Library Webpage To Be Redesigned With Improved Layout and Navigation

Kristy Lee and Gary Oliver have been working closely with the Library Web Team at the Sojourner Truth Library (STL) to redesign the library’s web page. Many hours have gone into meetings, testing and discussion of ways to enhance access to information through this important portal. In addition to the improved design a great deal of effort has been put into the look of the layout. The goal is to create a web presence that is not only easier to use but also matches the main campus web page. We want the library pages to conform to the campus wide branding effort, to create a recognizable New Paltz presence.

Librarians held a focus group session with students on November 13 in STL 18 to test the new webpage. Cookies and pizza were provided for these sessions as students took a survey and offered their feedback to the librarians.

In the next step the campus faculty and staff will be invited to test the new webpage and offer feedback. After all the responses and suggestions have been considered the final version of the redesign will be created. The Library plans to have the new webpage up and running in the spring semester.

iPads Now Available for Seven Day Checkout

The Library is currently lending iPads for use outside the library for a seven day loan period. Eight iPads are available for checkout with a valid NP ID at the Checkout Desk and come loaded with basic iOS apps and word processing apps such as Apple Pages. Users can add their own apps as well. Due to the program’s great popularity the Library will expand the pool of available iPads.
Jazzman's Café in the Library is Closed for Renovation
Coffee and snacks are available at Parker Theatre and Jazzman’s in Jacobson Faculty Tower. Please remember that food is not allowed in the Library but you may bring in beverages that have a lid.

New York Conference on Asian Studies Donates Books to STL
After this year’s successful New York Conference on Asian Studies, hosted by SUNY New Paltz, over a hundred and thirty scholarly books were donated by the conference to the library collection. These books constitute a wonderful addition not just to our collection on Asian Studies, but also other disciplines such as history, political science, art, literature and philosophy. The Sojourner Truth Library is grateful for this large donation and proud to make these resources available for our faculty and students.

Renovation Update
Work on the Lower East Side (LES) office annex begins again in January. Many library staff hope to move into new office spaces there by the end of March.

Abatement will be carried out in the Concourse and Ground Floor Levels over intersession. This will be followed by work in other areas on the Concourse. We expect new construction work to begin in earnest after Graduation in the spring.

Work on the Jazzman’s Café has begun, and that area, along with the restrooms on the first floor are no longer accessible. Restrooms can be found on the Concourse and Ground floors of the library, to your right as you exit the stairs.

Please check the whiteboard next to the Library gates for the latest information on the

Friends of the Library Now Accepting Used Books
The Friends of the Library are gathering used books and cds for their next book sale. The Fall sale was cancelled due to the expected renovation, but now due to rescheduling they are planning to hold a book sale at the end of Spring semester. This will depend upon having enough books to hold a sale. If you have some books sitting around that you’ve been thinking of donating, now would be a perfect time. You may bring books to the Checkout Desk in the library any time the library is open. If you have a large number of books and would like to drop them off at the loading dock please contact Christina Cruz at 257-3679 to arrange an appointment.

A Winter Walk Through Town
From the Sojourner Truth Library Historic Photograph Collection, n.d.