Please join us in welcoming our new Director of Library Services, Dr. Clara Ogbaa. Dr. Ogbaa has been the Director of Library Services at our New Haven neighbor, Gateway Community College, since 2008 and the Interim Director of Education Technology at Gateway since 2016. Under her leadership and management, the GCC Library experienced tremendous growth and a complete transformation of library services and resources for students. Dr. Ogbaa oversaw the successful consolidation of the GCC Long Wharf and North Haven campus libraries’ services and collections and moved them into the new state-of-the-art downtown college facility. The consolidation improved services and facilities, increased students’ information literacy and increased the educational technology skills of students and faculty. As Gateway’s representative on the CSCU Council of Library Directors, she was highly involved in the 2017 implementation of the new system-wide library platform; Dr. Ogbaa will remain on the Council, now as Southern’s representative. Dr. Ogbaa has presented locally, nationally, and internationally on information literacy and emerging technologies. She is a member of the American Library Association, the Association for College and Research Libraries, and the Connecticut Library Association.

Prior to her work at Gateway, Dr. Ogbaa was Administrative Librarian at Texas State University (2004-2008), and Coordinator of Library Instruction here at Southern Connecticut State University (1998-2004). Dr. Ogbaa holds her Ed.D. in Educational Leadership from University of Bridgeport, her Master’s in Library and Information Science and Bachelor’s in English from University of Texas at Austin.

Dr. Ogbaa, speaking about joining the Buley Library team, says that she is delighted to come back to Southern as Library Director and believes this opportunity at Buley will be an amazing experience. “I am excited about the myriad of opportunities created by extensive study areas, computer stations, makerspace--tools that can help our students think, create, explore, innovate, collaborate and fulfill their dreams.

“With our beautiful newly renovated Library, our Library stands as a rich resource for learning, research, and scholarship on campus. With a team of dedicated, knowledgeable library faculty and staff working well together the library will provide effective services and programs that will positively impact student achievement and success in a welcoming learning and social environment. Some of my goals are to maximize our new space, to effectively collaborate with all the shared resources in the building, and to provide effective access to information sources and services.”

Rebecca Hedreen, Library Coordinator for Distance Learning

photo by Shirley Anderson
THE DESTEFANO PAPERS HAVE A NEW HOME

In Summer 2018 the John DeStefano, Jr. Papers found a new home on the ground floor adjacent to Special Collections in room BU012. Buley Library acquired the papers in January 2014 after John DeStefano, Jr. left office having served as Mayor of the city of New Haven for 20 years. For four years the boxes resided in a small technical services office as they were scanned and archived. The scanning is complete and the result is over 200,000 scanned pages of papers from the DeStefano Administration covering all aspects of city governance. The new space is ideal for researchers to spread out and work with documents. The collection can be used by researchers in many disciplines both online and in person. About half of the papers are available on the library’s digital web site http://libcdm.southerncit.edu:2011/cdm. The second half of the papers will be available very soon after the library migrates to a new digital platform. The library also plans to make this area our new Digitization Studio. After spending four years working on organizing the DeStefano papers, it is the right time for the library to engage academic departments on campus to look for ways that the papers can be used in the curriculum. In Fall 2018 the library will have two interns working with the papers one from Political Science: Nicholas Alexiades and one from History: Emma Norden. To discuss opportunities for using the papers in classes or to discuss possible internships contact Jackie Toce tocej1@southerncit.edu.

Jackie Toce
Cataloging and Digitization

Librarian Jackie Toce in the new DeStefano Room.
NEW RESOURCES

Reaxys

The library is pleased to share that we now have a subscription to the Reaxys chemistry database. This database is an important addition to the resources we offer in support of learning, teaching, and research in chemistry. Reaxys contains chemistry information and data from journal articles and patents, including information about chemical compounds, chemical reactions, chemical properties, chemical structures, bibliographic data from the chemical literature, substance data with synthesis planning, and experimental procedures. It covers historical and current information in organic, inorganic and organometallic chemistry. Reaxys is accessible through the Library’s database list from any workstation on campus, and from off campus to those who are logged into SouthernSearch.

