Penfield’s 3D Printer

This spring, Penfield Library became one of the first academic libraries to offer 3D printing to students, faculty, staff, and community members for the low cost of $0.20 per gram. We were fortunate enough to receive a Technology Initiative Grant from Campus Technology Services, funding the printer and filament to get started.

3D printing involves taking a digital file and creating a physical object using an “additive process,” which usually means building up layers of material. Our MakerBot Replicator 2 uses rolls of PLA (a corn-based bioplastic) filament. It heats the filament to 230 degrees Celsius, then extrudes it onto its building platform. As the plastic builds upon itself, an object takes form. When it’s finished, the object is pried off of the build plate and taken to the Check Out/Reserves desk for pick up.

Those interested in trying out the 3D printer just need to fill out the MakerBot - 3D Printing Request Form and send their .stl, .obj, or .thing file to librarytech@oswego.edu. A number of free 3D modeling programs are available at the Technology Toolbox Research Guide. If interested in printing CT scans of skulls or other objects, we have already successfully printed a platypus and a snake skull. However, anyone can get started by downloading a file from Thingiverse. Thingiverse has thousands of objects that can be downloaded for free, and some of them can even be customized.

Objects can be scaled up or down, and you can choose how hollow or solid to make things. (We recommend hollow for all objects because it saves on cost.) Currently, we offer seven colors of filament: natural, translucent blue, green, yellow, red, orange, and white. Printing can take several hours, so we ask for a week’s notice.

The MakerBot is on the second floor behind the stairs. We keep it right by the window so anyone can watch it print. If you have questions, or would like to set up an appointment to see the printer in action, please feel free to email emily.thompson@oswego.edu. – Emily Thompson
Much like other academic departments, Penfield has been involved in assessing the programs and services we offer. We have been thinking about how we can tailor our responsibilities to be more effective and efficient. We have come up with a new approach for outreach to academic departments that we will pilot this academic year. This model will be a two pronged approach: one librarian for collection development and one librarian for instruction.

Department faculty liaisons (as well as individual faculty) will have the benefit of working with both library liaisons for whatever issues arise. You will hear from your team about services, collection issues, etc., and you can work with one team member or both.

For collection suggestions or concerns, we recommend contacting your collection development librarian. For class instruction or research help, contact your instruction librarian. In a few departments, the same librarian will serve both roles. To find your liaison librarians, please see our librarian subject liaisons webpage.

Please feel free to contact us if you have questions about this new liaison model or if you’re concerned about how it will impact your department. We look forward to working closely with all faculty as we implement this change. – Deborah Curry

Faculty Teaching and Research Collections Grant

Penfield Library, for the second year, awarded its Faculty Teaching and Research Collections Grant to 16 teaching faculty members in April 2013. Each grantee received the opportunity to select $400 worth of library resources to support research interests or program/course curriculum needs of students in their courses. Faculty were asked to write a short rationale for the material requested. The material purchased will serve to enhance the Penfield collection in the chosen subject areas. – Deborah Curry

Congratulations to the 2013 grant recipients!

- Lyn Blanchfield - History
- Ana Djukic-Cocks - Modern Languages & Literatures
- Jacob Dodd - Cinema Studies
- Benjamin Entner - Art
- Gabor Hardy - Communication Studies
- Marianne Hromalik - Computer Science
- Webe Kadima - Chemistry
- Sharon Kane - Curriculum & Instruction
- Gwen Kay - History
- Mark Kulikowski - History
- Ulises Mejias - Communication Studies
- Kristen Munger - Psychology
- Ampalavanar Nanthakumar - Mathematics
- Marla Perkins - Curriculum & Instruction
- Bennet Schaber - English
- Roger Taylor - Psychology

Some of the recipients of the Faculty Teaching and Research Collections Grant.
2nd Annual “On My Own Time” Faculty & Staff Art Exhibition

In May, Penfield Library and Tyler Art Gallery hosted a faculty and staff art exhibition called On My Own Time. Held in the library, this event celebrates the creative talent of faculty and staff who are visual artists “on their own time.” Created in 1974 by CNY Arts, On My Own Time is a community arts program that links the business and cultural sectors of Central New York to promote an appreciation of the arts and to recognize creativity in the workforce. Although this is the 40th year of On My Own Time, this is SUNY Oswego’s second year participating.

