

Issue 15— Spring 2012

## Penfield Hosts Display to Archives Reception

Penfield hosted its 23rd annual Display to Archives reception to celebrate the scholarly and creative activities of Oswego faculty and staff. The featured speaker this year was Tim Nekritz, SUNY Oswego Associate Director of Public Affairs and Director of Web Communication. Mr. Nekritz spoke about his use of SUNY Oswego's archives for research and outreach. The Display to Archives Program exhibits faculty publications and creative work throughout the year in showcases in Penfield's lobby. Afterwards, the donated works are added to the Library archives. More information, including a full bibliography, can be found at: [http://www.oswego.edu/library/archives/display\\_to\\_archives.html](http://www.oswego.edu/library/archives/display_to_archives.html). This year, 58 faculty and staff donated scholarly or creative works. This program has raised awareness of these important contributions of our faculty and staff, and gives us an opportunity to celebrate the scholarly and creative activities and community at SUNY Oswego. —Shannon Pritting



Featured speaker Tim Nekritz addresses reception attendees.

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## Follow Penfield Library on Twitter @PenfieldLib

Penfield Library has expanded its social media efforts to include a [Twitter](#) feed. Follow us at @PenfieldLib. Penfield Library has been using a [Facebook](#) page to promote services, raise awareness of issues related to libraries and education, and connect with its users. The Twitter feed is another way for us to communicate this important information. Look for expanded offerings on our Facebook page as well.

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## Mycology Exhibit Reception

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To celebrate the Mycology Exhibit that was on display in Penfield during the Fall 2011 semester, Penfield hosted a reception on November 8th. The invited speaker was Dr. Terry Hammill, former Chair of the Biology Department, who was responsible for making the slides of fungi that were on display and are now available in an open access digital repository. Dr. Hammill explained to students, faculty, staff, and visitors the rewards of his career as a scientist and an academic. He explained the creativity and detail that is involved with scientific processes such as scanning fungi using an Electron Microscope. Most notably, Dr. Hammill recounted his discovery that, after thinly slicing the fungi with a diamond blade, the most effective way to properly situate the specimen in the solution to be captured was to pluck a hair from his eyebrow and gently move it across the slide. Slides from Dr. Hammill's career can be found in the Mycology digital repository:



Dr. Terry Hammill explaining the process of scanning fungi to students.

<http://dspace.sunyconnect.suny.edu/handle/1951/51013>. Shannon Pritting

## Upcoming Spring Exhibits

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Visit the library's front hallway gallery space in April to view the winning essays of the **Deans' Writing Awards**. These prestigious awards recognize the most outstanding written work by students during the preceding calendar year. The essays will be displayed in the library on Quest Day through graduation, as well as archived on the Writing Across the Curriculum's website.

From April 18 to May 8, see paintings by Amy Lovvik, student artist and recipient of a Student Scholarly and Creative Activities Committee grant, entitled "**The Tangible Unconscious.**" Ms. Lovvik's paintings explore the effects of the unconscious mind on waking life. The paintings will be displayed on the library's second floor. —Tina Chan

## Spring 2012 Calendar of Events

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- February 14th—Penfield Loves You Day — 11 AM—5 PM
- National Library Week — April 8-14, 2012
- Dean's Writing Prizes Exhibit and Reception — begins Quest Day, April 18
- Amy Lovvik Student Artist Exhibit and Reception — begins Quest Day, April 18
- Library Booksale — April 11

## New Writing Center Services at Penfield Library

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Beginning soon, students will be able to regularly get help with both their research and writing in one central location -- Penfield Library! For the past year, the Office of Learning Services (OLS) and the Library have collaborated on a pilot project to expand tutoring on campus by providing writing assistance in Penfield. Because of the success of this pilot, OLS will be opening a Writing Center on the third floor of the library. The Library is very pleased to accommodate this move because it fits well into our development of our [Learning Commons](#). The move will begin early in the spring semester. Not only will students have writing tutors here, but they will have easy access to librarians who can assist with any resource or information questions they may have along the way. What a winning combination!  
— **Barbara Shaffer**

## New Group Collaboration Spaces

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Penfield Library recognizes the ever increasing need for Group Study space. We anticipate additional rooms when the building is renovated in the coming years. For now, we have created new spaces on the second floor. Adjacent to the Teaching Resource Center we are using shelving and books to create two spaces with a "room" like feel. Both spaces include a table with electrical outlets and seating for four. We have also repurposed room 211 near the second floor desk for group collaboration and presentation practice.  
— **Tom Larson**



Technology equipped meeting space — room 211

Construction on new 2nd floor group spaces—popular even before they are finished!



