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New Acting Director at Mann Library



Twenty year veteran Mary Ochs became Mann Library's Acting Director when Janet McCue transitioned to a new position as Associate University Librarian for Teaching, Research, Outreach and Learning Services.

For those who may have missed the word last semester, at the top of Mann's news line-up this spring is the warm welcome we'd like to extend to the new Acting Director of Mann Library—Mary Ochs. Mary has been at Mann's helm since last October, but many will recognize her as a librarian long associated with everything that Mann Library offers. In her 20-plus year career with the Cornell University Library, Mary has left her mark on collection development, instruction, reference, interlibrary loan, and international initiatives. She has compiled an impressive track record in grant writing and project management, including awards received from the Rockefeller Foundation, the National Endowment for the Humanities, and the Institute of Museum and Library Services. Most recently, as Head of Mann's Services and Collections division, Mary was a principal investigator for the Gates Foundation-funded World Ag Info Project

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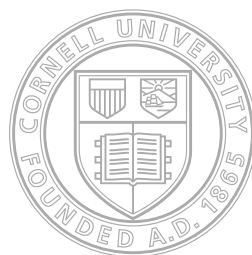
If you're hoping for a place in Mann that welcomes high-energy group brainstorming with plenty of tools to capture and share ideas and pull together a polished presentation, then the new Kenneth J. Bissett '89 Collaborative Center on Mann's second floor is your space.

Located in what was originally the library's card catalog room, the Bissett Center is a customizable work and study space

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The Mann Library Newsletter

Draw a Crowd to Your Next Event --

Mann's lobby LCD is a great (free!) way to advertise



Have news that will delight and edify the people? Care to share the coolest of your summer research photos with the masses? Every day hundreds of students, faculty and staff pass through the lobby-- stopping to chat, read the paper, or check the weather report or CNN on the lobby's kiosk. However, most people don't know the lobby kiosk's LCD screen and bulletin board are available to the Cornell community to publicize academic accomplishments, opportunities or events.

The screen is a low-cost way to get your message out to a large number of people, and requires less effort and resources than traditional printing

and posting of flyers. We've posted instructions and policies online on how to use PowerPoint or Photoshop to create a digital poster for our screen. Send your finished poster to us, and once it's approved, we'll put it up on the screen for all to see.

If you have a moment, stop by the kiosk to catch the diversity of activities happening on the upper campus: exciting upcoming lectures; photos of tiny tree frogs taken during research in the field; recent award-winning researchers and their work. Or, better yet--send us a poster about the academic events, opportunities or accomplishments that are important to you!



Full details & instructions at
<http://www.mannlib.cornell.edu/lobby.cfm>

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Workshop series held in Zambia, India and at Cornell. That initiative has laid promising groundwork for realizing effective information technologies for agricultural researchers and the rural poor in Africa and Asia.

Mary earned a BSc in Natural Resources from Cornell's College of Agriculture and Life Sciences in 1979, and received her Master's of Library Science from Syracuse University in 1982. Helping her stay connected to Cornell—quite the useful perspective for a service-oriented librarian!—have been her college-age children. Son Andy graduated from Cornell in 2007, Dan is currently enrolled in the Applied Economics and Management program, and daughter Becky has Cornell among her top choices as she plans the start of her undergraduate career this fall.

A farewell reception held in honor of departing director Janet McCue in October made the changing of the guard at Mann's helm official. Accompanied by the Olympic anthem and the thunder of virtual fireworks, Janet handed over to Mary a blazing



Janet McCue passing the "torch of leadership" to Mary Ochs

"torch of leadership" (i.e. a large ear of Indian corn) to seal the transition. Helping to celebrate, Professor of Human Development Barbara Lust described the deep appreciation felt by CALS and CHE faculty for Janet's service to the upper campus community. Cornell University Librarian Anne Kenney welcomed the prospect of spreading more of that "Mann magic" throughout the Cornell University Library with Janet's transition to her new position as Associate University Librarian for

Teaching, Research, Outreach and Learning Services. And Mann Library staff honored their erstwhile director with a formal presentation of well over three dozen gold medals (Michael Phelps, move over!) for the leadership role she played in stewarding Mann Library's many accomplishments during her 10 year tenure as director.

