



# Elihu Burritt Library Newsletter

## Burritt Library Presents Its First Undergraduate Research Award

by Susan Slaga

On April 5, Burritt Library presented its first-ever Undergraduate Research Award at the Undergraduate Research and Creative Achievement Day (URCAD) held in the Student Center. Two students were each presented with a certificate and a \$300 prize for their outstanding research and use of library resources.

The winners were Laura L. Jensen and Jean Van Bourgondien. Laura is an Anthropology major who wrote a senior thesis titled "The Mischaracterization of the American Colonization Society and Its Role in Antebellum Century North America." According to Jensen:

*"My thesis suggests that the early 1800s was a time of ethnic cleansing in the United States expressed by the implementation of the Naturalization Law, which only allowed citizenship to white people of good moral character, to the Indian Removal Act of 1830, the forced displacement of the Cherokee in what is known as the Trail of Tears. My research focuses on the activities of the American Colonization Society, a social and political organization which sought to repatriate Blacks from the United States."*

Jean Van Bourgondien is a sophomore History major who wrote the winning paper titled, "Workingmen of Bridgeport, Maintain the Status Quo!" Van Bourgondien describes her paper thus:

*"In 1933, Jasper McLevy, a member of the Socialist Party, was elected mayor of Bridgeport. I argue in my paper that neither McLevy nor the Bridgeport Socialist Party were Marxist. After winning the elections, McLevy and his party initiated a series of reforms that helped cut down on corrup-*



**Susan Slaga (center), chair of the awards committee, presents certificates of achievement and monetary awards to Jean Van Bourgondien (left) and Laura L. Jensen (right) at URCAD on April 5, 2007**

*tion in Bridgeport. These reforms were their final goal, yet Marxism states that reforms should be a means of facilitating a revolution; they should not be an end in themselves. Throughout my paper I demonstrate how in McLevy's campaign more attention was given to reform work rather than Marxism."*

Both students did a tremendous amount of research and utilized a variety of library resources including the *Hartford Courant*, *Congressional Record*, archival materials, and many scholarly books and journal articles.

Jensen and Van Bourgondien were very excited and proud to receive the award. "I spent many late nights digging through archival records. It's great to have hard work recognized," said Jensen. When

asked if they had any advice for students who would like to enter the contest next year, Van Bourgondien advised, "Be conscious of the criteria for the award while writing your paper. Use a wide array of primary sources to defend your argument and use secondary sources to back up what the primary sources are saying." Jensen simply said, "Spend lots of time in the library and ENTER!"

Please stay tuned for more de-

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### Announcements

#### Two "Roaming Reference" Events Scheduled for May

In order to help students with research assignments when they need it most, the Reference Department will sponsor two "Roaming Reference" events on May 2nd and May 8th. Burritt librarians will be available in the Microlab, located in the Marcus White Annex, on Wednesday, May 2nd from 11 am to 2 pm to help students with research for final papers and projects.

On Tuesday, May 8th, the department will sponsor "Lattes with Librarians" from 7-8:30 pm during which students can drop by

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## Library Welcomes New Faces

by Debbie Herman

The Burritt Library welcomed two new library faculty during the 2006-2007 academic year. **Steven Bernstein**, who joined the staff in October 2006 as Cataloger/Assistant librarian, previously worked in the Yale University and Jewish Theological Seminary libraries cataloging rare Judaic and Hebraic materials. Steven holds a Bachelor's degree from Yeshiva University where he triple majored in English literature, Drama, and Judaic studies. After graduation and unsure of what career path to tread, Steven decided to go into teaching and opted for a specialization in school libraries, which has in recent years suffered from a shortage of qualified practitioners. However, while pursuing a Master of Library Science degree at Southern Connecticut State University, Steven began working at Yale as a cataloger where he discovered his true calling. "What I love most about cataloging is that it brings order to chaos," he noted. "At dinner parties, when asked what it is that I do I often describe my job as, 'mapping the collective consciousness of humanity.' I find a certain degree of spiritual fulfillment in weaving the synapses of human knowledge together to form that map." In addition to earning his M.L.S., Steven completed a sixth-year professional degree in Information Studies at Southern. His research interests are diverse and include library services for distance education and storytelling methods and techniques employed in the Passover liturgy. He is also a new Dad to an 8-month old son, Yeshaiiah (nicknamed "Shai").

