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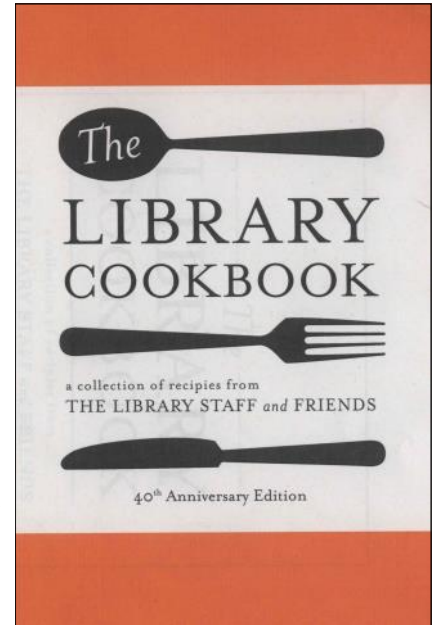
Van Wagenen Library, State University of New York College of Agriculture & Technology at Cobleskill

Library Cookbook, 40th Anniversary Edition—Reserve Your Copy Now!

It's the Library's 40th Anniversary! Van Wagenen Hall officially opened 40 years ago in 1973 and we are celebrating by publishing a special 40th Anniversary Edition of *The Library Cookbook*. All of your favorites from earlier editions are there plus more than 30 new recipes—Anne Donnelly's Cider Glazed Roast Vegetables, Katherine Brent's Rum Rolls, Bernd Baumann's Christmas Fudge, Toni Elling's Gingered Chicken Soup, Barbara Ruland's Broccoli Salad, April Davies's Jalapeño Poppers, Pat Sprague's Pasta in White Clam Sauce, Kathy Johnson's Carrot Cake, Kitty Heiser's Zucchini Bread and so much more!

Not only is there tasty new stuff inside, it's got a tasty new look thanks to Prof. Margrethe Lauber's Graphic Arts students. We 'hired' a couple of her classes to work up cover and overall design options for the cookbook. The whole Library staff got to vote on the students' proposals and Jared Bullock's design came out on top (a preliminary version of the cover is pictured at right). Everyone was impressed with the creativity and thought displayed in the submissions and we're all so pleased to be incorporating a student's work into this publication.

If all of this has you a little bit hungry or simply curious, you'll be happy to know that *The Library Cookbook* goes on sale at the Library on September 26th— just in time for Homecoming. At only \$5.00 each it is a real bargain. You can buy several and get your holiday shopping done early! Don't wait, reserve your copy (or copies) now (library@cobleskill.edu, 255-5841).



EOP Summer Study Skills Program



SUNY Cobleskill's Educational Opportunity Program held its annual Summer Study Skills program from July 7th-August 2nd.

Fifty-nine incoming freshmen participated in both a college English and math course along with a daily orientation seminar that included such topics/presentations regarding: academic advisement; an introduction to Degree Works and Banner Web; financial literacy; an overview of the services provided by both the student success and wellness centers; and judicial affairs.

The students, peer counselors and staff also participated in an

overnight camping/decision making/leadership retreat at Camp Hide-A-Way in Central Bridge, and completed a service learning project aiding in the flood clean-up efforts in the village of Fort Plain. The entire EOP program including students, peer counselors, staff, program faculty and college administrators also attended the production of *Camelot* at the Glimmerglass Opera Festival in Cooperstown, NY on Saturday, July 27th followed by an evening gala, culminating in a dining etiquette presentation and formal dinner.

In major universities in the US, academics and students log on to their computers in their offices or at home and a whole world opens up to them. That's not some kind of accident. The prime goal of university libraries is to make good on "seek and ye shall find." The proof of the success of these libraries is that researchers are oblivious to the complexity of the system that serves them.

—Karen Coyle

Introducing— Katie DeRusso



We are pleased to announce that Katie DeRusso has agreed to be our new Visiting Information Literacy Librarian. Katie got her MLIS from University of Pittsburgh and a BA in English from Notre Dame. Before joining the Van Wagenen Library crew, she was a librarian at North Country Community College in Saranac Lake, NY. As we're all getting to know this new person in our midst, we decided to ask her a few questions to help everyone on campus get acquainted with her as well.