## Penfield Hosts Student Services Fair

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At the beginning of the Fall 2011 semester, Penfield Library hosted a student services fair. Several offices on campus staffed tables throughout the day to give students information about the various resources available to them as SUNY Oswego students. Auxiliary Services, the Counseling Services Center, CTS, Lifestyles, and Penfield Library all provided material and information to students. Whether students had questions about how to get their iPhone on the wireless network, research an assignment, manage stress, discover dining options, or find healthy lifestyle choices, they could get their questions answered all in one place.

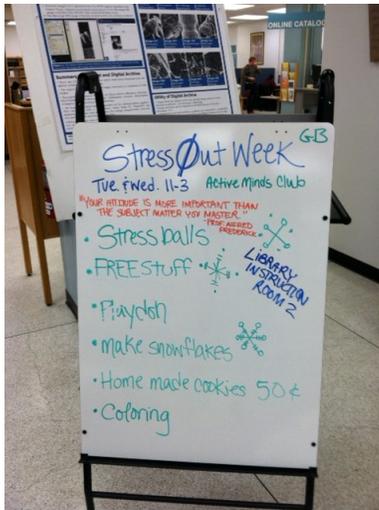
**Shannon Pritting**

Various campus offices staff tables at student services fair.



## Finals Week Activities—Enter the Stress Relief Zone

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Penfield Library again hosted a variety of activities to help students relieve stress before and during Finals Week. The week before Finals, the Active Minds Club offered various stress-relieving activities including crafts and coloring. Stress balls and other free items to help students manage stress were also given out.

The wildly popular stress relief activity sponsored by the Counseling Services Center was once again free 10-minute chair massages, and stress relief counseling was provided.

Students also enjoyed complimentary coffee breaks, with free coffee and treats in the Lake Effect Café. Thanks to the Provost's Office, Lifestyles, Auxiliary Services and Penfield Library for their support! —**Shannon Pritting**

## Civic Engagement Activities at Penfield

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During the Fall 2011 semester, Penfield hosted a variety of Civic Engagement related activities. The SUNY Oswego community participated in a Banned Book Week Read In on September 26th. Also, Penfield's popular mobile whiteboards served as a Democracy Wall and facilitated a debate over Park 51 on September 14th. Penfield thanks the Civic Engagement committee for making Penfield a place where ideas and issues are exchanged and debated.

# New Technology at Penfield Library

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## Mobile Projectors

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Looking to collaborate but the IGLUs are full and the Lake Effect Conference Room is booked? Well, now the library has two portable projectors available for in-house use. Each projector can plug directly into a computer and put an image on the wall. They are available for a 2-hour renewable loan and work great in the upstairs study rooms. Check one out today and let us know what you think! —Emily Thompson

## VHS to DVD Transfer

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CTS and the Library have set up equipment in room 210 Penfield (Multimedia Production Room) for transferring VHS content to DVD. The equipment includes a VHS player and a Sony DVDirect DVD recorder. Directions for using the equipment are posted in the room. The transfer takes as long as it takes to play the video you are digitizing so plan your time accordingly. It is best to reserve time in this room by going to [http://www.oswego.edu/library/geninfo/multimedia\\_production\\_room.html](http://www.oswego.edu/library/geninfo/multimedia_production_room.html).

This equipment was set up in response to discussions in the Applications/Equipment Committee of CTAB where concerns were raised about the future of VHS video and the campus' ability to support this media in ATC classrooms. As VHS tapes and players become more difficult to purchase and as the industry moves toward new standards, it is important for faculty to use newer formats for their video content.

Whenever possible, commercially produced VHS tapes should be repurchased in digital formats. Fair use guidelines should be consulted before reproducing any portions of a copyrighted work.

If you have any questions about using this equipment, please contact Chris Hebblethwaite ([chris.hebblethwaite@oswego.edu](mailto:chris.hebblethwaite@oswego.edu)).  
Chris Hebblethwaite

Transfer Station in the  
Multimedia Production Room



## New Microform Scanner

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Do you use information from microfilm, microfiche, or microcards? Perhaps you need to access early issues of the New York Times, London Times, or other historical documents on microform. The Library has a new microform scanner that can help you to make good quality digital scans from all of these challenging formats. The scanner's software offers cropping and enhancement features that enable researchers to precisely select and capture the text or photographs they need and to improve the clarity and readability of these images. This equipment is located near the second floor service desk, where the staff are happy to help with your scanning needs. — Chris Hebblethwaite

## Food for Fines Program

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For the past twenty years, Penfield Library has sponsored its Food for Fines program during the Thanksgiving season with great success. This past Fall, students exchanged 636 cans of food for overdue fines they had accrued with those items going to the food bank at Human Concerns.