**Mary Ellen Bowen** joined the Burritt Library faculty in January 2007 as Serials Librarian replacing Faith Merriman who retired last June. Prior to her arrival at CCSU, Mary Ellen worked at Sacred Heart University as systems librarian with a specialty in health sciences. She is an



**New library faculty members Mary Ellen Bowen and Steven Bernstein**

active member of the Connecticut Association of Health Sciences Librarians having served as its secretary, vice-president and president. She is currently one of the editors of the Medical Library Association's Nursing & Allied Health Sciences Section newsletter. Mary Ellen received her Bachelor's degree in education from St. John's University and her Master of Library Science degree from Southern Connecticut State University. She completed additional graduate work in public health. Her interest in serials is an outgrowth of working in the health sciences field where the periodical "is the most important research tool." According to Mary Ellen, enjoyment of her specialty is gained from "being able to provide access to serials so that the students and faculty are able to complete their research." She also likes the fact that it affords her the opportunity to interact with most areas of the library— from library systems to print collections and interlibrary loan. She is currently conducting a research study of print versus electronic journal use in academic libraries.

Welcome Steven and Mary Ellen!

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Jazzman's Café, located in the library lobby, for complimentary cookies and sodas and research consultations with reference librarians. The first three student visitors will receive a complimentary Jazzman's beverage and all participating students will be eligible to enter a raffle to win an assortment of prizes.

We hope you will take advantage of this opportunity to have fun, seek help with research, and get to know your librarians in a different light!

# Go on a Safari: Using Safari E-books Through the Burritt Library

by Edward Iglesias

Have you ever needed technical information at three in the morning? There is always Google of course, but perhaps you are looking for something more in-depth like you would find in a Definitive Guide or the resource you are looking for is not free. It's time to go on a Safari!

Safari is a product of O'Reilly publishing. Through this database the CCSU community has access to over a thousand online books on technical subjects ranging from programming to applications to computer science. In addition to O'Reilly there are also books from The Pearson Technology Group, which includes the publishers Addison-Wesley, Financial Times Prentice Hall, Cisco Press, and Prentice Hall.

The library has purchased this collection for a couple of reasons. First, IT books tend to become obsolete very quickly. Safari's books are always up-to-date. Secondly, we want to pay attention to what you are reading. By examining the books checked out most frequently we are better able to see trends and understand the needs of our users. To access the Safari collection, go to the library's home page at <http://library.ccsu.edu>. Click on the "Database Finder" Link and either type "Safari" in the search box or select the letter "S".

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Hint! Use this utility to find databases by title or ones relevant to your subject area. You may then search the database you select to find specific articles, reports, etc.

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### Safari Tech Books Online

Search the contents of thousands of e-books in computer science and IT-related fields from publishers such as O'Reilly, SAMS, Macromedia Press and QUE.

**Off-Campus Access:** CCSU students, faculty and staff only. Access is limited to 2 users at a time.

Make sure you are logged in as a CCSU user. The links will take you to the Safari main screen.

The screenshot shows the Safari Books Online website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with 'HOME', 'LIBRARY', and 'SAFARI LABS' on the left, and 'Central Connecticut State University' and 'Logout >' on the right. Below the navigation bar is a search area with a search box containing 'Entire Site', a 'GO' button, and an 'Advanced Search' link. To the left of the search area is a 'Browse by Category' menu with various technical subjects listed. The main content area features a large red banner with the text 'Safari Books Online is the e-reference library for programmers and IT professionals.' To the right of the banner is a 'Welcome to Safari' section with a 'Logout' link and an 'RSS' button. Below that is a 'Publishers on Safari' section listing various publishers like O'Reilly, Addison Wesley, Sams, Prentice Hall, etc.

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From there you can search by title or category. Best of all, Safari lets you cut and paste that bit of code you've typed out three times and still can't get right. For example, the 'Code Fragments' search option found on this page allows you to limit your search to code fragments.

The variety of books available in Safari is overwhelming. A search for books beginning with "Windows" for example yields the following results:

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[Windows Server 2003 Security Cookbook](#)  
[Windows Server 2003 Security: A Technical Reference](#)  
[Windows Server Cookbook](#)  
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[Windows Vista™ Inside Out](#)  
[Windows Vista™ Plain & Simple](#)  
[Windows Vista™ Step by Step](#)  
[Windows Vista: The Definitive Guide](#)

Another way to find Safari titles is through our library catalog, CONSULS. They will appear like any other book title. In the following example, I am searching using the keyword 'Linux'.