LL: What made you become a librarian?

KD: Since beginning my foray into the world of employment I've worked a wide variety of jobs, from grocery store cashier (high school), to ice-cream scooper (again high school), to toy store clerk (college), to human resource specialist, to reference librarian. I found over time that I really enjoyed positions where I worked with people to solve a problem and also that I was interested in learning new technologies. I became a librarian because being one allows me to connect people, technology and information. To me, that is what librarianship is all about! I also became a librarian because I enjoy learning new things. Each day in the library and each interaction is a unique opportunity to learn something new and make a difference in someone's academic career.

LL: We know you just started, but what excites you about your new position at SUNY Cobleskill?

KD: I'm excited to continue supporting the strong Information Literacy program here at SUNY Cobleskill through working directly with faculty and students. I'm also looking forward to finding ways to extend our range of library services to further support distance education and distance students.

LL: On to the more important stuff— do you like to cook and do you have any specialties?

KD: I like to cook but can't vouch for my cooking skills. I basically know enough to get by and keep from starving. I'm a runner and so I do love to eat a lot. I'm intrigued and excited to work on a campus with such a strong culinary arts program.

LL: What was the last book you read, for fun not for work?

KD: The last book I read for fun was *The Name of the Wind* by Patrick Rothfuss. It was recommended to me by a friend and I have to say I enjoyed it; so much so that I have moved on to its sequel, *The Wise Man's Fear*.

LL: One last question, what's your favorite movie?

KD: Hmm... that's a tough one as it changes all the time! For sentimentality's sake I'll go with *Rudy*, as it's about my alma mater Notre Dame. Watching it always reminds me of college and football games.

We'd like to thank Katie for this peek into her life and hope this gives everyone a starting point for when they meet her in the weeks and months to come. We're sure that, when you do, you'll be excited about her coming to Cobleskill, too.

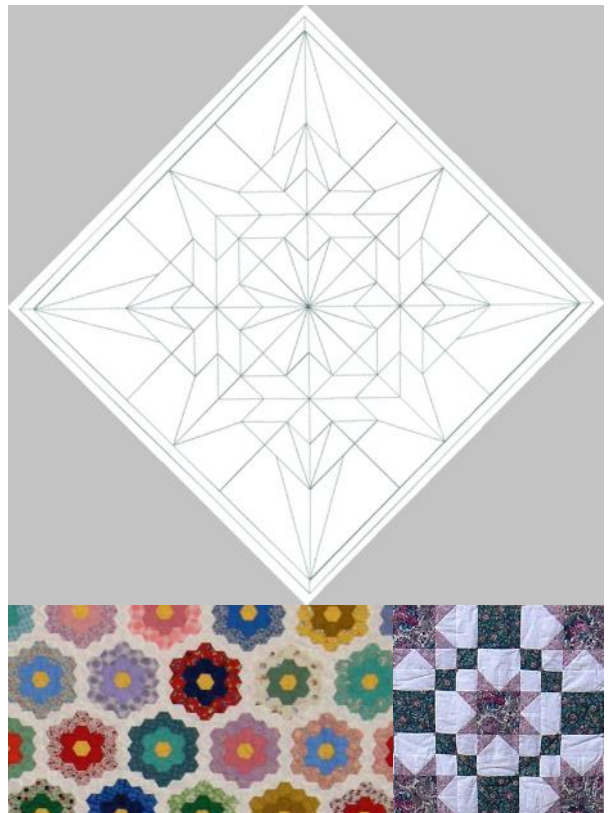
On the Quilt Barn Trail

SUNY Cobleskill will soon be on the Schoharie County Quilt Barn Trail. A quilt block will be painted and placed on the red barn facing Route 7. The design has been chosen (outline pictured at right) and now it is up to the campus community to pick the colors. Provost Zimmerman has asked the Library to run a competition for students, faculty and staff to color the design, with a view toward selecting a winner during Homecoming Weekend— and she is putting up a \$100 Barnes & Noble gift card for the winner!