Mary Ochs' acceptance of the leadership torch at the reception's crescendo moment sparked a long round of warm applause from the attending crowd. Mary's many ties to the teaching and research mission of Cornell, her deep experience at Mann and her involvement with some of the most innovative initiatives on the information frontier give her a uniquely powerful perspective to take the reigns as the library's acting director in a time of great challenge for higher education in New York State—a challenge she looks forward to facing with the dynamic students, faculty and staff of the CHE and CALS communities.

High Time for High Tech Study...

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for students to work collaboratively on projects and assignments. Newly available here are nine configurable work stations with portable LCD screens, Mac mini computers, DVD player/recorders, speakers, whiteboards, partitions, chairs and tables. Whether you're working with one, two, three or more classmates, the Bissett Center puts the best in collaborative research and writing gadgetry at your finger tips.

**"...this space is a dream
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this room."**

Just ask Communication Professor Sahara Bryne, whose Comm. 3300 students used the Bissett space in the fall term for class projects. "The Bissett Collaboration space could not have been more perfect," said Prof. Bryne. "Some groups gathered around the screens, plugging in their laptops to create their presentations right then and there. Other groups were just beginning the process, and chose to pour over journal articles spread across the tables. Still others mapped out strategies on the whiteboards-on-wheels. As I made the rounds through all of the groups, I realized that this space is a dream. It fits with the vibe of Mann as an intellectual social hub. Very big ideas will begin in this room."

This space honors the memory of Kenneth Bissett '89, a CALS student tragically killed in the bombing of Pan Am flight 103 over Lockerbie, Scotland. The world lost an innovative thinker with Bissett's



untimely death, but we like to think that a share of his perspective lives on with the establishment of a student work center that enables students from many backgrounds and fields to collaborate successfully with the help of some exciting information technology.

For more details on the space, check out <http://mannlib.cornell.edu/equipmentandrooms/bissett.cfm>

evening star
the horizon
of my childhood
~Tom Clausen

Spring and Summer

Events

Events are held in room 102, 1st floor of Mann Library unless otherwise noted

March 26, 4 pm

Book talk by R. K. Horst, *Westcott's Plant Disease Handbook*

April 21, 4 pm

A reading of haiku and other poetry by Frank Robinson and Tom Clausen

April 24, 3-5 pm*

Research Paper release party and poster session
*Mann Library Lobby



April 30, 4pm

Book talk by Sheila Dean, *After the Origin*



June 5, 10 am

Book talk by
Warren Allmon, *For the Rock Records: Geologists on Intelligent Design*



Exhibits

Through March

"This Revolution Has Got to Be for Everybody:" The 1969 Cornell Conference on Women
Mann Lobby Exhibit Cases, 1st floor

April 1- 30th

Student Exhibit: Laryssa Stecyk, Landscape Architecture
Mann Library Gallery, 2nd floor

April - May 15th

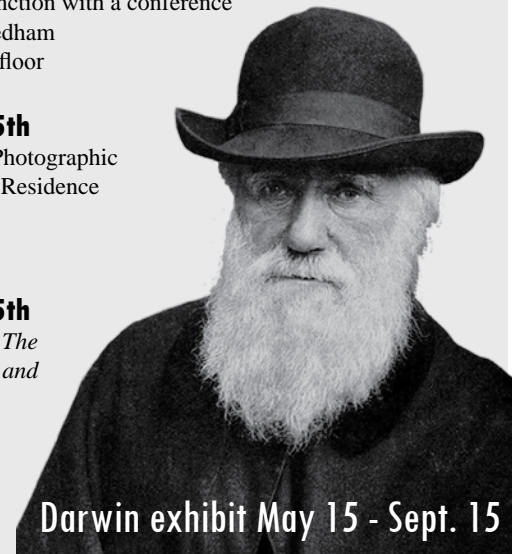
Freshwater!: an exhibit in conjunction with a conference in honor of Professor James Needham
Mann Lobby Exhibit Cases, 1st floor

May 15th - September 15th

Sculpting our Hominid Past: A Photographic View of Works by PRI Artist-in-Residence John Gurche
Mann Library Gallery, 2nd floor

May 15th - September 15th

Written on Our Faces: Darwin's *The Expression on Emotions in Man and Animals*
Mann Lobby Exhibit Cases, 1st floor



Darwin exhibit May 15 - Sept. 15

Deep in the stacks: HEARTH & CHLA



Primary resources provide an invaluable window into the past. Recently that window got a little easier for researchers to peer into, thanks to the addition of many books and journals to HEARTH and CHLA, two of Mann's digital collections which are publicly available online.

