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From the Director

by Carol Zeile

After a very busy summer of book moving and renovation Fall Term came quickly this year. See <http://www.alma.edu/special/ssp/slideshow.html> for a photographic look at the summer's activities. The majority of the circulating collection was shifted, stacks were moved, cleaned and relocated. New lighting was installed throughout the library, giving a fresh new look throughout.

Our first event of fall term was the Opening Celebration during preterm week. We had a very nice turnout of new students who learned something about the library, met the staff and enjoyed some refreshments.

We look forward to our Homecoming Reception on October 7, 2006 at 4:30 p.m. in the library. This year's reception will also include the ribbon cutting ceremony for the Highland Java Café. We hope that many community members, alumni and friends will be able to join in this celebration.

Upcoming Events in the Library

October 2, 2006 Bob Vivian, reading
7:30 p.m. from his new book
The Mover of Bones

October 7, 2006 Homecoming
4:30 -5:30 p.m. Reception and
Highland Java Café
opening

Nov. 14, 2006 John Rybicki
7:15 p.m. poetry reading

Nov. 16, 2006 Lee Martin
8:00 p.m. reading

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ALMA COLLEGE LIBRARY MISSION

The mission of the Alma College Library is to provide services, resources and instruction to support the mission of the College. By creating an environment conducive to learning, exploration and group interaction, the Library strives to foster intellectual curiosity and academic excellence, to be responsive to changes in the delivery of information and to champion life-long learning.

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Library Textbook Award

by Carol Zeile, Library Director

The library staff members continue their support of the Library Textbook Award. Each Fall and Winter Term library student assistants participate in an application process in order to be selected to receive an award to purchase books from the Kiltie Korner. The students are assessed on quality of service, dependability and growth in knowledge of library services.

In order to help fund the Textbook Award the library staff maintains a book sale table located across from the Circulation Desk. We are selling hardcover books for \$.50 and paperbacks for \$.25. The sale books are restocked often, so take a look whenever you are in the library. Donations of books are accepted at the Circulation Desk.

In addition to the book sale we are also sending unneeded books to Better World Books, an organization that offers books for sale on the Internet and shares a portion of the profits with us and our literary partner, Room to Read.

Anyone wishing to make a tax free donation to the Library Textbook Award can do so by contacting the Alma College Advancement office or Carol Zeile, Library Director, at zeile@alma.edu.

Big Summer Changes

by Melissa Hovey, Circulation Desk Specialist

There have been some big changes happening at Alma College Library over the summer. One of these changes has been the moving of the current periodicals into the regular periodical collection in the lower level of the library. The current periodicals used to be shelved on the main level near the Circulation Desk. Moving them downstairs has freed up much valuable floor space. Please stop by the library and see the difference for yourself. We have left one stack of periodical titles on the main level near the newspapers for a general interest browsing area. The following is a list of titles that are shelved in the general interest/browsing collection. Maybe you might even see something you did not know we had!



Call Numbers and Titles of Items on Browsing Periodical Shelves

AP2 .A8	The Atlantic monthly	GV1061 .R85	Runner's world
AP2 .E845	Esquire	HC101 .C47	Kiplinger's personal finance
AP2 .M79193	Mother Jones	HF5001 .B89	Business week
AP2 .N2	The Nation	HF5001 .F6	Forbes
AP2 .N3545	National review	HF5001 .F7	Fortune
AP2 .N63	The New Yorker	HG11 .E2	The Economist
AP2 .N6772	Newsweek	HG179 .M59	Money
AP2 .P417	People	HQ75 .B4	Between the lines
AP2 .R25	The Reader's digest	HQ76.8.U6 A38	The advocate
AP2 .T37	Time	HQ1101 .M55	Ms.
AP2 .U86	Utne	JK1 .U65	U.S. news & world report
AP2 .V72	The Village voice	LB2300 .C48	The Chronicle of higher Ed
AP4 .T45	TLS	ML1 .R65	Rolling stone
AP5 .M2	Maclean's	NC 1300 .M3	Mad
AP20 .P342	Paris-match	Q1 .D57	Discover
AP2 .N624	The New republic	Q1 .N2	Nature
AP30 .S675	Stern	Q1 .N52	New scientist
AS30 .S6	Smithsonian	Q1 .S35	Science
BP605.N48 M33	Magical blend	Q1 .S76	Science news
E184.S3 H5	The Highlander	QA76.8.I1015 P38	The independent guide to IBM personal computers
E185.5 .J4	Jet	QA76.8.M3 M32	Macworld : the Mac Mag
E185.6 .E26	Ebony	QL671 .A82	Audubon
F566 .L55	Life in the middle of MI	RA781.7 .Y64	Yoga journal
G1 .N27	National geographic	T1 .S5	Scientific American
G151 .A78	Budget travel	TK5105.5 .W57	Wired
GV961 .G623	Golf magazine	TR1 .P8845	Popular photo & imaging
		TT500 .H3	Harper's bazaar

