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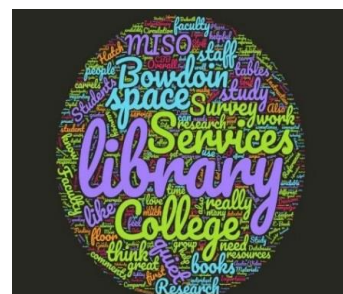
New Spaces in the Library

This fall marked the opening of the H-L Research Lab and the new home of Academic Technology & Consulting on the first floor of Hawthorne-Longfellow Library. The Research Lab was developed as an active and flexible space for formal and informal learning interactions among students, faculty, and research librarians. It has already become the go-to place for drop-in and scheduled student-librarian collaborations, class-based instruction sessions, group study, and peer tutoring. Likewise, the relocation of Academic Technology & Consulting to a central location in H-L Library supports the team's efforts to engage actively with faculty and students. Their new "Innovation Lab" includes a common area for consultations, hands-on workshops, and sharing innovative technologies to support teaching, learning, and research. [Read more »](#)



Measuring Success

How well is the library meeting the needs of the Bowdoin community? We're glad to share the results of the 2017 MISO Survey (Measuring Information Services Outcomes), which was conducted on campus during the Spring 2017 semester. The web-based quantitative survey is hosted by Bryn Mawr College and is designed to measure how faculty, students, and staff view library and computing services in higher education. Bowdoin's Library and Information Technology departments received high marks along with valuable feedback that will help us further develop services. A big thank you to all who participated. Read the library's report [here](#).



New Book Scanners Support Digitization

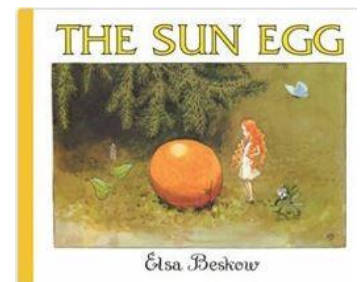
The Department of Special Collections & Archives has a new, high-performance Zeutschel book scanner. Together with its robust software, the scanner will enable efficient capture of high-quality images of the library's world-class collections. At over five feet tall, the Zeutschel looms large, matching its capabilities. It can scan materials up to 18 x 25 inches in size at 600 dpi, and its cradle attachment allows for protection of the fragile spines of our bound materials. For questions about digital collections contact Meagan Doyle, Digital Archivist, mdoyle@bowdoin.edu | 725-3201.



This semester the library also installed a Bookeye overhead scanner in the H-L Media Commons. This self-service, easy-to-use, high-speed scanner can scan an open book in 7 seconds and can accommodate materials up to 17 x 24 inches. Scans can be created in multiple formats, including pdf, jpg, and png, and can be sent to an email account or saved on a USB drive. Staff at the Media Commons service desk are available to provide assistance. Questions about copyright should be directed to Carmen Greenlee, Humanities and Media Librarian, cgreenle@bowdoin.edu | 725-3286.

Noteworthy Additions to the Library's Collections

Over the course of the semester the library acquired many valuable materials through both purchases and gifts. At the request of the research librarians and faculty, we strengthened our holdings of historic American newspaper archives, adding the [Atlanta Constitution](#), the [Detroit Free Press](#), and the [Philadelphia Inquirer](#), back to the first issues; digital journal archives in math, statistics, biology, and earth and environmental studies from the publisher [Springer](#); and resources related to women's issues with the [Women's Magazine](#) Archive and the digital archive of [Harper's Bazaar](#).



We were also pleased to receive a gift of children's picture books from Judy Toll, the third installment in this multi-year donation. The two hundred books significantly deepen and expand the collection of fairy tales and folklore previously donated by Judy—including African, Inuit, Japanese, Jewish, and Western European tales. Head up to the fifth floor of Hubbard to browse this extraordinary collection, or search the [Judith Toll Picture Book Collection](#) virtually in CBBcat.

Special Collections & Archives received several notable additions to its holdings during the past several months, among them a group of Henry Wadsworth Longfellow family photographs, including a particularly important pair of ambrotypes of Henry and his wife Fanny taken shortly before her tragic death; a large collection of materials documenting the popular reception of Harriet Beecher Stowe's *Uncle Tom's Cabin* in the mid-19th century in theater, literature, and the arts; and the papers and works of the noted Maine book artist, Martha Hall, whose work aimed to share the raw, human experience of medical treatment based on her own personal struggle with cancer. Special Collections also acquired at auction a copy of John Josselyn's *New-Englands Rarities Discovered* (1672), the earliest published work on the natural history and Native American remedies of New England. Bowdoin is the only library in the state to hold a copy of this rare and important work, the acquisition of which was funded in part by a gift from Robert Hooke, class of 1964.



Questions about collections? Contact Joan Campbell, Collections Librarian, jcampbe2@bowdoin.edu | 725-3285, or Kat Stefko, Director of the George J. Mitchell Department of Special Collections and Archives, kstefko@bowdoin.edu | 725-3096.

Mark Your Calendars

Please plan to join us next semester for our Faculty Book Launch events, celebrating new publications of Bowdoin authors. The spring series will kick off on February 1st with Birgit Tautz discussing her forthcoming *Translating the World: Toward a New History of German Literature Around 1800*. On March 1st we will be joined by Scott MacEachern and on May 3rd, Meredith McCarroll. [Read more »](#)



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