“This is a great way for Oswego State to give back to the community,” said Dr. Ray Morrison, Coordinator of Access Services. “There are so many people in the community that need food during the holiday season and we wanted to share with them what we have. I would like to see us expand the program even more next year.”

The food was transported to Human Concerns, who then distributed the food to those in need throughout Oswego County. A spokesman for the organization stated there was a nine percent increase in clients this year, which depleted their food bank. They appreciated the support of Penfield Library in helping to get their shelves restocked for the Thanksgiving and Christmas food distribution.

A total of \$471.60 in fines was forgiven through the Food for Fines program this past year. We want to thank you for your support of this cause. —Ray Morrison



Lorraine Geer and Carrie Izzo display some of the over 600 food items collected during Food for Fines. Photo by Ray Morrison.



## In Memory of Librarian Emeritus Nancy Seale Osborne

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Nancy Seale Osborne, Librarian Emeritus from SUNY Oswego, passed away October 21, 2011. Nancy began her professional career at SUNY Cortland where she was the Circulation and Public Services Librarian. In 1980 she found her way to SUNY Oswego where she served as the Coordinator of Library Instruction, Head of Special Collections and as Penfield’s liaison to both the Art Department and the Women’s Studies Program. Nancy’s passion and commitment to the profession earned her the State University of New York Chancellor’s Award for Excellence in Librarianship in 1992. Nancy retired in 1998 to more vigorously pursue her creative love of watercolor painting and her fondness for nature by hiking and canoeing all over the country. She also continued to write poetry and do readings of her prose and poetry. Her publications include *Crazy Quilt: Funky Smalltown Texas and Pieces of Life*, 1999 and *In the Shadow of a Miracle*, 2001. Last year after the sudden death of her son, Kevin, she wrote *A Tribute to Kevin: From a Mother’s Heart*, 2011.

For the last several years Nancy and her partner Dr. Barbara Gerber resided in N. Fort Meyers, Florida.—Deborah Curry

## Penfield's New Learning Technologies Librarian

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We're pleased to announce the newest member of our team: Emily Thompson started as the Learning Technologies Librarian in October. A recent graduate of the University of Michigan School of Information, Emily also spent several years in Asia teaching English. She is here to help Oswego students use technology more effectively. Emily can teach classes in various multimedia software tools and web applications, so don't hesitate to contact her when your students have a presentation, podcast or other project coming up. She can do an instruction session for your class either in the library or in your usual classroom, and students can make an appointment to work with her on an individual basis.

Emily Thompson, Learning Technologies Librarian. Photo by Megan Thompson



## Penfield Welcomes New Staff

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Judy Lupa started at Penfield November 7, although she's worked for the state for five years. She came to us from the Breast Care and Endocrine Surgery Center in Syracuse. Judy is the evening supervisor for Access Services, and the lead in Reserves processing. She is happy to be back in Oswego, her hometown. According to Judy, working in the library is "really interesting. I'm learning new things every day and have met wonderful new people." Judy's calm attitude and great customer service skills are a wonderful asset to our team.

Betty Albright has worked on campus for almost 6 years, most recently at the Registrar's Office. She joined the library November 28. Her job is primarily at the 2nd floor Service desk. "I love it here! I just can't say enough good things. It's very people oriented. I can actually connect with the students here." Betty's organizational skills and sunny disposition are wonderful additions to the staff.

Kelly Mantell just started with the library January 9. Kelly left the incredibly busy ER at Upstate Medical Center, and has worked for the state for almost 10 years. She has joined the library staff as a team member of Interlibrary Loan and as Access Services Stacks Manager. Kelly's energy and enthusiasm forecast a bright future for her at Penfield. "On day five, I'm excited for the next week!"



From l to r: Betty Albright, Judy Lupa, and Kelly Mantell. Photo by Carol

## Our Newest Arrival...

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Penfield most recently welcomed Librarian Benjamin Nanamaker. Ben brings with him experience in reference and instruction, which will be his primary responsibilities in his work at SUNY Oswego. We are very happy to have him on board!