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LSTA Grant Award for Pittsburgh Catholic Newspaper Digitization Project

The Gumberg Library will receive a Library Services and Technology Act grant for \$20,000 to digitize additional years of the Pittsburgh Catholic newspaper including issues from February 27, 1864, through January 3, 1900. The Pittsburgh Catholic, America's oldest Catholic newspaper, has been in continuous publication since March 16, 1844. Through a pilot project, Gumberg Library completed digitization of the 1844-1864 issues. Adding new content

to the library's digital collections will continue to support our service to the Catholic community in the Pittsburgh area. It will also enhance the depth of our unique coverage available through the Catholic Research Resources Alliance Web site at www.catholicresearch.net/.

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Gumberg Library Space Design Planning

The image of a library as a silent warehouse filled with orderly rows of printed books and journals is a relic of the past. While continuing to be a place for quiet study and reflection, the academic library has evolved to become a place of discovery, community and collaboration. Duquesne has selected DRS Architects to develop a plan to renovate Gumberg Library's fourth floor from its outdated 1970s configuration. The goal is to create a flexible and welcoming learning environment with technology-rich spaces in which students can study and work together. The design will incorporate modern library space planning trends, the blend of library services with other relevant student services such as tutoring and technology assistance.

The key to the success of the fourth floor renovation design project is flexibility—enhancing and repurposing space to meet today's needs and to allow for future enhancements as opportunities arise. A flexible design will satisfy the expectations of today's students, and serve as a foundation for the future.



Design planning began in January 2011 by gathering input from library staff and users. DRS will create the design and provide cost estimates and drawings in early April. Once the design phase is complete, the University Librarian and project steering committee planning team will work with the Office of Advancement to begin fundraising for the renovations.

Gumberg Library 24 Hour Study a Success

In response to student requests, Gumberg Library offered 24-hour study on a trial basis during final exams in the fall 2010 semester. The library was open continuously from 7 a.m. on Monday Dec. 6, through 9 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 15. The Student Government Association (SGA) co-sponsored the 24-hour study trial and played an important role in getting the word out to students. Free snacks and beverages were provided each day courtesy of SGA and other campus sponsors. Public Safety officers manned the building between 1 and 7 a.m. Students had their choice of zoned areas for quiet study and group study. The classroom computers and printing were also available, along with online research assistance.

Over 2,400 people used the library between 1 and 7 a.m. during the entire 24-hour study period. Comments collected from students described their preference to study in the library for a variety of reasons including quiet space, convenient group meeting spaces, safety, and the need to have a continuous block of time without interruptions.

To evaluate the success of 24-hour study, library staff considered use of the building, student reaction and support from campus stakeholders. As a result of the positive student comments, significant building use, and the continuing support of SGA, Public Safety, and University administration, the library will be open 24 hours during finals again in spring 2011. The schedule will be posted at www.duq.edu/library.

Silverman Center Renovation Slated for Summer 2011

New compact shelving will replace the current bookshelves, doubling shelf capacity and allowing room for growth as the center's collection continues to expand. Upgrades will include a new coat of paint, new carpet, lighting and furniture. A small lounge area will provide space for informal gatherings.

Watch for details about access to materials and the progress of the renovation project on the library Web site at www.duq.edu/library.

The Duquesne Duke Available Online from 1925-2010

"What'er students do, or say, or think, or dream, our motley Paper seizes for its theme." So read the motto of the Duquesne Duke, Duquesne's student newspaper, in its January 14, 1927, issue. Indeed, the Duke captured many themes between its first issue on March 5, 1925, and April 29, 2010, all of which you can discover online in full-text thanks to the vision of University Librarian Dr. Laverna M. Saunders and the generous donations of Duquesne alumni.

The Duke is among the most recently completed of Gumberg Library's ongoing digitization projects. You can access the Duke through a newly redesigned digital collections portal: <http://www.duq.edu/library/digital/>. The new site allows anyone to search the full-text of the Duke or to browse through all eighty-five years of the paper.

Through the same digital collections portal, you may also access the complete Duquesne Durational. The Duquesne Durational played a critical part in the history of Duquesne. During World War II when the Duke was on hiatus, the Durational kept students informed of events on campus, and reported on the exploits of Duquesne students serving in the European and Pacific theaters. Like the Duke, you can search the complete run of the Durational in full-text or browse every issue.

Work still remains to digitize all of Duquesne's news publications. For instance, the Holy Ghost College Bulletin covers from 1894 through the 1940s. With your help, we can continue to make more words, thoughts, and dreams accessible for the generations of Duquesne students to come.

If you would like to support the ongoing digitization efforts, please contact the library's Administration Office at 412.396.6136.

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