Entry forms will be available at the Library's front desk; they can be dropped off there as well. The contest will run at least the first two weeks of the semester; we might extend it depending on how many entries come in.

To serve as color inspiration (and because they're cool looking), the Library has a variety of quilts displayed on our walls. Even if you're not entering the contest, stop by and take a look at these examples of a truly practical art form.

What is a Quilt Barn Trail? Basically, large quilt blocks are painted and displayed on barns, and there's a map available for people to drive around and see them. According to the Trail's organizers, the "Schoharie County Quilt Barn Trail emerged as an outcome of the floods of August 2011, caused by Hurricane Irene and Tropical Storm Lee. It celebrates the unexpectedness of art on a building or wall instead of a gallery." Quilts are something people respond to and putting these designs up in such a public way makes them very accessible. To learn more about the Trail and keep up with new additions to it, visit them on Facebook (www.facebook.com/SCOBT).



Saturdays: Start Later, End Later

We made a slight tweak to our Saturday hours for fall semester. The Library will now open at Noon and close at 5:00pm on Saturdays when classes are in session. Users have been telling us (on surveys, comment cards, etc.) that they want us to be open a little later on Saturdays. Since our head counts show that the first couple hours of Saturday are extremely slow we decided to shift the open hours somewhat to give Library users what they want while staying within our operating budget. We'll see how it goes this semester and re-assess over winter break.



Fall Book Sale



It's time to help the Library raise a little money by giving us your old books, and then buying others to replace them! That's right, it is time once again for the Library's big Fall Book Sale!! The sale officially starts Sept. 26th on Homecoming Weekend

and runs through the end of October (or until we run out of things to sell, whichever comes first).

Please, clean out your bookshelves and DVD racks to help us stock the sale carts. Simply drop items off at the Circulation Desk and we'll take it from there. Try to get stuff to us before Sept. 20th so we have time to sort through things.

Book sale prices are the same as always: \$1 for hardcovers, 50¢ for paperbacks. Multi-volume sets, non-book items, and other special items will have their prices posted. Please contact April Davies (daviesac@cobleskill.edu, 255-5887) if you have any questions.

E-Resource Spotlight: CQ Researcher ONLINE

For years, one of our most popular print reference tools has been CQ Researcher. Now, it's available online 24/7 from wherever you happen to be. This is especially helpful when an entire class needs to use the 2011 volume at the same time!

CQ Researcher is a great jumping off point for researching hot topics and current events. It provides reliable coverage of some of the most important issues of the day. Their reports are thorough, objective, footnoted and professionally fact-checked. Full-length articles include an overview, pros and cons, historical background and chronology, plus resources for additional research.

A quick search for "voting rights" yields many pages of easy-to-navigate results including a short report on the recent Supreme Court decision regarding the Voting Rights Act and full-length articles on photo ID laws and redistricting efforts. The database goes back to 1991 so users can readily explore how a topic has evolved over the last few decades.

The online version of CQ Researcher has some great features. One of our favorites is the ability to print just one section of an article. Only want the chronology or the pro/con section? No problem, just pick which one you want from the pull-down menu. The system also has a CiteNow feature that makes it easy for students to get an accurate APA or MLA citation for whatever they use from CQ Researcher.

Like all of our research databases, CQ Researcher is available 24/7 through the Library's website (www.cobleskill.edu/library). Please let us know if you have any questions about this database, or any of our other resources (255-5841; Library@cobleskill.edu; or text to 518-444-5845).