The in-house exhibition was adjudicated by a panel of volunteer judges engaged by CNY Arts who are professionally involved in the arts. Selected pieces will be at the Everson Museum of Art from September 12 through October 6. The selected pieces are Happy Hour! (photography) by Lisa Drake from Environmental Health & Safety, Giving Thanks (photography) by Sandra Moore from Health Promotion & Wellness, Evolution: Amphibia, Reptilia & Homo Celestis (sculpture) by Dr. Eric A. Olson from Curriculum & Instruction, From the Back Field I (brush and ink) by Marla Perkins from Linguistics (Curriculum & Instruction), and Childhood Dreams of Richardson Bates House (mixed media) by Sally Vanburen from Facilities Design & Construction.

We also had a People’s Choice Award for which anyone could vote for their favorite piece. This award went to Sally Vanburen from Facilities Design & Construction for Childhood Dreams of Richardson Bates House (mixed media). Ms. Vanburen states:

“I’ve always loved to create. As a child, I enjoyed drawing and coloring with my mother. Now that I am older, I have recaptured this passion. The computer has allowed me to fuse my love of photography and art. I combine my photography with computer techniques, print them out on canvas, and then enhance them further with paint and brush. This method allows me to bring to life what I see inside of them.”

Penfield Library and Tyler Art Gallery congratulate all of the winners! We thank all the artists for submitting their artwork, as well as United University Professions and the School of Communication, Media and the Arts for their generous support! – Tina Chan

Library Art Exhibitions Coming Soon

Penfield Library hosts art exhibitions that feature student, faculty, and staff artwork. For the months of September and October, view the work of Professor Sarah Haig’s students in Art 209: Typography. The artwork will be featured on the 1st floor across from the Check Out/Reserves desk. For the months of November and December, view student artist Lacey O’Connor’s digital illustration work from her independent study course with Professor Amy Bartell. Ms. O’Connor’s work will be showcased on the 2nd floor lobby. Also during November-December will be a graphic flash exhibition by students in Professor Amy Bartell’s illustration course and in Professor Leigh Wilson’s flash fiction course. The exhibition will be highlighted on the 1st floor across from the Check Out/Reserves desk. Opening receptions are being planned for these exhibitions, and will be open to the community. – Tina Chan
Penfield on Pinterest

It’s okay. Judge a book by its cover, at least when it’s on display at Penfield Library’s new Pinterest page. Pinterest - the popular, image-based social site - will be used to highlight selected library collections and titles. Use our Pinterest page to browse through a diverse selection of our materials, discover some new titles, or share your love of some favorites.

Currently, Penfield Library’s boards include Campus Reads (Oswego Reading Initiative), Staff Picks, New Books, Beach Reads, and more. It will continue to grow as we add more pins and boards to our site.

Pinterest joins Twitter and Facebook as key tools for interacting with Penfield Library. Follow us to find fresh, librarian-picked titles on a variety of subjects and interests, or just to look at the pretty covers. – Leah Galka

New Technology for Checkout

Penfield Library has some new technologies available for checkout. Canon Vixia Digital Camcorders are tiny camcorders that offer several video formats for users looking for HD and other professional-level recording. (Of course, they do record in MP4 as well!) Get them at the 2nd floor service desk, and they go out for a week. To get your video off of them, open Movie Maker or iMovie and import directly from the camera.

The library also has Mikey iPod microphones designed to work with iPhones and iPod Touches. Perfect for portable voice recording, they have three different settings (depending on how loud your source is) and plug right into the 30-pin slot. While they are designed for the 4th generation and earlier, you can use them with our iPod Touch 5s if you check out a lightning connector as well. Get them at the 2nd floor service desk, and both the mics and the connectors check out for a week.

Finally, now there’s no reason for Mac users to be jealous of PC users as we now offer chargers for both! You can get them at the Check Out/Reserves desk. – Emily Thompson

E-Reader Clinic

Approximately 15 people were in attendance at Penfield’s e-reader clinic on July 22. The clinic was held to help faculty and staff better understand the library’s e-books and how to use their personal devices with the library’s electronic resources.

Participants learned more about the available e-book collections, such as the popular titles available through OverDrive, as well as the more academic titles available through ebrary and eBooks on EBSCOhost. Participants also received one-on-one assistance with connecting their devices to the campus wireless (if relevant) and with downloading materials to their personal devices, such as Nooks, tablets, and iPads.

Participants pre-registered for one of four 30-minute time slots between noon and 2 p.m. They were encouraged to bring their devices and participate in the sessions. Five librarians and one CTS staff member were on hand to troubleshoot and help resolve any issues that arose.

