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**L**ibraries play many roles. They acquire research materials, but they also test and implement the technologies that increase access to those materials. For example, in this issue, see the articles “Nabb Center Receives Valuable Ledger” and “SFX and the New Online Catalog.”

## Nabb Center Receives Valuable Ledger

By Jill Nock Jeffery

The growing collection of primary materials—historical, cultural and economic— at the Edward H. Nabb Center for Delmarva History and Culture increases opportunities for original scholarship at Salisbury University. This past summer, the Nabb Center received a particularly important volume—an early 19th century store ledger.



Found in the 19th century home, Beckford, in Princess Anne, MD, and donated through the generosity of Allison Ainsworth, the Teackle, Dennis and Teackle (TD&T) ledger is now part of the Nabb Center's Freedom Ainsworth Collection. The leather-bound volume, dating from 1801-1804, is one of a three-volume set. The other two volumes are in the collections of the Somerset County Historical Society. The ledger has survived in relatively good condition, containing 201 pages of information on many of Somerset County's early 19th century residents.

The ledger offers a glimpse into the economic life and lifestyle of residents of Princess Anne, a growing, bustling town. It lists an astonishing range of goods sold, providing invaluable clues to the material life in the Chesapeake region in the early 19th century. It also paints a portrait of one of its most prominent residents, Littleton Dennis Teackle, a patron of the arts who had connections with many prominent individuals of his day. Local residents may be familiar with this name because Littleton Dennis

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## SFX And The New Online Catalog

By Terry Daenzer

The University System of Maryland and Affiliated Institutions brought up two new systems in January. One system is Ex Libris, the system to use when looking for books. The other system is SFX. What does SFX do? The easiest way to explain that is to offer a true anecdote.

I was talking with a member of the faculty, demonstrating some of the features of *Business Source Premier*, one of my favorite databases. We did a search on a term critical to his current research. He scanned the list of results, then selected one record. He scrolled down through it, read the abstract, then pointed at the SFX icon and asked what it meant. I clicked on SFX, which opened up a window that provided a complete citation offered to determine if Blackwell Library subscribed to it and indicated that full text was available in *Science Direct*. In a minute or two, after a simple click, the full text of the article displayed.

Without SFX, it is difficult to know whether and where full text of an article is available because so many databases include some full text. It is not yet perfect; nonetheless, SFX increases the chance of accessing full text articles and will, long term, provide a web listing of the electronic journals to which Blackwell subscribes.

Just to recap: When you search in an SFX-enabled database, for any record selected, SFX will check all available databases to find out if full text is available and, if available, will link to the full text. Whether full text is available or not, SFX will search the Blackwell Library periodical titles to determine if hard copy exists in the collection.

SFX does not perform miracles, but it will save you time and effort.

For more information on SFX, see [www.itd.umd.edu/MDUSA/sfxfaq.html](http://www.itd.umd.edu/MDUSA/sfxfaq.html).  
For information on the new online catalog, see [www.lib.umd.edu/PUB/catalogusmai.html](http://www.lib.umd.edu/PUB/catalogusmai.html).

## Comments from Users Reflect Experiences With New Library Catalog

(abridged and edited)

By Heidi Hanson, Systems Librarian  
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As soon as the new online library catalog, catalogusmai, went "live" on January 6, 2003, users began to send in feedback using the "comments" mail link at the bottom of every catalog screen. Those comments indicate that users have a wide range of reactions, from frustration to delight.

The feature that most pleases everyone is the ability to renew loans online. A student wrote, "Renewing online makes my life so much easier." Another new feature users like is the ability to save searches from one session for searching in a later one.

Most responses come from users struggling to use features that function somewhat differently or that just look different. The request feature falls into the first category. Probably the largest category of problems relate to the "request" function. Its design is different, and users have reported difficulty in finding the request button to place a hold or recall request. Searching and library location information fall into the second category. Searches called "title browse" or "name/author browse" in the old catalog are labeled "title beginning with ..." and "author beginning with ..."

in the new catalog. In the old catalog, a click on the abbreviated name of a library location opened a page with information about the location. Now location names are spelled out, and clicking on round, yellow "i" icon following the location name leads to location information.

Most helpful to ITD staff are suggestions or requests for improvements. One frequent request is for a link back from the catalog to the library's home page. Users also ask if they can receive e-mail notices for request pick-up or overdue materials, and they would like to be able to submit interlibrary loan (ILL) requests through the catalog. All of these suggestions, and more, are features ITD staff are working toward offering. The only suggestions ITD just can't satisfy: Bring back the old catalog! The old system served us faithfully, but after 11 years had reached the end of its useful life, with further development no longer feasible. The state-of-the-art technology that supports the new library catalog will allow us to provide even more innovative resources and services in the future.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Wednesday, April 9, 2003 Children's Literature Festival

There will be an author book signing and reception with Bryan Collier and Nikki Grimes at 5 p.m. in Blackwell Library. The artist, author and illustrator Bryan Collier will be speaking in the Great Hall, Holloway Hall, at 3:30 p.m. and again at 6:30 p.m. for the Young Author Awards Ceremony. Collier has received the Coretta Scott King Award, the Ezra Jack Keats Award and other honors for his books. Grimes is the author of many award-winning books for children and young adults. She won the 2003 Coretta Scott King Author Award for her novel, *Bronx Masquerade*.

