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New Resources Enhance Research Collections

The Library continues to build its extensive collection of print and e-resources to support faculty and student research. In addition to a significant gift of children's literature, notable recent acquisitions include a full-text database of English-language newspapers published in China, 1832-1953, the archives of *Nature* and the *Journal of the American Medical Association*, and the digital collection of U.S. Congressional Hearings, which dates back to 1824. We are also exploring new approaches to providing access to both e-books and journal content through several pilot projects. [Read more »](#)



H-L Library's Media Commons

The new Media Commons, located in the lower level of Hawthorne-Longfellow Library, has been a hub of activity since its opening in September. The Commons houses the Library's film collections and offers a variety of viewing options including an 18-seat screening/seminar room equipped with an 85" cinema-quality screen and sound system, individual viewing stations, and a small screening room. Production facilities include studios for video and audio creation, capture, and editing, a whisper room (an acoustically-isolated sound booth), and a media lab equipped with 10 iMacs hosting an array of specialized software. All screening and media production facilities are [bookable](#) online. [Staff](#) from the Library and Academic Technology & Consulting are available to provide support for film research and media creation through direct course support, workshops and individual consultations.



Reserve the screening room for a class film showing, attend one of the Commons' Monthly Media [Drop-In Sessions](#) or workshops, or take advantage of the wide variety of multimedia hardware and software available in the space. Visit the Commons [website](#) for information on reserving rooms, details on technology and services, and a schedule of upcoming training sessions.

Special Collections & Archives' Recent Acquisitions

Through the generosity of alumni and other donors, the [George J. Mitchell Department of Special Collections & Archives](#) continues to grow its world-class collections of rare books and manuscripts. Recent acquisitions include some 700 American cookbooks from the Colonial period to the mid-twentieth century; the archives of the recently concluded Maine Wabanaki-State Child Welfare Truth and Reconciliation Commission; and a collection of natural history and travel literature by British and European explorers of Southern and Eastern Africa during the 19th and early 20th centuries.



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Welcome to New Staff

We're glad to welcome Kat Stefko, Director of the George J. Mitchell Department of Special Collections & Archives, and Laura Youngborg, Evening Circulation Assistant to the Library staff. We're also pleased to recognize Alida Snow, who has moved into a new position in the H-L Circulation Department. [Read more »](#)



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