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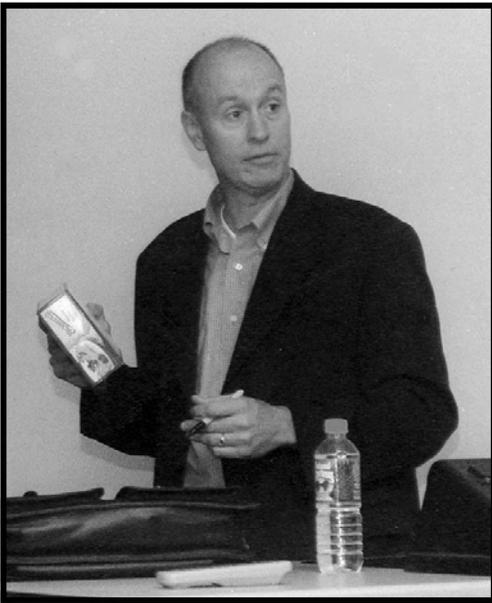


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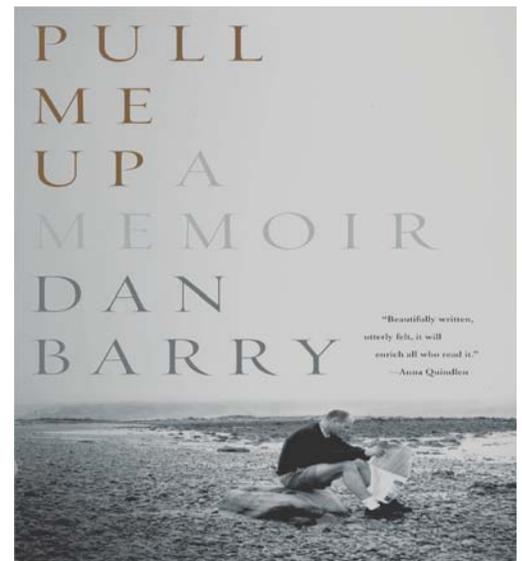
Writer's Café Series presents

Dan Barry, author of *Pull Me Up: A Memoir*

Dan Barry, author of the personal memoir *Pull Me Up*, joined us as the first speaker in this year's series of Ammerman Library Writers' Café events. Mr. Barry, who grew up in post-WWII Deer Park, spoke of many Long Island places and events that surely conjured memories for many in the audience. The co-recipient of the Pulitzer Prize and George Polk award also discussed his career as a journalist, including his current column in the *New York Times*, "About New York." Barry's talk and his book, however, centered on the profoundly affectionate relationships he shared with his mother, father, and siblings. Although Barry spoke of tragedy that befell the family, he punctuated his talk with the loving, lighthearted moments that ultimately render life's hardships bearable.

In keeping with *Pull Me Up*'s sense of nostalgia, Barry came bearing an item he deems as "essential as an oven to a Long Island kitchen": an Entenmann's pastry. Most of the many attendees signaled agreement with this sentiment, but only one audience member was lucky enough to take this lovely morsel of local culture home. English Professor Don Gilzinger correctly answered Mr. Barry's trivia question about the only Long Island native in the Baseball Hall of Fame, and walked off with the Raspberry Danish Twist.

Plans for additional Writers' Café events are in progress. Stay tuned for more information via e-mails and flyers.



New Database

Take a look at the new database, **JSTOR Digital Archive**, which contains fully searchable cover-to-cover replicas of the complete back-runs of important scholarly journals across more than 40 disciplines in the social sciences and humanities.

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New Books

The Age of Melancholy: "Major Depression" and its Social Origins / Dan G. Blazer. RC537 .B527 2005

Eakins Revealed: the Secret Life of an American Artist / Henry Adams. N6537.E3 A84 2005

God, the Devil, and Darwin: a Critique of Intelligent Design Theory / Niall Shanks. BS651.S54 2004

Holding up Half the Sky: Chinese Women Past, Present, and Future / HQ1767 .H643 2004

The Languages of Learning: How Children Talk, Write, Dance, Draw, and Sing their Understanding of the World / Karen Gallas. LB1139 .L3 G34 1994

Murderous Medicine: Nazi Doctors, Human Experimentation, and Typhus / Naomi Baumslag. R853 .H8 B38 2005

Running on Empty?: Political Discourse in Congressional Elections / JA85.2 .U6 R85 2004

Sheila's Shop: Working-class African American Women Talk about Life, Love, Race, and Hair / Kimberly Battle-Waters. E185.86 .B376 2004

Søren Kierkegaard: a Biography / Joakim Garff. B4376 .G28 2005

Televising War: from Vietnam to Iraq / Andrew Hoskins. DS79.739 .H68 2004.