The Grand Opening of the International Board on Books for Young People's Display of Books for Children with Disabilities will also be in Blackwell Library on April 9 at 5 p.m. Forty-three books from 18 countries will be on display throughout the month of April.

### Saturday, May 3, 2003 The Teackle, Dennis And Teackle Ledger, Nabb Center

Visit the Nabb Center at 1 p.m. when local decorative arts dealer William Germain discusses the Teackle, Dennis and Teackle (TD&T) ledger and shares his efforts to document the life of Little Dennis Teackle. Visit <http://nabbhistory.salisbury.edu> for more information.

### April 6-12 Win A Pen And Pencil Set And Help The Library Celebrate National Library Week

Blackwell Library will be celebrating National Library Week by holding a book sale (novels only). The sale will begin at 8 a.m. on Monday, April 7, and continue until 3 p.m. on Friday, April 11. Everyone who purchases a book may fill out a raffle ticket and be eligible to win a pen and pencil set. The drawing for the winner will be on Friday after the sale ends. Please join the celebration and stock up on novels for the summer! All novels are \$.50 each.

### Nabb Center Receives Valuable Ledger

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Teackle and his wife, Elizabeth Upshur Teackle, constructed Teackle mansion in Princess Anne, one of the most impressive federal period buildings on the lower Shore.

To learn more, plan to spend an hour at the Nabb Center on Saturday, May 3, at 1 p.m., when local decorative arts dealer William Germain will discuss the ledger and also share his efforts to document the life of Little Dennis Teackle. Some of Germain's research is accessible in the Nabb Center's March Shoreline newsletter, reserved in its entirety for members only at [www.salisbury.edu/newsevents/shoreline/](http://www.salisbury.edu/newsevents/shoreline/).

## **The [Baltimore] Sun Lauds Nabb Center**

The Edward H. Nabb Research Center for Delmarva History and Culture continues to gain regional and national prominence. A lengthy February 23, 2003, article in *The Sun's* Education section called the Nabb Research Center "a treasure chest for those who seek primary sources or original material on regional history," and identified Salisbury University "as a prime gathering place for scholars digging into original sources to piece together and reconstruct our region's past."

Find out more about the Nabb Research Center for Delmarva History and Culture at <http://nabbhistory.salisbury.edu>.

## **Library Student Assistant Receives Scholarship**

*By Kathryn Kalmanson*

When Melissa Cirillo, Reference Department student assistant, graduates from Salisbury this spring, she'll be going to the University of Maryland College Park on a full scholarship for graduate studies in international journalism. She was also accepted for the graduate program in international journalism at Cardiff University in Wales but decided to stay in Maryland, where her studies will focus on public affairs reporting.

In her four years at the library, Melissa has performed countless duties: creating display cases, compiling statistics, inventorying collections, and processing government documents and periodicals. She has provided incalculable assistance, however, in her primary role as reference assistant, helping people locate materials, find information and use electronic databases.

When not working in the library, Melissa is busy with other campus activities. She serves as coordinator for a research project at PACE. Prior to that, she was news director at WSUR, where she recorded daily news and weather reports as well as producing and co-hosting a show. Recently she was chosen to serve on the newly created Blackwell Library Student Advisory Committee. Her other interests range from being a member of the voter registration team on campus to helping found the SU Bocce Club. A political science major with minors in communications and philosophy, Melissa also has a record of academic excellence. She has been on the Dean's List every semester and is a member of Pi Sigma Alpha, the national political science honors society. This year at the National Conference for Undergraduate Research, she presented a paper on the role of the media in the Vietnam War.

The library staff, and the reference librarians in particular, will be very sorry to say goodbye to Melissa at the end of this semester. That regret, however, is tinged with pride.

## **Music Teachers' National Association (MTNA) Conference Presentation**

On March 19, 2003, Dr. Linda Cockey of the Music Department and Kathryn Kalmanson of the library presented a program titled "Wellness Resources for the Musician" at the annual conference of the Music Teachers' National Association (MTNA) in Salt Lake City. Cockey and Kalmanson were invited to present at the conference as a result of their long-time work in compiling a bibliog-

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## **Blackwell Library Student Advisory Committee**

*By Chris Vidas*

Incorporating students' opinions into the decision-making process at Blackwell Library is becoming increasingly important as the library attempts to tailor its collection and services to meet students' academic needs. In many academic libraries, drastic changes occur without providing students the opportunity to supply feedback about alterations that could profoundly affect their use of the library. Through the efforts of Alice Bahr, dean of libraries and instructional services at Salisbury University, the library has made great strides toward establishing a closer relationship with students regarding an array of prospective changes that could potentially impact their attitude concerning Blackwell Library.