Kari Swanson
Serials Librarian and Chemistry Liaison

STEAMLab

The Library has been building its STEAMLab collection and slowly expanding programming. Originally the Buley Makerspace, we have changed our name to encompass the growing uses of the collection in not only the maker movement, but also in STEM and in the Arts. The STEAMLab began in 2015 as an initiative to provide a collaborative environment for unstructured exploration of emerging technologies. In addition to 3D printing services, we have a number of materials and technology items available for loan including Keva planks, Lego Mindstorm sets, Raspberry Pi computers and Arduino boards. We are very excited for our most recent acquisition of the NAO5 humanoid robot. The NAO is equipped with a variety of sensors that enable him to interact with the human world. We hope our NAO can inspire students and faculty of all disciplines to discover and learn in new ways.

Buley Library is excited to welcome back Lauren Johnson as the Graduate Assistant in the Buley STEAMLab. Lauren is pursuing her Master’s degree in Library Science here at Southern, while working full-time at the West Haven Public Library. She has been successful in raising awareness of the STEAMLab across campus and in the greater New Haven community. She has provided outreach programming to the New Haven Public Library Stetson Branch, offered weekly workshops for students, and helped to increase our marketing efforts. Follow our latest news on Facebook @soulibrary and explore our initiatives at https://libguides.southernct.edu/steamlab.

Lauren Johnson is the Graduate Assistant in the Buley STEAMLab
photo by Lauren Johnson

Leisure Reading

Everyone can use a break from their hectic academic schedule and what better way to relax in the last days of summer than with some light reading? The Library has a small collection of leisure reading materials available in front of the circulation desk. This year Buley purchased about forty new titles that are ideal for relaxing on the beach or passing the time on the train. Best sellers are available in various genres including mystery, science fiction, horror, general fiction, and non-fiction. If you are an avid reader, you can also donate your gently used former best sellers to the library for our Leisure Reading Shelf.

Parker Fruehan
Systems Librarian
Artists Books
New Acquisitions:
Family Tree
by Julie Chen

“Family Tree is a piece about the idea of personal identity as framed by one’s family history and family relationships. The piece consists of 16 wooden blocks with visual and written content on all 6 sides. When the blocks are placed in 4 rows of 4 blocks each, a continuous image with corresponding text is revealed. Each of the rows can be turned in order to reveal new content, or the blocks can be jumbled to allow the readers to create their own permutations of text and image.” Julie Chen

Contact Librarian Tina Re for more information about the Artists Books Collection.
Special collections holds many unusual pieces. Howard Hornstein was a Hamden boy and a second generation dentist. His father had a practice in Whitneyville across from the Congregational Church for many years. He loved kids, teeth, and the Ancient Mariners.

Contact Librarian Paul Holmer for more information about the Special Collections

**AROUND THE LIBRARY**

**Voices of our Students - Working at the Library**

Working at the library is a very eye-opening experience. There are a lot of things that happen behind the scenes that I didn't really understand until I started working here. Working at the circulation desk is all about putting on a smile and allowing students to feel welcome especially those who never checked out a book before. We have a lot of interaction with students and faculty. It's nice introducing students to the different programs we have such as the interlibrary loan and to give them the idea that they don't always have to buy the books they need for classes because most often the book is already in the system. I love working at the circulation desk because it's not just about sitting at a desk and checking books in and out. It's also about checking that the book stacks are in order, and keeping call number signs and other signs up to date. Not only that but we have very diverse and open minded supervisors, who allow us to do our jobs but still keep up with school work. - Alecia M.

Working at the library has opened up different opportunities for me to interact with my peers, and also develop relationships with faculty and staff that I would not normally interact with in my classes. I have gotten to know a lot of people just for the simple fact that I work in the library. I also like our supervisors. I also like the fact that they understand that we are students first and that we are here mainly to get an education, while still doing our job. - Kari E..
“Take a Book...Leave a Book” Program Expands!