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Library Renovation

by Carol Zeile, Library Director

On June 15, 2006 construction began on the renovation of the library's Colina Wing. The Wing was first opened in February 1996 and made possible by a generous gift from John and Nancy Colina. The photo below shows the book stacks that were formerly housed on the main level of the Colina Wing.



Funded by bond money, the summer of 2006 renovation allowed for relocating the book stacks to the upper level of the library and adding teaching and learning spaces to the main level of the Wing. Below are photos of the stacks being dismantled and the empty Colina Wing.



Even the ceiling was removed!



The renovated space includes: an updated Olofsson Computer Classroom; the M.J.J. Smith Collaborative Teaching and Learning Room; moving the Writing Center to the main level of the library to provide more visibility and collaboration with librarians; three group study rooms, including the updated Christner Room; an open lounge area and the Highland Java Café. Due to delay of materials, at this writing the space is not complete. Following are a couple of photos that show the progress. We are hopeful that the space will be ready by the end of September.



The new Stephen R. Christner Room.



The M.J.J. Smith Collaborative Teaching and Learning Room. Furniture will be added soon.

Changes were also made to provide much needed study spaces on the lower level of the library.

Input from students, faculty and staff helped to create a comfortable and attractive space for our community. Special thanks go to the library staff members for their help to make the project move so smoothly.

Words and photographs cannot do the project justice. Please stop in and take a tour.

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New Preterm Course from the Library!

by Jennifer Starkey, Reference and Instruction Librarian

Librarians Steven Vest and Jennifer Starkey taught a 1-credit preterm course together in August 2006. There were 20 different preterm classes offered for this year's incoming first-year students. The course was called: *Research through a new lens: Using library resources to study film*, and it had two main components. The first was to provide a good foundation for first-year students on how to find and evaluate sources of information. The second component was to have students learn to think more deeply about film, by viewing and critically analyzing film meanings. Each student viewed a film outside of class and analyzed that film in a short paper. Students then used their new library research skills to create an annotated bibliography pertaining to the film they watched. Some of the topics discussed in the course were: how to evaluate websites for authority and objectivity, how to use library databases to find newspaper, magazine and journal articles, and how to find books in the library catalog and on the shelves. The course was designed using "active learning" methods to teach and engage students beyond the traditional lecture model.

To our knowledge, this is the first time that librarians have taught a Preterm course. Students really seem to have enjoyed the class, and they definitely learned some things about college-level research. On the first day of class, students took a short, anonymous pre-test to measure what they knew about library research. They took the same test on the last day and the scores improved significantly the second time. Steven and Jennifer both enjoyed teaching the course and hope to have the opportunity to teach it again!

Alma College through the Ages

by Jennifer Starkey, Reference and Instruction Librarian

Did you know that in the 1950s, Alma College men had a tradition of moonlight serenades outside the women's dorms?

Library staff and student workers have created a display of unique and interesting photos and documents from the archive. We have selected pieces that really show what life was like at Alma College from the 1880s to the 1980s. We've found student handbooks, yearbooks and articles in the Almanian, as well as photos of students' rooms and residence hall lounges from the early 1900s. The display is in a glass case on the main level near the Anderson Reading Area. Stop by at homecoming and get a glimpse into our history as a college.

Quick Links

Go to www.alma.edu, under **Academics**, click on **Library**, click on desired item. Here are a few you can choose:

- Search the Catalog
- Journal Articles
- View Your Circulation Record
- Request Items for the Library Hours
- Search Course Reserves
- Renew Your Materials
- Request an Interlibrary Loan
- Ask a Librarian Questions?

Photo Archives Online
alma.cdmhost.com