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News from the Ammerman Campus Library

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Aleph Arrives—A New Library Catalog for SCCC

The screenshot shows the Suffolk County Community College library catalog homepage. At the top, the college name is displayed in a large, stylized font. Below it is a navigation bar with links for Sign in, End Session, User, Preferences, Reserve Collection, Feedback, and Help. A secondary navigation bar includes Keyword Search, Browse Search, Searching SCC, Results List, Previous Searches, and Library Home Page. A yellow banner below the navigation bars reads: "Welcome to our library catalog. Please sign in to view your personal account." The main content area is titled "Keyword Search" and features a search form with two input fields, each with a dropdown menu set to "All Fields" and an "AND" operator dropdown. Below the search fields are "Go" and "Clear" buttons. A note states: "May use AND, OR, NOT, () e.g. poetry AND (anthology OR collection)". Underneath is a "Limit search to:" section with dropdown menus for "Campus" (set to "All Campuses"), "Collection" (set to "All Collections"), and "Year" (set to "All Years"), with "Go" and "Clear" buttons at the bottom.

The Suffolk County Community College libraries are pleased to introduce a new online catalog, Aleph 500 from Ex Libris Inc. Suffolk's adoption of the Aleph catalog stems from the SUNYConnect initiative to integrate the collections and services of the entire SUNY library network of 64 campuses and 71 libraries.

Aleph, which is the first letter of the Hebrew alphabet, replaced the old online catalog in July. It offers a number of features that will greatly improve the searching process for library users.

Some of these features include:

- Search by keyword.
- Browse an alphabetical index of authors, titles or subjects.
- Create a bibliography of selected titles.
- Save, print or e-mail selected titles.
- Search for books on reserve.
- View your library record.
- Limit your search by campus.
- Place a hold on material in circulation.
- View previous searches.

Once all of the SUNY libraries have migrated to ALEPH, library users will be able to search the

entire SUNY system's library holdings and request material through interlibrary loan.

We are confident that the new library catalog will provide superior service to students, staff, and faculty. Please stop in and let us know what you think, or use the feedback link on Aleph.

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Library Highlights *Spring 2004*

SUNY in Iraq: Rebuilding Academic Institutions.

Christian Filstrup, Dean and Director of Libraries at SUNY Stony Brook, lectured about his travels to Baghdad in Dec. 2003 as part of a team to rebuild academic and cultural institutions. Sponsored by the Ammerman Library.

The USA PATRIOT Act. Jared Feuer, Suffolk County Chapter Director of the American Civil Liberties Union, discussed its impact on civil liberties in higher education, libraries, and society. Sponsored by the Faculty Association and SCCC Libraries.

The 2nd Annual Writer's Café Series featured four talented writers this spring. John Westermann, SUNY Stony Brook Professor of English, discussed the transformation of his novel *Exit Wounds* into a major motion picture. Dr. Otelemate Harry, SCCC's Fulbright Scholar-in-Residence, gave a reading of his short stories. Dr. Filiz Turhan, SCCC assistant professor of English, discussed the roles of women in her book *The Other Empire: British Romantic Writings About the Ottoman Empire*. Louisa Thomas Hargrave, co-founder of Long Island's first commercial winery, talked about her book *The Vineyard: The Pleasures and Perils of Creating an American Winery*. Fall speakers will be posted to the "What's New" section of the library's home page and the SCCC Calendar of Events.

In the News

Marya Shepherd, reference and instruction librarian, presented a paper, "Plagiarism: What's a Prof. to Do? Prevention and Detection Strategies," at the SUNY Library Association Conference at SUNY Cortland in May. Following the presentation, Prof. Shepherd provided attendees with a packet of materials and resources for conducting plagiarism workshops on their campuses.

Susan DeMasi, media services librarian, has been writing book and media reviews for the following library journals: *CHOICE—Current Reviews for Academic Libraries*, *Library Journal*, and *Educational Media Reviews Online* (EMRO).

MEDIA SERVICES REMINDER

For questions or requests regarding Smart Carts or Smart Cart instruction, please call Classroom Media Services at 451-4189.

Focus on Reference

When doing research, don't forget that we have a terrific reference collection. Here are some recent additions to the collection. They are all shelved in the Reference stacks on the main floor:

- Ancestry in America** HB3505 .A53 2003
- Cambridge Historical Dictionary of Disease** RC41 .C365 2003
- Dating and Sexuality in America** HQ801 .A3 T87 2003
- Dictionary of American History** E174 .D52 2003 (10 vols)
- Encyclopedia of American Television** PN1992.18 .L33 2003
- Encyclopedia of Biodiversity** QH541.15 .B56 E53 (5 vols)
- Encyclopedia of Education** LB15 .E47 2003 (8 vols)
- Encyclopedia of Lawmen, Outlaws, and Gunfighters** F59 .M48 2003
- Encyclopedia of Religious Freedom** BV741 .E47 2003
- Encyclopedia of Terrorism** HV6431 .K883 2003
- Gale Encyclopedia of the Unusual and Unexplained** BF1025 .S79 2003
- Holocaust Literature** PN56 .H55 H66 2003 (2 vols)
- International Encyclopedia of Women Scientists** Q141 .O27 2002
- Johns Hopkins Symptoms and Remedies: The Complete Home Medical Reference** RC8 .J66 2003
- Latin American and Caribbean Artists of the Modern Era** N6502.4 .S45 2003
- Media and Politics in America** P95.82 .U6 S74 2003
- New York Yankees: One Hundred Years** GV875 .N4 N48 2003
- Ocean Politics and Policy** GC64 .J33 2003
- Oxford Encyclopedia of American Literature** PS21 .E537 2004

Focus on Media

The following videos and DVDs are among the many that have recently been added to the library's media collection. To use materials for classroom presentations, please call Classroom Media Services at ext. 4189.

