Librarian in the Making

Before graduating in May 2017, our former student employee Emily Cooper shared with us her love of the Library and a bit about her future plans.

I’m a senior at UMass Amherst and I study Art History and French and Francophone Studies. This semester I was fortunate to be able to participate in a practicum offered by the Art History department during which I conducted personally curated tours of the Kara Walker exhibit, “Emancipating the Past: Kara Walker’s Tales of Slavery and Power,” at the University Museum of Contemporary Art on campus. The opportunity I had to discuss these dense and sometimes difficult images with the general public during my tours has quickly become one of the most rewarding, sobering, and memorable experiences at UMass.

Five Colleges’ Library Annex Opens

The Five Colleges’ new Library Annex in Hatfield, Mass., officially opened in a ribbon-cutting ceremony in May. The 35,000-square-foot building will house books from the Five College Repository Collection: Amherst, Hampshire, Mount Holyoke and Smith colleges, and UMass Amherst.

The 26,000-square-foot storage module is a concrete-floored room with 24-foot-high green shelving, where the books will be stacked, waiting for students and researchers to request them from the building’s depths. The property has enough space for the construction of up to four future modules of similar size.

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The Du Bois Falcons Thank You!

Since the live falcon webcam was installed in 2012, almost 300 donors have contributed more than 500 gifts totaling nearly $14,000 to keep the live stream going and for camera repairs and maintenance. Thank you!

On May 30, Tom French and David Paulson of MassWildlife banded two chicks; a male and a female. Both were flying by June 24 and all four falcons, parents and fledglings, can be seen and heard daily in the skies above the Library.

The Falcon Cam (library.umass.edu/falcons) is made possible by the UMass Amherst Facilities Planning Division, UMass Amherst Information Technology, the Libraries’ Systems and Web Management Department, the Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife (MassWildlife), and the Friends of the Libraries.

Microsoft Awards Libraries Software Grant

Microsoft New England recently awarded software to the UMass Amherst Libraries valued at $745,824. This sixth of such grants since 2006 enables the Libraries to offer up-to-the-minute Microsoft products on computers available to the general public and students. Users can access the university’s vast store of print and digital resources in an integrated information environment, a place where there is free access to technology and where reference librarians still personally answer questions and guide research. The generous gift allows the Libraries to embed technology in the space where users can make the most out of it.

Videos: The Tower Library Saga and UMass on the Eve of the Disco Era

UMass Library Bricks by Brick


UMass on the Eve of the Disco Era: A look at the people, places, and events that shaped the University of Massachusetts during the late 1960s to the mid-1970s. Includes the Mills House occupation, Strike of 1970, Randolph Bromery, School of Education, Economics Department, Project 10, the building boom, and more.

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If You Want to Be Happy. Be Grateful: The Life and Teachings of Brother David Steindl-Rast

Sunday, October 1, 2017
3 - 6 p.m.
Old Chapel, UMass Amherst

The 2017 Friends of the Library Fall Reception celebrates the life and work of Brother David Steindl-Rast, whose archives are an important part of the Libraries’ Special Collections.

A scholar, writer, activist, and Benedictine monk, Brother David has shared a worldwide message of peace, interfaith dialog, social justice, and environmental stewardship for more than 50 years, and he is co-founder of the interactive online community Art of Simple Living.

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