A second e-reader clinic is planned for September 13 from 2-4 p.m. in Penfield Library’s Classroom 1. A registration form will be sent in early September via Oswego Daily. For more information, contact chris.hebblethwaite@oswego.edu or emily.thompson@oswego.edu. – Leah Galka
Building News

You may have noticed that we’ve created on the 2nd floor of Penfield Library what we affectionately call book nooks. These book nooks are small group study spaces that we’ve fashioned out of shelving units and low use volumes, primarily law sets that are now available online through WestLaw. The book nooks are located between the Teaching Resource Center and the Government Documents collection. The first two book nooks were assembled last summer and they were informally named through a Facebook contest: Narnia and Hogsmeade. Our third nook was added this summer and named Winterfell. We obviously have a fantasy theme going here. Our book nooks are equipped with a table, chairs, and outlets for powering laptops or other devices. Group study spaces are always popular with our students and these are no exception. Enjoy! – Chris Hebblethwaite

From the Writing Center

Writing tutoring will be provided in Penfield Library rooms 302, 303, 305 & 306. Here is the tentative schedule for fall 2013 tutorial services: Mondays through Thursdays from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Fridays 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., and Sundays 1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Writing tutoring is also provided during the week in Hart Hall and Johnson Hall. Students can view the schedule and make appointments by visiting the Writing Center website. In addition, tutors are available for walk-in assistance during the week; go to the Writing Center site to see walk-in availabilities, too. The tutors provide sensitive and constructive help with essay planning, organization, development, and revision. The Writing Center presently employs a staff of 8 undergraduate tutors, 1 graduate student, and 1 professional. You can learn more about the writing tutors by reading their bios on the Writing Center site. Instructors across the disciplines are encouraged to request a classroom visit by a tutor. Tutors can share information about the Writing Center’s services and respond to any questions.

Online writing tutoring is available. SUNY Oswego, SUNY Cortland, SUNY Delhi, Tompkins-Cortland Community College, SUNY Buffalo, Alfred State College, Ulster Community College, SUNY Morrisville, SUNY Plattsburgh, and SUNY IT are part of the STAR-NY (Sharing Technology & Academic Resources) consortium. All students enrolled in these institutions have free online access to tutors Sunday through Friday, 7:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. Online STAR–NY tutoring for fall 2013 begins September 3 and ends December 12.

The Writing Center will continue to sponsor its Write Ways Series of weekly workshops during the fall semester. These workshops are presented by staff and faculty from Penfield Library, the Writing Center, and various academic departments. They are free and open to all interested students, staff, and faculty. The workshops cover a variety of helpful topics such as sentence-level skills, research writing tips, and using writing-related software. Workshops are scheduled Friday afternoons from 3:00 to 4:00 in Library Classroom 2. Detailed information for the workshops will circulate on flyers, posters, digital signage, and the oswegodaily-list Digest.

The campus community should contact Steve Smith with any requests or questions about the Writing Center. He can be reached at 312-3762 or steven.smith@oswego.edu.
From the Research Help Desk

In January 2013, a renovation to the entrance of Penfield Library was completed. The renovation changed how people enter the Lake Effect Café. No longer do they enter the café through the library; they now enter the café before passing through the library’s security gate. This change impacted the ability to take reference materials (e.g. encyclopedias, handbooks, dictionaries, etc.) to the café or Lake Effect Conference Room, places where many students like to study or work on assignments. Traditionally, we have not allowed reference books to be taken out of the library proper. To remedy this inconvenience, we’ve changed our checkout policy for reference books so people can check them out for 2-hour periods and can take them through the security gate to the café, Lake Effect Conference Room, and 24-hour Room. We hope this improves access to this valuable collection.

Reading Library of Congress call numbers and using them to find books in our collection has always been a challenge for some of our patrons, particularly those new to our library. To help with this, we’ve placed signs on the 3rd floor that encourage people to call us at the Research Help desk if they have trouble locating a book. The signs say, “Can’t find it? Call us! We’ll come help.” They are located on the ends of the shelving units at periodic intervals. All you need to do is call us using your cell phone and we’ll come up to help you out. Research can be hard enough for a busy student, faculty, or staff member without the frustration of not being able to find the book you’re looking for. Argh! – Chris Hebblethwaite

Food for Fines

Penfield Library is once again sponsoring Food for Fines, which allows you to pay for overdue books and unpaid fines with food donations. These donations will be accepted November 1-30 at the Check Out/Reserves desk and given to the Human Concerns Food Pantry in Oswego. Each food item will cancel $1.00 or less in fees. Participating in Food for Fines allows students to clear their library obligations with something other than money, and it provides food for those in need here in the community.