- America Beyond the Color Line** VH 2057, vol. 1 & 2
- Captive Audience: Advertising Invades the Classroom** VH2010
- Classical European Composers** DVD 149
- Connections: An Alternative View of Change** DVD 154, vol. 1-10
- The Great Artists** DVD 152, vol. 1-5
- Hal Holbrook in Mark Twain Tonight** VH 2018
- History of Western Art** DVD 151, vol. 1-6
- Jazz (Ken Burns)** DVD 147, vol. 1-10
- Magic of the Image: Photography Revealed** DVD 178
- Rabbit Proof Fence** DVD 180
- Reporting America at War** VH 2055, vol. 1&2
- Secret Life of the Brain** DVD 150
- Whale Riders** DVD 146
- The World Stopped Watching** VH 2017

In addition to the above, the library has acquired a number of recent independent films. Part of the *Film Movement Series*, these include award-winning titles from the acclaimed Sundance, Venice, and Toronto film festivals. Promotional posters are available for clubs wishing to use these films. To see program descriptions, go to the library home page and type "Film Movement" in the search box.

Dear Friends . . .

Welcome back! Your library is real, creative, and active. This library offers you access to a vast array of print and electronic resources, an integrated library system in support of our college instructional programs, lectures, movies, exhibitions, and, of course, the library faculty members who teach library research credit-bearing classes (six of them this fall). The same library faculty members provide library orientation to a variety of faculty and students in discipline specific courses, and freshman seminars as well as library workshops. The library statistics in this newsletter illustrate the energy, the enthusiasm and the resourcefulness of our library faculty and staff.

Our aim, as librarians, is to contribute actively in our college's mission to provide cultural, social, and educational activities to enrich the lives of our college community. We urge you to keep using your library and its resources. We are always delighted to see you attending the many lectures, movie series, and workshops. This is what we are about. We thrive on collaborating with our talented faculty, staff, and administrators to better serve our students. A well-informed citizen is a productive and socially conscious citizen. Thus, we are fostering civility by disseminating knowledge and information and by strengthening our students' critical thinking. This fall semester we will continue our activities and services. Please, use the library Web page, call us, pass by and attend some of our activities. We'd love to see you.

Hedi BenAicha, Associate Dean of Libraries

Facts & Figures - Spring 2004:

People who came to the library:	approx. 100,000
People who logged in to library databases (total):	51,397
from <i>off</i> campus	19,845
from <i>on</i> campus	31,552

Books:

Books ordered:	790
Books checked out:	2,959
Books borrowed through interlibrary loan:	117
Books lent to other libraries:	168

Reserve materials checked out:	490
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Periodicals:

Periodicals checked out:	4,153
Journal articles received through interlibrary loan:	108
Journal articles supplied to other libraries:	35

Media:

Classroom Media Services equipment requests:	1,950
Smart Cart Requests:	355

Library Instruction:

OS15/20 classes	40
Subject Specific classes	31
LR11– Introduction to Library Research classes	3

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Mon.-Thurs.: 8 a.m. – 10 p.m.
Friday: 8 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Saturday: 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Electronic Databases

The Suffolk Community College libraries now offer the **EBSCO Academic Search Premiere** package of databases. **Academic Search Premiere**, a multi-disciplinary database, offers full-text access to 4,600 scholarly publications, 3,500 of which are peer-reviewed. It also provides indexing and abstracts for all 8,043 titles in the collection. **EBSCO's** product replaces **Wilson OmniFile Full Text, Mega Edition** and provides improved coverage along with a user-friendly interface. Some of the library's preexisting databases, such as CINAHL, Medline, and ERIC, will now be accessible through **Academic Search Premiere**.

Users can access **EBSCO Academic Search Premiere** by going to the library's home page (www.sunysuffolk.edu/Library). From there, click on Periodicals and then the **EBSCO** icon located on that page. The Choose Databases page will allow you to search **Academic Search Premiere**, in addition to limiting your search to twenty-four subject specific databases. Upon choosing the databases you wish to search, you will progress to the Advanced Search page, which appears by default. This allows you to limit by criteria such as full-text and peer-reviewed articles as well as the date of publication.

Asides and Addenda

By David Baruch

A lady librarian named Barrett
Kept ninety-three books in her garret.
She read them thrice through,
Then said, "Now what to do?"
"Why not read 'em again?" squawked her parrot.

A puckish librarian named Ed
Took a volume of Nietzsche to bed.
He browsed it one night,
But it gave him a fright.
"So I'll make it a pillow," he said.

A hungry librarian called Sam
Made a luncheon of popcorn and Spam.
When a friend up and said,
"Sam, you're off in the head!"
He replied, "Dude, I am what I am."