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How to be in 11 places at once

Mann's new videoconferencing rooms help make global collaboration fast, easy and low-cost.

If you need to travel to conferences and workshops far away in other parts of the world, but are strapped for time or funding, you may be able to solve your problem by simply walking across the Ag Quad to Mann Library.

Just ask Cornell Food Science professor Bob Grivani, who used the equipment in one of Mann's two video conferencing rooms to serve as a guest speaker in October for a conference sponsored by the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture. "I was not able to travel to Costa Rica due to scheduling conflicts, but with the videoconferencing facilities, we were able to share our expertise with food professionals in 11 countries who were tied in to the conference," says Prof. Grivani. "As travel and time constraints continue to be issues in the future, the videoconferencing facility in Mann Library will be invaluable to faculty and staff who need to communicate valuable information with constituents and stakeholders around the country and the world."

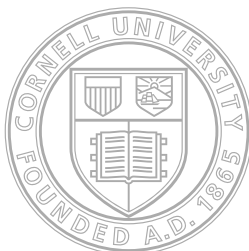
Both Mann Seminar Room 100 and Conference Room 102 are

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New writing center complements current reference service

The newest outpost of the Writing Walk-In Service (WWIS) opened last month in 160 Mann Library. The WWIS, which now has six locations including Olin, Uris and Mann libraries, is a free service available to everyone on campus for nearly any kind of writing project: applications, presentations, lab reports, essays, papers, and more.

Expansion to Mann was a logical next step, according to WWIS Director Tracy Carrick, because "Olin has been a longtime fixture and has always been our busiest location, particularly for non first-year students." Since many students come to the library to work on written assignments or get research help at the reference desk, having the WWIS in the same building makes it easy for students to get writing help at the same time. "Student study in a library, and our mission is to go where students are, in order to support them as best we can," says Carrick.



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Looking to improve students' research skills? Week-long summer institute can help

The Information Competency Initiative is seeking applicants for its week-long summer institute which helps faculty improve the research components of their classes. The institute aims to build a community dedicated to improving student research skills.

The institute is open to all Cornell faculty members, and this year an additional grant from the Library, the Office of the Provost, and the Office of the Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education is available to assist faculty in addressing the information literacy standards that are required by Middle States accreditation (particularly standards 11 and 14 on educational offerings and assessment). This collaboration between librarians and faculty (and other campus partners such as CIT, CTE, and the Knight Institute) is key for creating innovative and effective library research experiences. The initiative has worked with courses in Biology, Communication, Applied Economics and Management, Food Science, Crop and Soil Science/International Agriculture, American Indian Studies, and Education.

Benefits from the institute include:

***“We’re trying to train freshmen how research scientists think...”
Cornell has been forward-looking in this area; this institute proves that.”***

**~ Ronald Hoy
Professor of Biology**

- financial and administrative support for at least eight instructors to attend a week-long institute held May 24-28, during which individual faculty members partner with teams of librarians, information technologists and pedagogical experts
- a year-long team partnership to redesign and implement undergraduate research assignments and courses
- a supportive continuing community dedicated to helping faculty integrate research skills into their curricula
- a small stipend that allows faculty to bring ideas from the institute into their classrooms
- an increased focus on digital literacy and assessment in the classroom

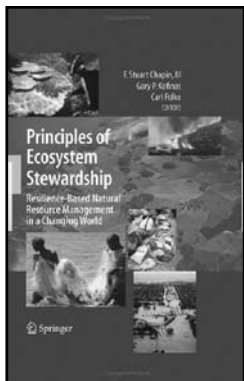
The institute supports President Skorton’s and the university’s goal of improving undergraduate education by providing faculty with support, funding and partnership with experts from academic support areas. In addition, in an era of increasing enrollments and decreasing resources, the institute will give instructors the tools to make sure that students are learning no matter the class size. With these tools, faculty will be able to enhance the curriculum by creating relevant and engaging research assignments for their courses and engage further with a community dedicated to teaching and learning.

2010 will be the third year of the program, which has generated high praise from past participants. Faculty members and students themselves report that students can find relevant sources faster and structure their research better. The application can be found at <http://tiny.cc/infocomp> and questions can be addressed to infocompetency@cornell.edu.