The library has a new program called “Take A Book ... Leave A Book.” It was launched at North Campus Midrise last Spring Semester and has gained popularity. The concept of this initiative was to bring library donations of books written by popular authors on a library cart to the dorm and students are requesting more books. Students are able to grab a book to read. In return they would leave a good book for other students to read. Unlike the books held at Buley Library there would be no overdue fines and check out was not required. Students loved this and within 2 weeks the cart was empty! More books were added for the students to enjoy. These books were donated due to duplicate copies in the collection. We encourage the University community to donate more books to foster the love of reading and sharing of good books amongst our students.

This was such a great success that I will begin adding books once again in the North Campus Midrise. We have decided to expand and leave books at the West Campus dorm. I would love to have more of our students to be able to just read a book when they want to.

Beth Paris
Access Services
For Social Justice Month, the Library will have a screening of “Paywall: The Business of Scholarship.” This advocacy documentary “… focuses on the need for open access to research and science, questions the rationale behind the $25.2 billion a year that flows into for-profit academic publishers, examines the 35-40% profit margin associated with the top academic publisher Elsevier and looks at how that profit margin is often greater than some of the most profitable tech companies like Apple, Facebook and Google.”

The screening will be Nov. 13 from 6-8pm in BU 118. The hour long documentary will be followed by a discussion.

For more information, contact Rebecca Hedreen, hedreenr1@southernct.edu and see http://paywallthemovie.com/.

Keva Planks & Open Green Screen Time & ‘Notes from the Library Typewriter’ every Tues., 2-9pm, Buley Library Ground Floor STEAMLab Try out our Green Screen! Get creative with an old fashioned typewriter! A new Keva Challenge and other special events every week!

For more information, contact Parker Fruehan, fruehanp1@southernct.edu.
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Staff News

Farewell, Alba Morris
Alba Morris, Social Sciences Librarian, worked for Buley Library for 17 years. She worked with the departments of History, Psychology, and Geography (now Environmental Sciences, Geography, and Marine Studies.) She was well known and liked among faculty and especially students, to whom she often said, “Librarians can save you so much time you can party on the weekends!” Alba will remain part of the Southern family as Faculty Emeritus.

Enjoy your parrots, family, and retirement, Alba. Party on the weekends for us!

On to the next adventure!
Cindy Schofield is leaving Technical Services for the Department of Information and Library Science. She will be teaching Children's Literature and Information Sources this semester.

Best of luck on your new adventure, Cindy, and enjoy your new digs in TE6!

Welcome adjuncts!
With all the departures, we’ve brought in some part-time faculty to fill in the gaps. Karla Jones is returning from last semester as evening Reference Librarian and Ron Fontaine, who worked for us many years ago, will be returning on Sundays. Another evening reference librarian and two Technical Services adjuncts are being hired.

Sabbatical
Instruction Coordinator Wendy Hardenberg will be on Sabbatical Leave from March 1-August 31, 2019. During that time she will use her CSU Research Grant to go to Europe for a few weeks to refresh her language skills, followed by intensive focus on her literary translation work.

Asking for help
Library Hours
Monday – Thursday, 8am – 11pm
Friday 8 m – 4:30 pm
Saturday 9am – 5 pm
Sunday 3 – 11pm

Reference Desk Hours
Monday – Thursday, 8:30 am – 8 pm
Friday 8:30 am – 4:30 pm
Saturday 12-5 pm
Sunday 3-7 pm

You can get in touch with us in person, by phone, email, and chat. You can use “Ask a Librarian” online reference service to ask us a question at any time.

“Research by Subject” under “Find” on the library home page contains specific course guides, topic guides, database tutorials, and general help. For starters, check out “Help” link on the top bar of our home page. Here you can find information on searching the catalog, how to find a journal article, how to come up with a search strategy and cite sources, remote and mobile access to library resources, peer-reviewed articles, Google Scholar, database tutorials, library policies, and much more.

Winnie Shyam
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