Recommended Reading

- Earth Afire*
by Orson Scott Card & Aaron Johnston
- Lucky Bastard*
by Deborah Coonts
- And the Mountains Echoed*
by Khaled Hosseini
- Sovereign*
by Ted Dekker & Tosca Lee
- The Light in the Ruins*
by Chris Bohjalian
- I Wear the Black Hat: Grappling With Villains (Real and Imagined)*
by Chuck Klosterman
- The Ocean at the End of the Lane*
by Neil Gaiman
- Reconstructing Amelia*
by Kimberly McCreight
- Witch Wraith*
by Terry Brooks
- Sweet Salt Air*
by Barbara Delinsky
- Little Green*
by Walter Mosley
- Going Clear: Scientology, Hollywood, & the Prison of Belief*
by Lawrence Wright
- Out of Range*
by Hank Steinberg
- Frost Burned*
by Patricia Briggs
- Robert Oppenheimer: a Life Inside the Center*
by Ray Monk
- Children of the Jacaranda Tree*
by Sahar Delijani
- Inferno*
by Dan Brown
- Manson: the Life & Times of Charles Manson*
by Jeff Guinn
- Evil Eye*
by Joyce Carol Oates
- Mortal Sins: Sex, Crime, & the Era of Catholic Scandal*
by Michael D'Antonio
- The Silver Star*
by Jeannette Walls
- The English Girl*
by Daniel Silva
- The Night Is Watching*
by Heather Graham
- A Chain of Thunder: a Novel of the Siege of Vicksburg*
by Jeff Shaara

Winning Peeps

While these pictures don't do them justice, we thought you might like to see the two main winners in last semester's Book Title Peeps Show Diorama Contest. The award for Best Overall Design went to "Different Peepsons" (inspired by Steven King's *Different Seasons*, a collection of four novellas), while "MidPeep's Night Dream" (inspired by William Shakespeare's play *A Midsummer Night's Dream*) took Best Representation of the Book, Most Creative Use of Peeps and the overall popular vote.



For this coming spring, we're thinking maybe digital photography. Or maybe something else, it's really too soon to say. Do you have a suggestion for a good Art in the Library project? Please contact Gina Brady (255-5847; bradygk@cobleskill.edu).

AccessABILITY Resources Update

Spring 2013 was an exciting semester for AccessABILITY Resources as they served well over 300 students! The final numbers aren't in yet but it looks like this fall will be similarly busy.

The AccessABILITY Resources office really stepped up its push to "go paperless" last semester. Students' documents and accommodation plans are being scanned into the computer and kept electronically. Also, more and more faculty are submitting their tests via email (keep them coming at dss@cobleskill.edu). Many thanks to those instructors who email their exams!

Over the summer, AccessABILITY Resources hosted its 2nd annual Transition Days program for incoming Freshmen and their families. These half-day sessions help them transition from a "high school" way of thinking to a "college" way. It also gives students time to acclimate to our campus, learn about support services, technology and time management, as well as create strategies for success. The Transition Days program has helped to ease any anxiety students and families have about sending their student off to college as well.

If you have any questions about AccessABILITY Resources and the various services it offers please contact Betsy Briggs (briggsew@cobleskill.edu, 255-5282) or Michael Cobbins (cobbinmd@cobleskill.edu, 255-5541). AccessABILITY Resources is located in the Center for Academic Support & Excellence on the lower level of the Library if you'd like to stop by and chat in person.

Update Your Contacts—NEW Library Text Number, Plus Live Chat

[We switched text services last semester but some people are still using the old number so we decided to repeat the information about the changes.]

Get mobile Library help at our NEW text number: 518-444-5485 (the old 66746 number is no good now). If you're not familiar with the Library's text service, it's a handy way to get help when you're on the move. As long as you've got your cell phone, you can easily contact us from wherever you are. Text us during business hours and we'll get right back to you (no promises if it's 2:00am when you send it). If typing the number is too much work, use your smartphone to scan this QR code and it will do it for you. Please note, while we never charge you for the help, your service provider's standard message rates will still apply.



Not into texting? You can also chat with a librarian when you need online help. The chat widget is on the Library's website (www.cobleskill.edu/library). All you have to do is click, type, and send. That's it.

Whether it's chat, text, or even in person, the librarians are here to help you. Quick facts, complex research advice— it's all good as far as we're concerned.