New e-books provide timely, cost-effective access

The books of the major academic publisher Springer are now available to the Cornell community in electronic format covering 2005 to the present. For instance, *The Principles of Ecosystem Stewardship*, published in 2009, is accessible online via the Cornell University Library catalog. While a paper copy of this book might take weeks to arrive at the library, followed by time for processing and cataloging before being added to the collection, purchasing the books in electronic format significantly reduces the processing time and speeds up access to the most-current materials. In addition, the library can buy a large collection of e-books at a discount and provide more titles.

Currently, we are purchasing Springer e-books in behavioral sciences, biomedical and life sciences, environmental sciences and statistics, with more areas to be added in the future. You can find these books in the catalog by title or author and they can be read online or book chapters in PDF can be downloaded and printed. We are exploring adding e-books from other publishers and welcome faculty input. Please send your feedback to Marty Schlabach at m5@cornell.edu.



Around the world with videoconferencing

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set up with the latest in video-conferencing hardware and software, including computers, lapel microphones, large LCD screens and complete Polycom units. Room 102 is set up in a lecture format and can accommodate 50 people, while the smaller Room 100 seats about 10 in a U-shape, with additional seating for observers in the back of the room. While anyone from Cornell can use the facilities, priority is given to groups from the Colleges of Agriculture and Life Sciences and Human Ecology.

The International Programs office of CALS, for example, has used the facilities for a variety of classes and international initiatives. The International Agriculture and Rural Development (IARD) program used the facility for several classes including IARD 6010 (Experience Latin America II). IARD 6010 is a collaborative course of Cornell and

80,000 Cornell books now viewable on the Internet Archive

Cornell University Library has partnered with the Internet Archive (www.archive.org) to provide access to the tens of thousands of books digitized during our partnership with Microsoft. Nearly 80,000 volumes, all in the public domain (published before 1923) are now available. They cover a wide variety of subject areas including home economics, agriculture, veterinary medicine, ornithology, and life sciences.

One example is Liberty Hyde Bailey's *The Holy Earth* published in 1915: <http://tiny.cc/bailey437>.

The Internet Archive has made available books from many libraries, and they can be found at <http://www.archive.org/details/texts>. If you are interested in the materials from Cornell, they can be found at <http://www.archive.org/details/cornell>. Since the books are in the public domain, not only is it possible to read them online, but you may also download them in a number of different formats and print them out. Our library catalog provides links to these online versions of the books.

*sun comes out . . .
the walk home
with my shadow*

~Tom Clausen

Michigan State University which combines field work in Chiapas, Mexico with video-conference reporting sessions between East Lansing and Ithaca.

The videoconferencing system at Mann has also allowed students at the University of Ghana's West Africa Centre for Crop Improvement (WACCI) to discuss their research proposals with their Cornell and University of Ghana dissertation committees. "The videoconferencing system is a great technology for the students," says Jaron Porciello, TEEAL project director and head of International Programs at Mann. "It provides a way for the students to present to their doctoral committee, and to take questions and comments in real time."

Interested in reserving one of these facilities for your event? Room requests should be made online at least two weeks in advance. Use of Rooms 100 and 102 is limited to one-time academic activities such as meetings, seminars, lectures, training sessions, and discussion groups; they are not intended for ongoing classes or weekly recurring events. If your event falls under one of these categories, you can check the rooms' calendars and then submit a reservation request online at <http://www.mannlib.cornell.edu/rooms-labs>.

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Events

April 15, 4 pm

The Finger Lakes Wine Industry Reinvents Itself

Talk by Tim Martinson, New York State Agricultural Experiment Station
Room 160 Mann Library, 1st floor

June 11, 10 am

Andrew Dickson White on Beauty

Talk by Carol Kammen, Department of History
Manelski Reading Room Mann Library, 2nd floor

June 11, 1 pm

Out of the Teaming Sea

Talk by Drew Harvel, Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology
Manelski Reading Room Mann Library, 2nd floor



Cornell (infra)Red photo exhibit on display May - June in the Mann Library Gallery, 2nd floor

Exhibits

Through March 31st

Heirloom Poultry, a display on the resurgent art and practice of heirloom chicken husbandry, showcasing selections from Mann's James E. Rice Collection of rare poultry volumes.

