

## Library Renovation Slated to Begin

The long-awaited next stage of the renovation of the Sojourner Truth Library is slated to begin this fall. The contract is being awarded to Meyer Construction Corp. Once the timeline for the renovation is in place we will share it with the campus community.

The first stage of the renovation will be the clearing and closure of the top (main) floor. The staff and services located on this floor will be moved to the lower two floors. We will cut a new entrance at the concourse (2nd level) of the library into the hall that leads to the lecture center. Immediately next to these doors will be our newly configured checkout desk with security gates flanking the doors.

The Research desk will also be located on the concourse level, near the back wall of the library as you enter. Guests will be able to access the usual services from both the Checkout and Research desks. A reduced number of public PCs will also be situated on this floor along with printers and scanners.

We anticipate that STL may be crowded and noisy at times during the renovation so we have identified other spaces that can be used by students as quiet study areas. The Late



*Concourse level entrance to the library will become the main entrance.*



Night Study area will continue with usual hours in the Terrace throughout the semester. This space will remain open until 8am Sun-Thurs during mid-terms and finals. For your convenience we have prepared a special libguide with FAQs available at: [newpaltz.libguides.com/stlrenovation](http://newpaltz.libguides.com/stlrenovation).

## Welcome to New Reference Librarian Jo McInnis

Jo McInnis comes to New Paltz from Boston by way of Southern Virginia, where she was the Coordinator of Library Instruction and Adjunct Professor of English Comp. at Old Dominion University in Norfolk. (Go Monarchs!) Prior to that, she worked as the Instruction Librarian at Simmons College and as the Librarian for Germanic Languages & Literatures at Washington University in St. Louis. In her spare time, she swims with the Metro Masters Swim club in Montrose, NY, occasionally performs Butoh-inspired movement installations with a rag-tag group of professional dancers/artists, and enjoys bicycling and hiking with her husband Brian. She holds a BA in German Literature from the University of Massachusetts at Boston, an MS LIS in Information Science from Simmons College in Boston, and an MFA in Creative Writing (Poetry) also from UMass Boston.



The Friends of The Sojourner Truth Library  
Present the  
Eighth Annual Dennis O'Keefe  
Memorial Lecture

***Out of Africa:  
The Contribution of Slaves  
to the Cuisines  
of the Americas***

**Raymond Sokolov**

**September 9, 2014**

**5:30 P.M.**

Coykendall Science Building Auditorium  
SUNY New Paltz

**Book Signing at 5-5:30 P.M. and following the lecture**

There will be a reception after the lecture  
sponsored by Sodexo Food Services

**Free and Open to the Public**

## Digitized Rare Book Added to Web Holdings

Students of African American history worldwide can now access the *Second Mohonk Conference on the Negro Question, held at Lake Mohonk, Ulster County, New York, June 3, 4, 5, 1891*. Reported and edited by Isabel C. Barrows (1891), the historical material was recently published online by STL. This rare and fragile document – one of only a handful of copies still in existence – was made available online via the Hudson River Valley Heritage (HRVH) website, which provides access to a collaborative digital record of Hudson River Valley history. Alum Sandy Marsh provided countless volunteer hours to process and transcribe the report and worked closely with HRVH staff and STL Outreach Librarian Morgan Gwenwald on this project.

Albert K. Smiley and family, who owned nearby Lake Mohonk Mountain House, held a series of yearly conferences on “Friends of the Indian” from 1883 to 1916, and again in 1929. At the 1889 conference attendee ex-President Rutherford B. Hayes suggested a series of conferences on the “Negro Question” be undertaken as well.

Only two conferences were held on this topic at Lake Mohonk Mountain House.

The two small, soft-covered annual reports of proceedings from the two conferences were published in 1890 and 1891. STL Special Collections has print copies of both reports. The first is available in a digitized format on the *Internet Archive*. STL’s release of a scanned and transcribed copy of the 1891 report now makes available online both of these fascinating artifacts of the early years of Jim Crow.



## Zine Library Interns Hit the Stacks

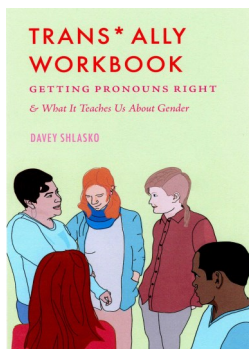


This summer, the new Zine Library was lucky to have two interns, incoming Junior Ilana Kantor, and Senior Crystal Zoodsma. “What are zines?” you might ask. Zines are low-tech, self-published chapbooks that address a variety of topics – from how to fix your bike to how to confront

racism, homophobia and transphobia in your community. They create space for voices underrepresented in traditional library resources. Some are instructional, others more personal - some even function as works of visual art.

This summer, our interns tackled a mountain of zines purchased from authors across the country. They assisted the Zine Librarian in creating library catalog records for over 100 zines. They wrote summaries, tracked down production dates, and chose Library of Congress Subject Headings for every new zine in the collection. We hope you’ll come check it out! The Zine Library is available for

browsing on the Concourse level of the Library, to the right just off the stairs. A wonderful sign created by Crystal Zoodsma marks the spot. For more information, or to get involved in the Zine Library, contact Madeline Veitch at [veitchm@newpaltz.edu](mailto:veitchm@newpaltz.edu).



## STL and NP Allies Present “Trans\* Ally Workbook”

Sojourner Truth Library in collaboration with the SUNY New Paltz Allies program has recently-acquired an online resource to support our efforts at creating a safer and more inclusive campus. Davey

Shlasko's book, *Trans\* Ally Workbook: Getting Pronouns Right and What it Teaches Us About Gender* provides excellent practical guidelines for using the right pronouns, and approaching language in a way that makes people of all genders feel comfortable and safe. In addition to a print copy at STL, we recently licensed access to it as an e-book, to be made available to the entire SUNY NP community for the next three years. You can access it from on or off campus: <http://bit.ly/1pdXoMJ>. You can also find it in our catalog by title or author. If off campus, you will be prompted to enter your NP login and password.

The NP Allies program will hold a brown bag discussion related to the workbook as part of their fall programming. Everyone is welcome to attend this interactive workshop on Tuesday, October 7 from 11:45am-1:15 in Old Main 1907. More information will follow in campus email or contact Marcia Tucci at x3044.