From the Dean



Warm tidings from the Van Wagenen Library! We are off to a great start with some new staff members and a lot of big plans.

The Librarians are about to enter into a period of intensive strategic planning. We will gather information and ideas to fully comprehend what the College will need from the campus library in the next five years. The landscape of higher education is redefining academic libraries and with this in mind the Van Wagenen Library is preparing and preemptively redefining itself. We will strive to maintain the mission of supporting the curriculum and providing exemplar services while academic libraries continue to grow from traditional book and journal repositories to providing gateways to digital resources, in addition to building on our role as hosts to the academic social life of students.

The information we gather will guide our future as we concentrate on building digital collections, exploring ways to broaden access to scholarly material through open-source options, continuing to grow a robust information literacy program and, finally, repurposing our space to fully integrate all of the existing services into a collaborative learning model.

SUNY libraries have worked cooperatively for years providing core levels of digital resources to all SUNY campuses. The Van Wagenen Library will be working closely with other SUNY libraries to further collaborative digital collections and explore the concept of libraries as scholarly publishers. We will also participate in additional SUNY-wide initiatives such as creating campus digital repositories, and we will be focusing on strategies of content curation and quality assurance of other library services to support OpenSUNY.

In November, we will begin the implementation of a new “discovery system,” which is an interface that provides a single streamlined search that pulls citations and full-text from all of our research databases and the catalog. We don’t have a final implementation date yet but we will provide regular updates. This, too, is a shared effort among SUNY libraries. If you would like to see an example of this system in action, take a look at SUNY Oneonta’s site (www.oneonta.edu/library).

So, the time for change is now and we can’t do it alone— so stay tuned because we need your feedback and welcome the opportunity to hear your ideas.

Staff News



Brendan Aucoin has returned to the Van Wagenen Library as an Adjunct Reference Librarian. Brendan worked in our Circ/ILL department a few years ago before leaving to pursue a graduate degree.

Katherine Brent was in Buffalo in June to present a poster session on “Tracking Circulation and Interlibrary Loan Usage Patterns” at the annual conference of the SUNY Librarians Association.



Michael Cobbins has moved over from Admissions to CASE as Assistant Coordinator of AccessABILITY Resources.



Katie DeRusso has joined the staff as Visiting Information Literacy Librarian. Katie replaces Helene Gold who decided she couldn’t take the New York winters after all and moved to Florida over the summer. (See page 2 to find out more about Katie DeRusso.)

Linda Greenwald retired this spring after 23 years at SUNY Cobleskill. She was always a favorite of students and staff alike. While she may not be our resident poet any more, we hope she’ll visit regularly.

Margaret Liberti is leaving CASE to pursue her PhD at SUNY Albany. Luckily, she’s not leaving Cobleskill entirely—she’ll still be on campus teaching biology classes.

Elisa Lopez accepted a new job at SUNY Albany this August. We miss her and wish her all the best.



Daniel Martin has joined the Library staff as an Adjunct Reference Librarian. Dan will also be teaching two sections of FFCS this term.

Trudy Morrell retired this spring. Enjoy yourself, Trudy!

Wendi Richards is now the Assistant Director of CASE.

Alysha Stevens has left CASE to work as an elementary school teacher in Sidney, NY.



LIBRARY HOURS

Mon.-Thurs.	7:00am-10:00pm
Friday	7:00am-5:00pm
Saturday	12:00pm-5:00pm
Sunday	2:00pm-10:00pm

Library Café open 24/7

Calendar

- Aug. 26
First Day of Classes
- Aug. 30
Add/Drop Ends
- Sept. 4-6
Rosh Hashanah
- Sept. 12
Chocolate Milkshake Day
- Sept. 22-28
Banned Books Week
- Sept. 26-29
Homecoming
- Oct. 14
Columbus Day
- Oct. 24
United Nations Day
- Nov. 3
Daylight Saving Time Ends
- Nov. 23-Dec. 1
Fall/Thanksgiving Break
- Dec. 5
Day of the Ninja
- Dec. 13
Last Day of Classes



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