Mann Lobby Exhibit Cases, 1st floor

March

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A student art installation by Eammon Coughlin and Maria Calderon, Department of Landscape Architecture.

Mann Library Gallery, 2nd floor

April

The Sweet-Voiced Bird Has Flown: Portraits of Common Birds in Decline

Guild of Natural Science Illustrators
Mann Library Gallery, 2nd Floor

May - June

Cornell (infra)Red: Photographs of Cornell Architecture

Kent Loeffler

Mann Library Gallery, 2nd Floor

May - August

Cornell Greenhouses: Living Classrooms and Botanical Spaces of the Upper Campus

Mann Lobby Exhibit Cases, 1st floor



Deep in the stacks:

Maps & Memorial Trees

Relaxing in the shade of the Ag Quad during a spring afternoon, you may wonder about the stately trees—what species are they? How old? Who planted them? A new acquisition at Mann helps answer those questions.

It all began at the reference desk with a simple question from fourth-generation Cornelian, Laura Main ('91). She was visiting her alma mater and wanted to show her children the memorial tree on the Quad dedicated to their great grandfather, Richard Frick ('17), professor and former chair of the Agricultural Economics Department. Did we happen to know which tree it was?

The reference staff searched through Mann's map collection, unaware that the answer was hiding right in front of them in the form of Horticulture graduate student Fred Cowett, quietly working away on a computer in the Stone Computer Center.



Overhearing the staff, Fred approached the desk with just the sort of lucky break we needed to answer Laura's question.

It turns out that Fred and another graduate student, Chris Gruber, had recently completed an inventory of all the trees on campus. Using that data, Fred offered to update a 1995 map of memorial trees we had found in the collection and give us a current map of all the trees on the Ag Quad.

This new map lists the location, species, size, donor and dedication information for each tree. The new map is located at the Reference Desk and online at: <http://hdl.handle.net/1813/14606>.

So now as you relax under a leafy branch, you can thank the Cornellians who are commemorated by the beautiful trees on our Quad and identify whether the shade you are enjoying comes from a Maple, American Chestnut or a Silver Linden tree.

Cornell teams with Amazon to make out-of-print items available to anyone via print-on-demand

Cornell University Library has expanded its partnership with Amazon.com (<http://www.amazon.com>) to include titles digitized during Cornell's partnership with Microsoft. While these items are viewable online for free (see Internet Archive article on p. 3), the Amazon service allows users to easily acquire a bound paper copy for their personal collection. These new additions increase the number of print-on-demand titles from about 7,000 to over 80,000. All of the volumes are in the public domain (published before 1923), and cover a wide range of subject areas including home economics, agriculture, ornithology, veterinary medicine, and other life sciences. Pricing varies depending on the size of the title.

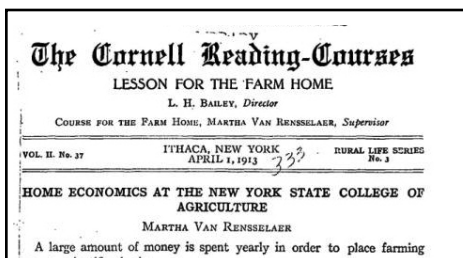
One example is Martha van Rensselaer's *Home Economics at the New York State College of Agriculture* published in 1913 (pictured below, and available online <http://tiny.cc/homeec>).

All the titles are in Amazon's book index. If you are interested in finding Cornell's books, use the advanced book search option, filling in Cornell University Library as the publisher. You can narrow the search to your specific area of interest by using keywords.

Physical Sciences and Population Libraries move items to Mann

When the decision was made to close Cornell's Physical Sciences Library at the end of the fall 2009 semester, Mann was one of several libraries on campus designated to receive books from the collection. Now, almost fully integrated into the Mann collection, these 2,100 books in the subject areas of organic and biochemistry complement Mann's current holdings in biology and physiology.

The Cornell Population Development Program Library's collection was transferred to Mann Library in the fall of 2009. The Stycos Population Collection is now available to users many more hours than previously possible in the Warren Hall basement location. More importantly, as part of the Cornell University Library, the collection is accessible through the online catalog, making discovery of these resources easier for researchers at Cornell and around the globe.



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