

MILLSTEIN MATTERS

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WELCOME TO THE MILLSTEIN...BETA SPACE?

As you'll see in the pages that follow, Millstein Library has had a flurry of activity this summer! New lighting, repairs to some of the infrastructure, new equipment, and more room to grow in our main stacks.

One thing that hasn't changed is our commitment to creating a student-centered learning environment. I recently came across an interesting blog post about envisioning library reference services as beta spaces (Dickerson, *In the Library with the Lead Pipe*). This was so interesting and exciting to me, because it gave

us a name for the philosophy that had been driving the library for many years.

Based on the work of others, Dickerson notes the purpose of beta spaces is to facilitate real-time knowledge creation in spaces that are designed for experimentation and community-driven innovation. Millstein Library's Digital Media Lab and the Research Collaboratory are examples of how we hope to foster this beta-space atmosphere for our students and faculty. Adjusting to the academic demands of college life can be stressful, and the library

hopes to promote an environment in which students feel safe asking questions, taking risks, and making mistakes in order to learn. —Amanda Folk



CHILDREN'S LITERATURE CONFERENCE

The 2016 Pitt-Greensburg Children's Literature Conference was held on Friday, May 6. Jack Gantos and Paul O. Zelinsky were the featured speakers.

The 21st annual Children's Literature Conference will be held on Friday, May 5, 2017, and feature Suzanne Bloom and Jay Asher.



Speakers, presenters, and staff at the Children's Literature Conference

SPRING & SUMMER WINDOW DISPLAYS



Anna Mary's display featured Newbery Medal books.



Kelly's display featured biographies and autobiographies.

Anna Mary Williford, Kelly Bradish, and Bonnie Chambers created several of the many window displays inside the library's main entrance and exit during Spring and Summer.



Bonnie's display featured authentic items from Scotland for Scottish-American Heritage Month in April.



The Friends of the Millstein Library sponsored free coffee and tea for students during the last two weeks of the spring term.

WPWVC ACRL SPRING CONFERENCE

Librarians Kelly Bradish, Renee Kiner, and Anna Mary Williford attended the Spring Conference of the Western Pennsylvania/West Virginia Chapter of the Association of College & Research Libraries at Seton Hill University on Friday, June 10. They gave a brief lightning-round talk, "It's a Marathon, Not a Sprint: Planning That Will Go the Distance at Your Library." This talk focused on their approach to developing lesson plans and learning outcomes for information literacy instruction. Library Director Amanda Folk also contributed to the presentation.

Right: Kelly, Renee, and Anna Mary at the WPWVC ACRL conference.



NEW MATERIALS

NOTE: ACCESS TO ULS DATABASES IS RESTRICTED TO CURRENT PITT FACULTY, STAFF, AND STUDENTS

ULS Databases

Gartner

Readex AllSearch

Publishers Weekly Digital Archive

Pittsburgh Business Times

Times of India

Books at UPG

Grunt

The Lost Elements

Face Value

Quantified

Lift

Friended at the Front

Dante

Winning Arguments

Global Information Warfare

DVDs at UPG

Deadpool

The Hateful Eight

Kung Fu Panda 3

The Revenant

Spotlight

The X-Files: the Event Series

10 Cloverfield Lane

Creed

Chasing Heroin



LIBRARY UPDATES

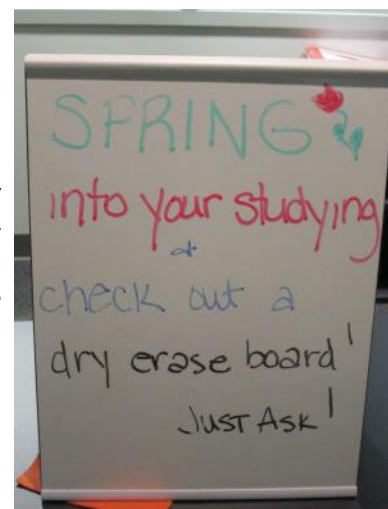
There are many updates at the Millstein Library. Students can now borrow portable dry erase boards at the information desk; laptops and iPads now circulate for 7 days instead of 3; and the Millstein Library computer lab has been updated with 2 additional PCs and 2 iMacs.

During the summer, the library's lighting was replaced with energy-efficient light bulbs and automatic sensors. The front steps, loading

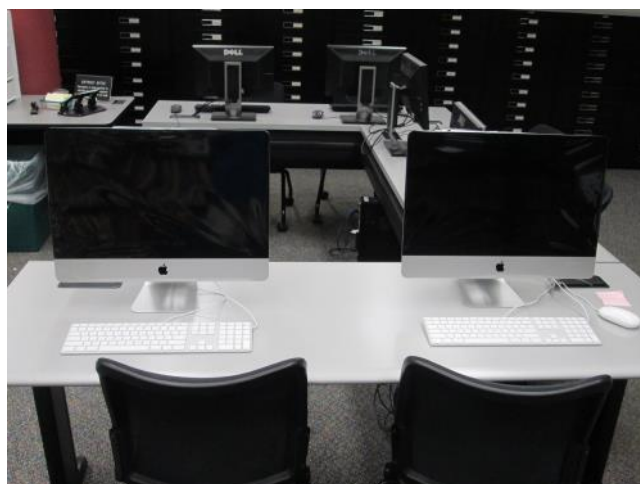
dock, and second-floor sidewalk were also replaced. A new digital display was added inside the library's main entrance/exit to feature campus news, events, and information.

The librarians and staff have also been working diligently on a collection evaluation project, since we've been running out of room for new materials on our shelves!

Right: New portable dry-erase boards available at the information desk.



The new digital signage inside the library's main entrance/exit.



The new iMacs in the library computer lab