded faculty publications database. The database is still in development. Bruce was also active in the American Chemical Society. He was a member of the Education Committee of the Chemical Information Division and served as a Career Consultant.



Haymwantee Singh, Technical Reference Librarian, made the following presentations: Scopus: NJIT's Scoop on Scopus: Scopus User Group Meeting, August 3, 2006 Boston. Scopus: The Perspective of a Library as Product Development Partner. Scopus



User Group Meeting, August 1, 2006, Washington DC. Measuring Research Performance at NJIT: Scopus Colloquium November 13-15, 2006, San Diego, CA. "REEL 'EM IN: LURE AND LEARN: Marketing Your Collection-Best Practices Shop and Swap" an IEEE sponsored presentation highlighting marketing programs used by NJIT librarians to promote their databases to end users. Presented in

conjunction with the Association of College & Research Libraries, (ACRL) 13th national Conference, Baltimore MD 3-31-2007.

Maya Gervits, Director Architecture Library is a co-author of online publication *Information Competencies for Students in Design Disciplines*. Full text article can be viewed at <http://www.arlisna.org/resources/onlinepubs/designcompencies.pdf>

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