For researchers and students in the fields of Human Ecology, HEARTH added over 200 books, including *The Teaching of Home Economics* by Anna Cooley and *Chippendale and His School* by John Percy Blake. Journals added include every issue of *Good Housekeeping* from 1885 to 1950 and *Harper's Bazaar* covering the years 1867-1900). One Cornell faculty member eager to make

use of the larger collection is Charlotte Jirousek, Associate Professor of Fiber Science and Apparel Design and Curator of the Cornell Costume and Textile Collection. "Having *Harper's* online will be

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~Charlotte Jirousek, FSAD Professor

invaluable for students, and for my own research in that it makes a primary source available for search," says Prof. Jirousek. "These journals are an important document not only of fashion, but also of the life style and current issues that shape social identity in the day. Since dress is an expression of culture and identity, journals like *Harper's* are invaluable in providing insight into the values and concerns of the times."

On the agricultural side of things, CHLA now contains over 1,000,000 pages of material. New books added include Rosalin Northcote's *Book of Herbs* and

Stewart Holbrook's *Burning an Empire: the Story of American Forest Fires*. New journals in the online library include bulletins of both the NYS and Cornell Ag Experiment Stations and the first 20 issues of *The American Bee Journal* (with more issues being added in the

next few months).

We've also replaced all the B&W photos from the beautiful Fruits of NY series with color. Now get your cherries in red and your grapes in green (or red too, for that matter).

HEARTH: <http://hearth.library.cornell.edu>

CHLA: <http://chla.library.cornell.edu/>



5 Great Things About the New Library Website

There has been a major overhaul of the Library Website (www.library.cornell.edu). We at Mannifest wanted to share with you some of its most useful features.

1 Search for it all from the main page

The new website brings together in one spot the library's most popular electronic resources and allows you to search them without having to link to anyplace else. Search the catalog, ejournals, databases, images and experts without having to go anywhere else.

MyAccount

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This brings together user account information from the

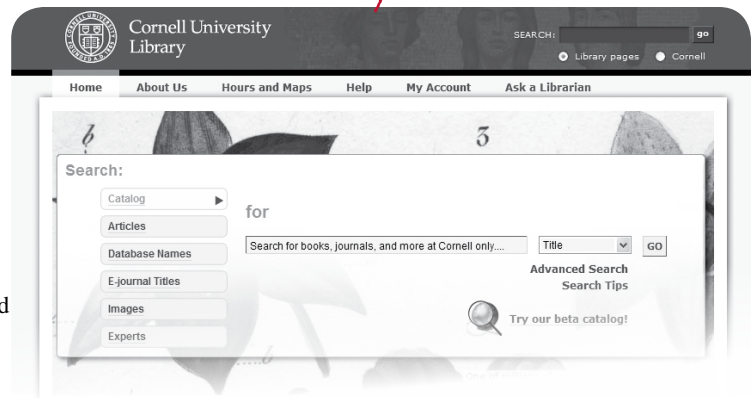
library catalog, BorrowDirect and Interlibrary Loan. Now you can go to one place and see everything you've checked out, and renew Cornell and ILL books.

3 Try our beta catalog

You can try out the next generation Cornell library catalog, scheduled for general release in the fall. It searches for resources owned by Cornell, Borrow Direct partner libraries and libraries around the world. And there's even a feature called "My Lists" which allows you to collect references you find and annotate them with notes.

4 Search Vivo from the main page

Now you can search for Cornell faculty by name or research area right from the library home page. Just type in your search terms, and you're off.



5 We Recommend, you recommend

Here you'll find recommendations by Cornell librarians and patrons alike about cool things to know about the library. Find out why Mann Librarian Camille Andrews recommends the renovated learning spaces at Mann, or why River Granados, undergraduate Classics major, is so excited about Cornell's print collections in Japanese history & Greek etymology. And, of course, make your own recommendation about what you think other should know about the library.

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