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287 results found, sorted by date.

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3	<input type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">Minimal Perl : for UNIX and Linux people / by Tim Maher</a> : CCSU		c2007
4	<input type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">SELinux by example : using security enhanced Linux</a> : CCSU		2007
5	<input type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">SUSE Linux 10.1 kick start [electronic resource]</a> / Jem Matzan : CCSU		c2007
6	<input type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">Linux firewalls</a> : CCSU		2006

## Undergraduate Award

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tails about the 2008 Elihu Burritt Library Undergraduate Research Award. It will be presented next spring for undergraduate student papers written during the spring, summer, and fall 2007 semesters. More information can be found at <http://library.ccsu.edu/about/award/>.

## The PAHA Archives at the Burritt Library

by Renata Vickrey

The Connecticut Polish American Archives (CPAA) at the Burritt Library includes various archival collections of personal papers and organizational records related to Polish and Polish American organizations and individuals. In 2005, CPAA received the entire archives and current records of the Polish American Historical Association (PAHA). Before the records were moved to CCSU they were housed in St. Mary's College in Orchard Lake, Michigan. CCSU was selected as a repository institution because of a well-known Polish Studies program and extensive collections in the Connecticut Polish American Archives. The Polish Studies program was established in 1974 and led by Prof. Stanislaus A. Blejwas until his sudden death in 2001. Prof. M.B. Biskupski is the current holder of the S.A. Blejwas Endowed Chair in Polish Studies. The Polish Archives at CCSU were initially dedicated to collecting and preserving history and documenting the lives of Polish Americans from Connecticut and New England but in recent years has expanded well beyond this geographical area. The Polish archives are known and regularly used by American and international scholars in the field. We attract donations because CCSU has a proven commitment to its Polish Studies Program. Donors recognize that their records are safe here and will be used for research and further publication and teaching.

PAHA was initially a part of the Polish Institute of Arts and Science (PIASA). The Institute was organized in 1942, with the financial help of the Polish government, by Polish scholars and scientists who found refuge in the United States. The Institute was dedicated to research in Polish history; however, its first president Prof. Oskar Halecki recognized the importance of studying the immigration of Poles to America. In 1942, the Commission for Research on Polish Immigration was established and led by Miecislaus Haiman, a published historian of Polonia. In 1944, the Commission became an independent organization devoted to study and research of the history of Polish Americans, and in 1948 adopted its current name.

Prof. Haiman realized how important it was to bring scholarly knowledge of Polish Americans to mainstream history of America well before the movement of ethnic studies in the late 1960s.

High on Haiman's agenda was raising the standards of historical research of immigration and broadening the scope of research beyond the origins of immigration. He understood the importance of data collection and also of preservation and proper archives for collected material. This agenda was continued by Rev. Joseph Swastek who was PAHA's second president. Many Catholic priests and nuns were among the early members of PAHA. The clergy played a very important role for immigrants and church was a main institution that served the spiritual as well as social and educational needs of the Polish American community. For many immigrants to become a priest or a nun was a way to be educated. Later, second and third generations of Polish Americans interested in their own roots joined PAHA. These scholars, educated and often employed by American institutions of higher education, were and remain versed in the history of Polish American communities as well as the history of Poland and Eastern Europe. They established several Polish Studies programs at American universities, pursued research projects related to Polish Americans and cooperated with scholars from Poland who were interested in the history of Polonia (as the Polish American community calls itself). As a result of such interest, the first joint conference was held in Krakow, Poland in 1986. In June of 2004, PAHA held an international conference at CCSU in celebration of "150 years of Polonia in North America."

Since 1944 PAHA has been publishing *Polish American Studies*, a journal which serves as a forum for scholars to share their research; it includes reviews, bibliographies, criticism and information on future publications. *Polish American Studies* is an excellent source for scholars, students, teachers and those who are interested in learning more about Polish and Polish American history, culture and traditions.