Only pre-packaged, unopened food in cans, boxes, or plastic jars will be accepted, as well as no glass, perishables, or damaged/expired items. If faculty or staff members would like to contribute food, it would also be appreciated. For further information, ask at the Check Out/Reserves desk or email cirdesk@oswego.edu. Let’s help make these happy holidays for the hungry here in Oswego. – Ray Morrison

“Explore Global Literature: An Evening of Foreign Language Readings”

As our world becomes more global, foreign language acquisition becomes crucial to fostering world awareness. On March 5, Oswego students and faculty demonstrated their Chinese, French, Spanish, German, and Serbian language skills during an evening of foreign language readings. Both native and non-native speakers read a foreign language text, then shared the English language summary. Participants included Abigail Allard, Michelle Bishop, Ana Djukic-Cocks, Brooke Fischman, Melissa Krug, Marta Mendoza, Nichelle Pawlikowski, and Xiaoying Wang. A similar event is planned for spring 2014. – Michelle Bishop
Penfield’s Newest Librarian

Penfield Library welcomed its newest librarian in July. Brandon West is Penfield Library’s Online Instruction/Instructional Design Librarian. Brandon relocated to Oswego from Grand Rapids, Michigan where he worked at the Grand Rapids Public Library and at Grand Valley State University.

In his new position, Brandon will develop initiatives to advance the library’s online services, including online instruction and the library’s presence in ANGEL, for SUNY Oswego’s distance education students. He will also provide library instruction to the Health Promotion & Wellness and undergraduate Curriculum & Instruction programs in the School of Education. He will select books for Curriculum & Instruction, Educational Administration, Technology Education, and Vocational Teacher Preparation.

Brandon earned his Master of Library Science degree from Texas Woman’s University in 2013 and holds a Master of Education degree in Educational Technology from Grand Valley State University. He is excited to be a part of the SUNY Oswego community and looks forward to collaborating with faculty. He encourages students and faculty in the School of Education to contact him directly with any suggestions regarding the library’s collection or services.

Display to Archives Program for Faculty Works

If you’ve published anything lately (books, book chapters, articles, reviews, etc.), please consider donating a copy to the library to be included in the Display to Archives Program. You will be honored at an annual reception held in early spring. Faculty scholarly works are displayed in glass cases near the Check Out/Reserves desk, then added to Special Collections. If you wish to contribute, please send items by Thursday, October 31 to be included in the late fall/winter display. Material may be sent to elizabeth.young@oswego.edu or the library director, barbara.shaffer@oswego.edu. 2013 will be our 25th anniversary of this effort. We hope you will consider being part of our silver anniversary year! – Elizabeth Young

From Interlibrary Loan

Remembering your ILLiad (interlibrary loan) username and password just got easier! In late May, we switched to authenticating in Illiad via your LakerNet ID and password. If you previously registered in ILLiad with a username other than your LakerNet ID, the first time you log into ILLiad with the now required LakerNet ID and password, you should get a registration form. Please complete and submit this form, and the interlibrary loan folks will take it from there. If you have any difficulty accessing your ILLiad account, or any other questions or issues related to your interlibrary loan requests, please get in touch with Interlibrary Loan at ill@oswego.edu or 315-312-4546. – Michelle Parry

Family and Friends Weekend Book Sale

Join us for the Family and Friends Weekend Book Sale on Saturday, October 26 at 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. in the library basement. We have non-fiction and fiction books, including children’s books, in hardcover and paperback, records, DVDs, CDs, and magazines. We also have special priced items for 50% off the marked price. If you’re looking to buy used books and media at low prices, the library book sale is sure to have something for you. – Tina Chan
Fall 2013 Calendar of Events

- Fridays, 3pm-4pm, September 6-November 29 — Write Way Series workshops, Classroom 2. See page 5 for more information.

- August 26 & 27, 9am-5pm — Welcome Table, library quad.

- Months of September-October — Typography designs by Professor Sarah Haig’s students in Art 209: Typography, 1st floor across from the Check Out/Reserves desk.


- September 19, 1pm-5pm — Penfield Success Fair, library lobby. Students will meet the people and learn about services that can help them ace college.

- October 26, 11am-3pm — Friends and Family Weekend Book Sale, basement. See page 7 for more information.

- October 31 — Display to Archives deadline for faculty and staff to submit scholarly and creative works. See page 7 for more information.

- Months of November-December — Student artist Lacey O’Connor’s digital illustrations, 2nd floor lobby.

- Months of November-December — Graphic flash exhibition from Professor Amy Bartell’s illustration course and from Professor Leigh Wilson’s flash fiction course, 1st floor across from the Check Out/Reserves desk.

- November 1-30 — Food for Fines. See page 6 for more information.

- November 15, 2pm-5pm—International Games Day. Bring your own game or try one of the library’s.

- Week of Finals — Extended hours and coffee for finals in the Lake Effect Café.

- December 9 & 10, 11am-2pm — Free massages sponsored by Counseling Services Center, Classroom 2.