Sojourner Truth Library Hosts Student Research Symposium and Celebration of Writing Day As Part of “Minds at Work”

On Friday, May 6th the library will again host two important celebrations of student achievement at New Paltz. Both the Celebration of Writing Day and the Student Research Symposium will be held in the library. The events are free and everyone is invited.

**Student Research Symposium**
*May 6th, 4pm-6:30pm Main Reading Room*

This is an occasion for students to share their accomplishments achieved in the laboratory, library, field, and studio. Graduate and undergraduate students that participated with faculty or under faculty supervision in original, independent research, critical reviews, laboratory projects or field studies and had their abstract accepted, will be presenting their work in this campus wide presentation. Come and see the range of scholarship on our campus.

**Celebration of Writing Day**
*May 6th, 3pm-5pm STL Lobby*

Sponsored by the University Writing Board, the event celebrates student writing across disciplines, and recognizes students’ effort in their writing endeavors inside and outside the classroom. At the event accepted students are invited to read an excerpt of their work and awards are given in various categories. Included are submissions from students in a range of disciplines, including science, technology, social science, art, education, where writing provides a necessary analysis tool.

Also welcomed are critical reviews of arts and culture, political analyses, news articles, book reviews, and science reports. Creative fiction, drama and verse are of course also included. Join us for this crowd pleaser which will elicit emotions as diverse as these student works.

**Save TIME Renew Your Materials on line**

Use the library web page to renew of books and pay fees. To pay your fine go to my.newpaltz.edu and log in and click on My Library.

To renew, go to the library home page, click the catalog tab, click library catalog, then login/user info. To renew an Interlibrary Loan book, log into your ILLiad account. Be aware that not all ILL books can be renewed and that you MUST renew it before its due date. Renew is not possible after the due date and you will have to return it to the lending institution. STL books can be renewed two times, unless another person has placed the book on hold, in which case you will not be able to renew.

All items must be returned by the due date avoid a late fine.

**Work Study Students Needed to Help at the Information Desk**

The library is looking for a few work study students to work at the Information Desk (Research Help Desk) in Fall 2011, especially on weekends. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn more about the library, how to use its resources and research strategies. Please contact Joan Laudicina at 257-3702 for more information.
In the spirit of spring cleaning reduce the clutter on your shelves by donating resourceful yet unwanted books to the Textbook Collection. Donating used textbooks to the Textbook Collection is a great way to help provide for the library and future students. To make a donation to the Textbook Collection, please include course information (course number, and title, and most importantly, your contact information). Please only donate current textbooks that are being used in the classroom. The Textbook Collection donation form can be found on our Facebook page: http://www.facebook.com/pages/The-Textbook-Collection-the-STL/197436038012 and on our Textbook Collection Libguides page.

A group of New Paltz International Students from Japan organized an information and donation table in the library lobby after the earthquake, tsunami and nuclear crisis that took place in Iwate, Miyagi, and Fukushima prefectures. They reported raising about $6,000 for relief efforts. The library also created an origami crane table, with instructions and materials to create cranes which were then donated to studentsrebuild.com to also raise relief money.

Library Renovation Update— The Roof
The upcoming library renovation will address the need to restructure, reorganize and renovate the current library facility in order to meet the campus’ current and future needs.

The architects for the renovation are Ayers Saint Gross Architects. The roof replacement will take place first and is scheduled to start this summer. The project is moving forward as scheduled and is expected to be completed in Winter 2013.

Donations Welcome for the STL Textbook Collection
In the spirit of spring cleaning reduce the clutter on your shelves by donating resourceful yet unwanted books to the Textbook Collection. Donating used textbooks to the Textbook Collection is a great way to help provide for the library and future students.

To make a donation to the Textbook Collection, please include course information (course number, and title, and most importantly, your contact information). Please only donate current textbooks that are being used in the classroom. The Textbook Collection donation form can be found on our Facebook page: http://www.facebook.com/pages/The-Textbook-Collection-the-STL/197436038012 and on our Textbook Collection Libguides page.

Lost & Found
At the end of each semester the library has amassed an amazing collection of lost items, ranging from clothing to books to water bottles to flash drives and other materials. If you are missing things, you might want to check the lost and found box in the library at the Checkout desk.