On December 10, 2002, the first meeting of the newly established Student Advisory Committee took place. The purpose of this committee is to allow interested students to collaborate with library faculty about important issues pertaining to their use of the library. Three librarians (Chris Vidas, Andy Reese and Alice Bahr) and three students (Melissa Cirillo, Sarah Dudgeon and Karisse Cormack) attended the first session. The discussions that followed demonstrated the high level of enthusiasm that existed among the student population concerning developments within the library. A variety of topics were explored, including the creation of a café within the library, the possibility of student evaluations of library Web pages, administering surveys among the student body and other topics that were of interest to the attending students. The librarians were made aware of a variety of concerns about the library that existed among the student body.

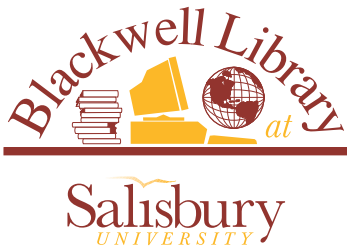
The Student Advisory Committee allows students to have a voice in an area that has traditionally been off limits to them. The participating students will continue to discuss issues of importance with each other prior to reporting back to the librarians. Library staff hope, in time, that students will submit proposals that will positively impact their library experience and benefit their classmates for years to come.

## **Celebrating Scholarship: Faculty Book Collection**

Beginning this January, the library began buying two copies of books that Salisbury University faculty recently authored, co-authored or to which they contributed a chapter.

We need your help, however, to include past publications. If you have extra copies of your earlier books and would consider donating them to the library, please contact Andy Reese, collection development librarian, at [dareese@salisbury.edu](mailto:dareese@salisbury.edu) or Ext. 36367. With your generosity, the Faculty Collection will grow much more quickly.

*Now the Faculty Collection is searchable as a separate collection. Just go to the online catalog and click on "Find Books and More" on the library home page [www.salisbury.edu/library/](http://www.salisbury.edu/library/). Choose "advanced" search and look at the drop-down menu for "location." "SU Faculty Authors" is listed as one of the choices.*



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**Spring Final Exams Hours  
May 14-21, 2003**

May 14-15	8 a.m.-2 a.m.
May 16	8 a.m.-Midnight
May 17	9 a.m.-10 p.m.
May 18	Noon-2 a.m.
May 19-20	8 a.m.-2 a.m.
May 21	8 a.m.-8 p.m.

## Library Plans Room For The Visually Impaired

Thanks to the generosity and cooperation of Barry King in the Office of Disability Support Services, Blackwell Library is creating a resource center for library users with visual impairments. Nearly completed and located on the main floor, this room will include a computer with software that reads aloud from the computer screen into a headset. This software will work with word processing and e-mail as well as with Web pages and other electronic text. Another computer will run the Kurzweil 1000 software which scans written material and reads it through a headset. Also included is a VisualTek workstation that magnifies text and displays it on a television screen.

## Color And Kudos

Special thanks to Richard Pusey, vice president for administration and finance, and John Spence, procurement officer. Their willingness to finance the leasing and supplies for a color copier, in advance of any revenues received, means the library will soon have a color copier available. The cost will be 75¢ per copy. This answers several student requests in the suggestion box last semester: "Have a color photocopier. We need one!" "We need a color photocopier in the library."

Your suggestions do matter: Keep them coming.

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## Music Teachers' National Association (MTNA) Conference Presentation

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raphy of wellness resources which is published every year in the June/July issue of *American Music Teacher*. The bibliography annotates books, periodicals, videos and Web sites that focus on medical problems commonly experienced by musicians and dancers. The bibliography will also be published and maintained on the MTNA Web site, [www.mtna.org](http://www.mtna.org).

At the conference, Cockey and Kalmanson spoke to an audience made up primarily of music teachers from the elementary grades through college as well as those who give private instruction. The presentation emphasized resources that will help both music teachers and performing musicians develop strategies for preventing injuries and for coping with the physical and psychological demands of performance.

Although performing arts medicine is now well recognized as both a clinical specialty and an academic field, it did not exist 20 years ago when Cockey began collecting medical information to help musicians. Kalmanson became involved with the project through her work with Cockey in searching medical databases and acquiring materials. Today books and articles on musician wellness and performance injury appear in many different fields of study including psychology, sports medicine and music pedagogy.

## Increasing Access To Government Documents

[www.salisbury.edu/library/GovernmentDocuments/GovDocH.htm](http://www.salisbury.edu/library/GovernmentDocuments/GovDocH.htm)

*By Gaylord Robb, Reference/Government Documents Librarian*

Here is what's new in government documents at Salisbury University this spring: a direct link to the Government Information page from the Blackwell Library home page. Government documents sites cover a broad range of user friendliness from one site to another, and sometimes it can take a fair amount of time to track down an item. That's why I have provided several different access points on Salisbury University's Government Information page. You can search by word, click on items from a menu or choose from a list of agencies, etc., depending upon the link from which you choose to start. The point is there is generically no one best way to search, so you need to experiment. Or you can call the library and ask for assistance.

Contact me at 410-543-6234 or leave a message, or call the reference desk at 410-548-5988. Please remember that the government produces a vast amount of information, so, at times, patience is needed.

NOTE: If you have an interest in a particular Web site that is not listed on the SU Government Information page, please contact me at the number above, and I will see if I can find a place for it.

