

Sojourner Truth Library Staff Moves Into Refurbished Office Space as Phase One of Library Renovation is Completed

The Library's Cataloging, Interlibrary Loan, Acquisitions and Book Repair departments moved into newly renovated spaces over the course of the third and fourth weeks of June - proof that the Library renovation project, though slowed, continues to move forward. Affectionately known as the "Lower East Side," opening opposite the main Concourse-level entrance to the building, this space features new furniture, carpeting, windows, telephones and as well as a new meeting space, copy room, and storage room.



Much credit goes to the librarians and staff who maintained nearly all library services and operations unchanged during the move. Thanks also to the many people of the Office of Facilities Management who helped bring about a smooth transition. While we anticipate that there will be no impact on the Library's services for students, faculty and staff, we thank you for your patience if you experience some incidental delay or disruption.

The renovation of the Lower East Side and two rooms on the ground floor complete the first phase of a planned four phase renovation. This project is supported by \$14.3 million in funds from the State University Construction Fund (SUCF) secured as an additional state appropriation by legislators, Assemblymember Kevin Cahill ('77) and State Senator John Bonacic in 2008.

Save the Date!

Sept. 19 at 5PM

**Friends of the Library
Dennis O'Keefe
Memorial Lecture**

James Ottaway

**"From Editing Newspapers
to Editing Books"**

Free & Open to the Public

Library Welcomes a New Staff Member

We're happy to welcome Jenn Palomino to the Library in the position of Secretary to the Dean. Jenn comes to us from the Office of Communications & Marketing. Many of you already know Jenn from her prior time in the Library when she worked as both a computer and circulation clerk and before that as one of our energetic student workers.





STL's Rare Yama Farms Books on Display at the Ellenville Public Library

In a collaborative effort to highlight the history of Yama Farms, located near Ellenville, NY, STL has loaned rare books to display in the Ellenville Library. New Paltz Professor Emeritus William Rhoads, Art History, selected the volumes to be included in the 100th Anniversary of the Yama Farms Inn and he is featured in a lecture at the Ellenville Public Library.

Rhoads says: "Yama Farms was in its heyday a private resort that attracted such prominent Americans as Henry Ford, Thomas Edison, and John Burroughs. Established by Frank Seaman (1858-1939), a wealthy advertising executive, Yama Farms included a number of buildings designed by Seaman's companion (later wife), Olive Brown Sarre (1873-1954), under the influence of Japan and the Arts and

Crafts movement."

"Sarre and Seaman had an impressive private library with autographed and inscribed copies of their books. Sarre often used blank pages as scrapbooks for pasting snapshots, letters, and news clippings relating to these men and their good times at Yama Farms. A number of the most interesting volumes have been preserved in the Special Collections of Sojourner Truth Library."

Students Explore Local Historical Collections for Objects to Research and Share in an Online Display

Professor Cyrus Mulready's Spring 2013 Honors Seminar explored history through objects. Working in collaboration with several local historical collections, students selected objects as diverse as a Native American stone knife from the ongoing archeological digs led by Professor Diamond at Historic Huguenot Street to a collection of silkscreened T-shirts from the campus radio station donated by Dennis O'Keefe. Students selected two objects, one from the distant past and one of more recent vintage. They then researched their objects and posted findings and reflections on the Hudson River Valley Heritage web page which is supported by the Southeastern NY Library Resources Council. The results of this unique project can be viewed on-line at: <http://omeka.hrvh.org/exhibits/show/history-of-new-paltz-in-object/>

