The D-Scribe Digital Collection

If you haven’t looked at the ULS D-Scribe Collection you are missing out on some unique and visually stunning resources. While our own campus has participated in this endeavor (UPG Visual History), more resources are digitized and added each day. The items are as varied as the library’s print collection and contain over 100,000 digital objects, photos, maps, books, and various technical reports. Most items in the collection are available through Open Access and are freely available worldwide. So, if you fancy history, try Historic Pittsburgh on for size. Or maybe birds are your passion. If so, check out Audobon’s Birds of America, a digitized version of a rare complete set of Audobon’s Birds of America owned by the University Library System. In any case, there is something for everyone in the ULS D-Scribe Collection.

From UPG Visual History: a black and white photograph of the front of “Starboard Light” (Lynch Hall) as originally built in 1924. This country house of Comm. Charles McKenna Lynch was built as a summer estate in Greensburg, PA.

One Book, One Community

On Friday, October 21, The Millstein Library hosted the Fall “One Book, One Community” book discussion on the second floor of the library. Linda Mudry discussed her book, A Soldier Remembers. The book describes the experiences of Linda Mudry’s father, Ellis Jones, in World War II. Mr. Jones was also present to talk about his time in the army. Faculty, staff, and friends of the Millstein Library attended the event.

Portrait of Ellis Jones (courtesy of Linda Mudry)
FALL WINDOW DISPLAYS

Anna Mary Williford’s displays featured favorite children’s books selected by faculty, staff, and stu-
Amanda Folk’s displays featured a variety of materials on fall holidays and campus events.

FRIENDS OF THE MILLSTEIN LIBRARY

The Friends of the Millstein Library are alumni, retired and current faculty and staff members, students, and members of the community who are interested in promoting and supporting the library and its activities.

The group offers an annual $500 scholarship to a Pitt-Greensburg senior majoring in library or information science.

Anyone may join the Millstein Friends. There are various categories:

Pitt Alumni who have graduated from any campus may become a Friend of the Millstein Library for only $10 per year.

Friend is a member of the community or a graduate of another institution for $25 per year.

Family (up to four members of a family) may become a friend of the library for $50 per year.

As a Friend of the Millstein Library, you will have access to approximately 100,000 items in the library, including books, CDs, and DVDs.

For more information, go to: http://www.library.pitt.edu/green/friends.html

DEVIL’S NIGHT

On Oct. 31, Sigma Tau Delta and the Friends of the Millstein Library held the annual Devil’s Night scary story reading and costume contest.

Over 30 attendees including students, faculty, staff, and alumni gathered on the second floor of the Millstein Library, which was decorated for Halloween by Sigma Tau Delta members. The Friends of the Millstein Library sponsored prizes for best costumes and Sigma Tau Delta sponsored prizes for best readings. Attendees also enjoyed a variety of Halloween treats and refreshments.

Students read and listen to scary stories on Devil’s Night.
MEET OUR STUDENT WORKERS

Beth Ann Luther is a freshman at Pitt-Greensburg majoring in Criminal Justice. She is originally from Lizard Lick, North Carolina and came to school here because she loves Pittsburgh and the snow.

“At first it was hard to be away from my family, but we find ways to stay connected,” she said. “My family is from Germany, so at home German is all they speak. I also have a dog named Goldie, who is the biggest diva ever.”

In her spare time, Beth Ann said, “I love having fun and hanging out with my friends. My favorite music is pop and hip-hop. Britney Spears is the greatest person ever! I’ve seen her in concert 6 times. I also love Twilight and True Blood. Christmas is my favorite time of the year and I love the snow,” she added.

Regarding her future plans, she said, “When I finally finish school I want to be a cop and live in Pittsburgh.”

FEATURED BOOKS IN THE LIBRARY

New biographies of two of the Twentieth Century’s most acclaimed writers are now available in the Millstein Library: Hemingway’s Boat: Everything He Loved in Life, and Lost, 1934-1961, by Paul Hendrickson, and Just One Catch: A Biography of Joseph Heller, by Tracy Daugherty.

Hemingway’s Boat follows Ernest Hemingway’s life from 1934-1961, depicting many of the writer’s triumphs and tragedies resulting from his rise to fame and adventurous life traveling around the world. Insights into Hemingway’s relationships with family and friends are also revealed.

Just One Catch explores the life of Joseph Heller, author of Catch-22 and six other novels. The biography also reveals that many of the incidents and characters in Catch-22 were inspired by Heller’s experiences in WWII and people he met during his service. It also reveals that Heller recovered from a life-threatening disease.