PAHA publishes a quarterly newsletter for its members, organizes annual conferences, which take place during the annual meeting of the American Historical Association, of

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which PAHA is an affiliate. PAHA funds some scholarly publications and gives several awards. Some notable examples are the Haiman Award for sustained effort in the area of Polish American Studies, the Halecki Prize for the best book related to a Polish American topic and the Swastek Prize for the best scholarly article published in *Polish American Studies*.

The PAHA archives consist of material related to the establishment of the association, their constitution, by-laws and amendments. It includes material from conferences, executive directors' meetings and extensive correspondence with well-known scholars in the field.

Additionally, the PAHA archives have the Presidential papers of: Prof. Stanislaus Blejwas, Prof. Thaddeus Gromada, Prof. James Pula, and Prof. Joseph Wieczerszak. Their papers include extensive correspondence, minutes of meetings, annual reports, membership and financial data. Each president also kept documentation related to special projects undertaken during their presidency. We are expecting more papers to be donated to the collections by officers and former presidents.

PAHA records consist of 11 boxes, which in archival language translates to 10.5 of linear feet. Material is divided by subject: constitution and by-laws, membership, awards, elections, confer-



**The PAHA Records at home on Stack 2 of the Burritt Library (left) and assorted programs of the Polish American Historical Association (right) from the Archives**

ences, finances, correspondence and mid-year meetings, as well as an extensive collection of clippings and documentation for various projects. The collection is chiefly in English with a very small percentage of material in the Polish language. The PAHA collection is available for anyone interested in pursuing research projects on the history of an ethnic organization, information on ethnic education, and collaboration between other ethnic groups

The current PAHA president is Prof. Anna Jaroszynska-Kirchman from Eastern Connecticut State University where she teaches history. The PAHA office is located at CCSU. Current information on PAHA activities can be accessed at following website: <http://www.polishamericanstudies.org/>

**For further information please contact:**

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The 5th book down has the words [electronic resource] following the title indicating that it is an E-book. After clicking on the title you get a screen with more information and a link to access. Keep in mind that if you are accessing from off-campus that you will be prompted to enter your BlueChip ID number and CONSULS PIN.

The only downside of this collection is that there are only two seats currently available. If we see a lot of people getting turned away, we'll look into getting more. Let us know what you think.

Good luck and happy hacking!

### **Web Spotlight**

## **LibraryThing**

Those of us who toil away in an academic setting tend to amass a surfeit of books and other materials that are seemingly impossible to categorize. Aside from hiring a librarian to organize your personal collection, what is one to do? Enter **LibraryThing** (<http://www.librarything.com>)! LibraryThing is a web-based application that lets you organize books using catalog data from 78 libraries worldwide, including the Library of Congress, as well as commercial websites like Amazon.com. It uses the Z39.50 protocol, a standard which libraries have used for years to provide federated searching of disparate, remote library catalogs and abstracting and indexing services, in a new and innovative way. Registering for a free account entitles you to add up to 200 books, and for a mere \$10 per year or \$25 one-time fee you can add an unlimited number of items. The service lets you apply subject tags to your books and use the Library of Congress and Dewey Decimal classification schemes to organize them.

In addition to creating a catalog of your personal library or reading list of the moment, LibraryThing is a social networking site, the “MySpace of books” as touted by its founder, Tim Spalding. It enables you to connect with like-minded readers, read and write reviews, and participate in book discussions. LibraryThing lets you create blog widgets, the code for which can be cut and pasted into your blog or web page HTML. You can create one search widget that lets visitors search your catalog or another that displays information, including book covers, for particular books that are in your library.

Searching for books from the LibraryThing homepage is a tad unsophisticated, presumably by design, so it's best to use the ISBN or exact title if you have it. Another drawback is that LibraryThing only lets you search one catalog at a time. Still, other features such as the ability to enter books manually or import lists from various file formats (XML, tab-delimited text, HTML, and CSV) or websites containing ISBN data more than make up for this shortcoming. You may also export your library in tab-delimited or CSV formats for easy loading into other systems.

Like any technology startup, who knows that the future of LibraryThing will bring. Although the company is growing steadily, a number of competitors have emerged such as GuruLib, aNobii, and Squirrel which could have an impact as the field expands. It could go under, be acquired by Google (like YouTube), or any scenario in between. Nevertheless, LibraryThing fulfills two important needs that have been around as long as the written word— a way to organize collections and put readers in touch with books and other readers. —editor

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