The sun is shining, we’re wrapping up buying books on this year’s budget, and strategizing about how to help students doing BA thesis (or any other) research over the summer – must be Spring. If you have thoughts on any of the above, let me know.

Please email me at sgwenzel@uchicago.edu with any questions you may have about the library’s collections and services, or with any comments and suggestions about the content and design of this newsletter.

Exhibitions and Events

**Chicago Poetry Symposium 2010**
Special Collections Research Center
April 17, 2010 -- 12:30 – 5 p.m.

The third annual Chicago Poetry Symposium, a yearly conversation on the history of Chicago poetry, features talks on Alice Notley, Sterling Plumpp, Henry Rago, and Margaret Anderson by Stephanie Anderson, Garin Cycholl, Al Filreis, Phil Jenks, Nancy Kuhl, and Don Share.

The symposium highlights the SCRC's strong archival and book holdings in the history of Chicago poetry, including the papers of Harriet Monroe and her *Poetry: A Magazine of Verse*, Paul Carroll, *Chicago Review*, Flood Editions, Ralph J. Mills, Jr., Michael Anania, and others. It is free and open to the public.

**Tadanori Yokoo: Recent Poster Works, 1997-2005**
Regenstein Library – 1st floor
March 29 - June 19, 2010

Japanese artist and designer Tadanori Yokoo’s posters reject the elegant economy of means found in twentieth-century modernist design. While the posters on exhibition were produced as advertisements, they challenge viewers to take an active, questioning, or ironic stance toward what is being purveyed. Rays, waves, waterfalls, and other references to 1960s and 70s psychedelic imagery humorously evoke the embattled subconscious of a viewer overwhelmed by images, a theme that carries easily into the twenty-first century. This exhibition is co-sponsored by the Japan Foundation Toronto, the Center for East Asian Studies, the University of Chicago Library, and the Consulate General of Japan at Chicago.
New Service

**IM a Librarian**

Faculty and students can now ask librarians questions via instant message (IM). Spring Quarter “Ask a Librarian” IM service hours are Mondays through Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., Fridays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturdays and Sundays from noon to 5 p.m.

Reference desk staff also continue to be available to answer questions via e-mail, phone (2-4685), and in person at campus libraries.

New Research Guide

**Reviews**

My colleagues and I have created a guide to finding reviews – book reviews, film reviews, theater reviews, performance reviews, etc. We would (as ever) welcome your thoughts as you use it.

And, of course, I would be happy to make a guide tailored to a specific class or topic or to talk to students about effectively using library resources for research.

New Online

**Collected Letters of W.B. Yeats**

Thanks to the generosity of the Library Society, the Library is acquiring the electronic edition of *The Collected Letters of W. B. Yeats*, which contains, complete, the volumes of *The Collected Letters* which have appeared in print in addition to all of the letters from the remaining (unpublished) volumes. A total of 7,378 new letters are featured in the database.

**19th -century British Pamphlets**

Through the JSTOR interface, we now have access to the 19th Century British Pamphlets collection. This collection, created by RLUK (Research Libraries UK), contains the most significant British pamphlets from the 19th century held in UK research libraries. The collection holds more than 20,000 pamphlets from seven UK institutions.

**Journals**

Also in JSTOR, we have subscribed to the archives of additional journals, some of which may be of particular interest:
Alexander Street Press has added 47 new titles (amounting to 12,118 new pages) to the Black Women Writers database.

**NINES**

NINES, the Networked Infrastructure for Nineteenth-Century Electronic Scholarship, aims to gather the best scholarly resources in the field and make them fully searchable as well as to provide an online collecting and authoring space in which researchers can create and publish their own work.

Some of the Alexander Street Press collections are now searchable at the NINES site:

* Scottish Women Poets of the Romantic Period
* The American Civil War: Letters and Diaries

The Alexander Street Press metadata are included on the site and the tools search their full text. As an example, there is a saved search that shows all of their Civil War Letters and Diaries material: [http://www.nines.org/search/saved?user=DWheeles&name=cwld](http://www.nines.org/search/saved?user=DWheeles&name=cwld).

**New Acquisitions**

**Books**

Browse new acquisitions online at [http://www.lib.uchicago.edu/e/newbooks/](http://www.lib.uchicago.edu/e/newbooks/). (See PN for general theory, PR for English literature, PS for American literature, etc.) Selected new items this month include:

* Studying the history of early English
  Horobin, Simon. PE1077 .H67 2010
Epic and history
Konstan, David & Kurt A. Raaflaub. PN56.E65 E645 2010

Early modern women and transnational communities of letters
Campbell, Julie D. & Anne R. Larsen. PN721 .E27 2009

Naissances de la bande dessinée : de William Hogarth à Winsor McCay
Smolderen, Thierry. f PN6710.S564 2009

Making waste : leftovers and the eighteenth-century imagination
Gee, Sophie. PR448.W37 G44 2010

Sex and satiric tragedy in early modern England : penetrating wit
Rieger, Gabriel A. PR658.T7 R55 2009

Poetics en passant : redefining the relationship between Victorian and modern poetry
Jamison, Anne Elizabeth. PR5238 .J36 2009

A novel marketplace : mass culture, the book trade, and postwar American fiction
Brier, Evan. PS379. B675 2010

Art matters : Hemingway, craft, and the creation of the modern short story
Lamb, Robert Paul. PS3515.E37 Z6885 2010

The letters of Gertrude Stein and Virgil Thomson : composition as conversation
Stein, Gertrude & Virgil Thomson. PS3537.T323 Z4977 2010

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Questions about the library? Want to order a book?

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