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SUSAN VANDALE JOINS LIBRARY STAFF

Susan Vandale started at the library on March 1st as the new Cataloging & Periodicals Librarian. Her most recent position was at the University of Georgia Libraries, where she served as a monographs original cataloger since 2008. We asked her to tell us some things about herself:

Q: What is your academic background?

A: I have a B.A. in French from the University of Pittsburgh, and an undergraduate certificate in Women’s Studies. Even though I majored exclusively in French, I have a solid background in a variety of languages, including Spanish, Italian, Continued on pg. 2

SAVE THE STUDENTS ...FROM NOISE

Our portable world brings us tremendous convenience. In a space where people search, work, study and socialize, it can also bring us challenges. At the request of our students and the suggestion of the library’s advisory committee, the library is starting a marketing campaign to urge civility when using cell phones, music players and other devices whose sound can disturb those working nearby.

For students who view the library as a place to escape a busy dorm and get their homework done, noise can be a tremendous distraction. This librarian has overheard students simply dismissing the library as “too noisy.” While none of us on the library’s staff relish the idea of becoming known as the scary type who shush others all day long, we do want to help those who need the library as a working space.

So, we ask for your understanding and your cooperation. Take your phone into the coffee commons or on a nice day, enjoy the sunshine on the porch. Bring headphones, or borrow them from us (just ask at the front desk). With all of us aware of noise levels, we can save the students. Thank you!

–Maryke Barber, Arts & Outreach Librarian

NEW VIDEO DATABASE

Academic Video Online is the library’s new video database. It offers videos in all academic areas and in a wide variety of formats from ethnographic field recordings to dance performances, and from documentary films to speeches. Currently at 10,000 films, the database is adding new videos until it will double in size by 2013.

The database takes search to a new level: it can find words in the transcripts of the films. Searches can be subject-specific, making it easy to target relevant results.

Try it out! You’ll find Academic Video on the library’s databases page: www.hollins.edu/library/databases.shtml If you have any questions about its content or features, our reference librarians will be happy to help: stop by, email askref@hollins.edu or give us a call at 540-362-7465.

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- The Art of Recycling
Visitors were in for a treat this month with the display of works from the “Making Art Out of the Margins” competition. Students from Hollins – including Artist-in-Residence Beverly Rayner’s entire mixed materials class - and from Community High School, used discarded books to create new works of art. The results were wonderfully varied: some were provocative, others beautiful, surprising, funny. A text-covered, high-heeled shoe – Kelly Sheehan’s (’13) “CLM - Come Learn Me” stood next to a sculpted and painted...