To the Flag: the Unlikely History of the Pledge of Allegiance / Richard Ellis. JK1759.E37 2005

When the Spirits Dance Mambo: Growing up Nuyorican in el Barrio / Marta Moreno Vega. F128.9 .P85 V438

Why White Kids Love Hip Hop: Wankstas, Wiggers, Wannabes, and the New Reality of Race in America / Bakari Kitwana. ML3531.K58 2005

New Media

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| <i>Auschwitz: Inside The Nazi State</i> , 2 vols. | DVD 295 |
| <i>Beah: A Black Woman Speaks</i> | VH 2051 |
| <i>Casablanca</i> , Special Edition, 2 vols. | DVD305 |
| <i>Clockwork Orange</i> | DVD312 |
| <i>Edison: The Invention of the Movies</i> | DVD 311 |
| <i>Emma Goldman: The Anarchist Guest</i> | VH 2058 |
| <i>4th Media That Matters Film Festival</i> | DVD 293 |
| <i>Great American Speeches</i> | DVD 322 |
| <i>Maria Montessori: Her Life and Legacy</i> | DVD315 |
| <i>Practical Kayaking</i> | VH 2066 |

Librarians' Favorite Web sites

Check out this eclectic list of web sites chosen as favorites by the librarians at the Ammerman Campus library.

Dihydrogen Monoxide (www.dhmo.org) - a "hoax" Web site that is useful for illustrating the importance of evaluating Web sites, not just for the veracity of the information presented, but also for examining the kind of language/tone used, layout and graphics on the site and investigating who posted the information.

The Folger Shakespeare Library (www.folger.edu) The Folger Shakespeare Library in Washington, D.C. is home to one of the world's largest and finest collections of Shakespeare material. This site includes access to digitized primary sources such as maps and manuscripts from the archives.

Information Commons Links (besser.tsoa.nyu.edu/howard/Copyright/commons.html) Howard Besser's Information Commons Web site which provides links to numerous projects, papers, etc. related to the public domain, information sharing and related issues.

Latin American Working Group (www.lawg.org) The Latin America Working Group is comprised of over 60 organizations that work toward affecting U.S. foreign policy toward Latin American nations and peoples in a way that promotes human rights, justice, peace and sustainable development. Founded in 1983, LAWG regularly provides news updates, background information, and various publications and reports on topics such as immigration and foreign military aid and training. Information is accessible by country or region and links are provided to the various organizations that make up the advocacy coalition.

Library of Congress American Memory (memory.loc.gov) - provides free access to written and spoken words, sound recordings, still and moving images, prints, maps and sheet music that document the American experience.

Living room Candidate: Presidential Commercials 1952-2004 (livingroomcandidate.movingimage.us) The Museum of the Moving Image's online exhibition of presidential television commercials from 1952-2004. It includes such gems as a torch singer telling us "Adlai I love you madly" from 1956 and a parade of cartoon characters led by an elephant singing "I like Ike."

Long Island Genealogy (www.longislandgenealogy.com) - This site is a goldmine of Long Island history, photographs, cemetery records, obituaries, surname databases, vital records and much more. If you have ancestors from Long Island or are interested in local history, this is the place for you.

The Book is Dead, Long Live the Book

I was born the year after the baby boom ended in the 'tween' generation. I was in the last generation to go through high school without using a computer. By the time I finished my Bachelor's degree, I started to use my mom's Apple IIE which had a whopping 64K of memory! By my last year of library school, I stumbled upon a thing called gopher which was a text-based access to the Internet. So, although I didn't grow up using computers, I learned to use them as a young adult.

Since the advent of personal computers, much has been made about the paperless society. In this society, journals, books, and newspapers would not be printed. Instead, information would be stored in electronic databases and read on computer terminals. Looking around at my desk and watching students in the reference room, I can tell you that the paperless society was a dream. I can also tell you that books are alive and well at the SCCC campus libraries. In the 2004-2005 academic year, the campus libraries circulated over 20,000 books.

