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SCHOLARLY HIGHLIGHTS

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ScholarWorks@UMassAmherst, a digital repository [http://scholarworks.umass.edu], was launched. It provides a place for UMass Amherst faculty, researchers, and scholars to store and share their digital materials. ScholarWorks includes multimedia and manuscripts, articles, book chapters, audio and video files, theses and dissertations and is available to the public.

Special Collections and University Archives sponsored the second colloquium in an ongoing series “Building the Left in the Age of the Right: Developing a Lifetime Commitment,” with activities and writers Eric Morey and Lani Hulse-Moore.

Library of Martin Luther King Paper Gainesburg, Professor of History at Stanford University and Director of the Martin Luther King, Jr., Research and Education Institute, gave a talk in honor of W.E.B. Du Bois’ Birthday.

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Extras aimed at drawing students
By James Vaznis / Globe Staff

AMHERST – To its 3 million volumes of books, the personal papers of US Representative Silvio O. Conte, and the works of William Butler Yeats, the W.E.B. Du Bois Library at the University of Massachusetts has added more features: a café, a lounge, and cellphone isolation booths.

With students shunning its 28 stories and opting to conduct research by mouse click, the library is on an outreach offensive, shelving once-forbidding rules and replacing an old circulation counter with a coffee bar, where hot drinks and soda are for sale and an assortment of pastries are on display behind the counter.

For the full article, see: http://tinyurl.com/ygbxtf

National Public Radio
“Weekend Edition Saturday” with Scott Simon
College Libraries Vie for Student Traffic

“Many college libraries are working hard to attract young scholars to facilities that no longer serve as a gathering place. In-room Internet access is a major competitor. The head of libraries for the University of Massachusetts Amherst, Jay Schafer, tells Scott Simon about the changes at his library’s W.E.B. DuBois building.”

For the full story, see: http://tinyurl.com/25v3jk

Daily Hampshire Gazette
Students Flock to Renovated Library
By Kristin Palpini / Staff writer

AMHERST - Innovative renovations at the University of Massachusetts Learning Commons in the W.E.B. Du Bois Library have increased student use of the library by tens of thousands.

For the full article, see: www.library.umass.edu/friends

“It’s so popular because they are responsive to students’ needs.”

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2006 BY THE NUMBERS

5.9mill
number of items ranging from books to musical recordings in the Libraries

20,883
questions answered at the Learning Commons and Technical Support desk

1,924
number of additional hours Du Bois Library was open compared to 2005

400
number of ports for laptop access

164
number of computers in the Learning Commons

36
number of new upholstered chairs

17
number of laptops for loan

16
number of glass rooms for group study

12
number of new staff members

4
number of Cell Zone™ phone booths