



The Bowdoin College Library Newsletter May 2016

Planning for the New Telepresence Classroom in H-L Library

Library staff are getting ready to relocate and shift collections in the H-L basement in preparation for this summer's construction of the new Telepresence Classroom. The classroom will be located in the [Media Commons](#), enhancing and extending the functionality of this dynamic and collaborative space. In the coming weeks, beginning with collection moves and followed soon after by the start of construction, the basement will be a hub of activity. The project will require the closing of the Media Commons for several weeks, with staff paging materials for users as needed. [Read more »](#)



Slide into Summer with Workshops for Faculty and Staff

Join faculty colleagues for a *Conversation about Scholarly Publishing*, Tuesday, May 31st, noon-2pm. Sponsored by the Library and the Office of the Dean for Academic Affairs, this lunchtime program will include panelists Aviva Briefel, Matt Klinge, Madeleine Msall, Birgit Tautz, and Nat Wheelwright, who will share their varied experiences with book and journal publishing. [Read more»](#)



You are also invited to take advantage of the expertise of staff from Academic Technology & Consulting to hone your skills or learn a new tool. Staff will offer a series of workshops in June, beginning with the annual **Jumpstart to Summer Training Series, the week of June 6th**. Topics include InDesign, Photoshop, Excel, Qualtrics, and updating web content with the campus CMS. [Read more »](#)

Digitization and Collaboration

The Library is actively engaged in several collaborative digitization projects with colleagues from across the College. Staff in the George J. Mitchell Department of Special Collections & Archives are in the process of digitizing journals and correspondence of the scientists on the [Crocker Land Expedition \(1913-1917\)](#). The work is being done in collaboration with the Arctic Museum and is supported by a \$10,000 grant from the Gladys Kriebel Delmas Foundation. Collaborating with the Museum of Art, the Library has digitized 116 museum collection and exhibition catalogs originally published before 2014 and now available to both read and download in the [Bowdoin Digital Commons](#). Included among these is "[A Gift of Knowing: The Art of Dorothea Rockburne](#)," highlighting the Museum of Art's 2015 exhibit of the work of Rockburne, one of this year's honorary degree recipients. And, we're excited to partner with staff in Student Affairs to provide access to [Bowdoin Stories](#), an ongoing series of short interviews between Bowdoin students. The recorded conversations provide participants an opportunity to become part of the College's history while they are still on campus.



Opening of Harriet's Writing Room in the Stowe House

The campus recently celebrated the [dedication](#) of Harriet's Writing Room, the new public space in the Harriet Beecher Stowe House at 63 Federal Street. The Library is pleased to oversee the room, which is staffed by a knowledgeable guide during public hours, **noon-3pm, Thursdays through Saturdays**. Individuals and groups are invited to visit and reflect on Harriet Beecher Stowe's literary legacy and her writing process. See the Stowe [website](#) for more information on both Harriet Beecher Stowe and the history of the house.



Staff Comings and Goings

We're pleased to welcome Tom Boudin, the Library's new Accounting Assistant, and Marieke Van Der Steenhoven, who begins a new role as Special Collections Education and Outreach Librarian. At the same time, we bid farewell to Pat Myshrall, who will retire at the end of June, following 48 years of service to the College. [Read more »](#)