Futurists often fail to realize that new technologies rarely completely supplant existing technologies. Those of you born in the years before the baby boom can probably remember when television was introduced. TV was going to be the death of motion pictures and radio. Yet somehow all of these technologies have managed to coexist.

To illustrate this point, one only needs to look at the publishing patterns of books about the Internet. One of my first professional jobs was at Dowling College teaching a course about the Internet to educators. When I went to Borders (no amazon.com back then!) to find materials for the class, there were two books about the Internet- Kehoe's *Zen and the Art of the Internet* and Krol's *The Whole Internet User's Guide & Catalog*. Today, a search in amazon.com finds 23,119 titles about the Internet. Instead of replacing books, the Internet has resulted in a cottage industry for publishers. To paraphrase Mark Twain, "The reports of the death of the book are premature."

Why after all these years are books still being published and read? Simply because books are a technology that works. They are more portable than a pc or laptop, they require no electricity, suffer limited downtime (except when your spouse or children decide they like the book you are reading!) and are easier on your eyes than electronic devices.

This is not to say that the Internet and electronic databases are not more efficient at searching and displaying information. Likewise, librarians have organized this information so that students and faculty can easily find and download magazine, journal, newspaper and reference articles. However, books still play a vital role in undergraduate education.

I invite everyone to visit the library Web site at: <http://www.sunysuffolk.edu/Library>. I also invite you to come to the campus libraries and have a librarian help you with your research needs. Attend a library or TLC workshop on library research, copyright or plagiarism. But while you are in the library, don't forget to check out the new book shelf. Look in the catalog to see what books we have in your subject area or find a interesting novel to read during a break. To quote Mark Twain again, "The man who does not read good books has no advantage over the man who can't read them."

From the Archives

The Ammerman Library is in the process of building both a print and electronic archive of college documents, photos, memorabilia, etc. If you have items that you would like to donate to the archive, please contact Jennifer Farquhar at ext. 4185 or by e-mail at farquhj@sunysuffolk.edu.

As part of this project we have come across some interesting nuggets of information. The following was taken from the Board of Trustee Minutes:

On July 27, 1960 Suffolk Community College Board of Trustees makes their first full-time faculty appointments:

- Mr. Paul Winkler is hired as the SCCC's librarian at a salary of \$8,500 (a 12-month position)
- Mr. Frank E. Martin is appointed as Assistant Professor of Science at a salary of \$7,000
- Dr. A. Michael Deluca is appointed Associate Professor of Languages at a salary of \$8,700
- Mr. Eugene James Sullivan is appointed as Assistant Professor of Social Sciences at a salary of \$6,800

It is interesting to note that these appointments were made by a consultant, Dr. Baisler, President of Jamestown Community College. Dr. Baisler was slated to become the first President of Suffolk Community College in the fall of 1960. He declined this appointment in July 1960. Tune in to the next installment of "From the Archives" to find out how Albert Ammerman became the first President of Suffolk Community College.

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and Weekend Hours**

Mon.-Thurs.: 8 a.m. – 10 p.m.
Friday: 8 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Saturday: 8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Upcoming Events

Check it out: copyright, plagiarism, and the library

Explore how to deal with copyright issues in the classroom and the electronic environment. Learn about the strengths and weaknesses of plagiarism detection software. Learn about fair use guidelines and how to apply them to the works you use when teaching.

Facilitators: Rebecca Turner and Marya Shepherd
Tues. March 21, 2:00-3:00 in Rm. 112 of the Library

Sixth Annual Poetry Smackdown

Come share your poetry in this lighthearted competition organized by Professors Deborah Provenzano, Doug Howard and Dante Morelli.

Wed. April 19, 10:45-12:00 in Rm. 111 of the Library

In the News

Librarian **Lisa Melendez** has written two articles in the upcoming *Latinas in the United States: A Historical Encyclopedia* (Indiana University Press, 2006). The first is on social worker and community activist Sonia Palacio-Grottola, who was instrumental in defeating English-only legislation in Suffolk County. The second, the National Association of Puerto Rican/Hispanic Social Workers, Inc., advocates for professional and paraprofessional Latino/a social workers.

Asides and Addenda

By David Baruch

There was an old farmer named Blotz
Whose lettuce crop broke out in spots.
He plowed the plants under
(a serious blunder):
That lettuce with spots was worth lots!

A movie director from Aix
Needed 570 takes
For a scene in a flick
That made twelve critics sick.
Now he's out on the street selling cakes.