Welcome & Welcome back!

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

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**Graphic Novels as Social Commentary**

Regenstein Library – 1st, 3d & 4th floors

20 September – 10 December, 2010

The graphic novel, whether fiction, memoir, documentary, or creative non-fiction, has always been a medium to address social issues. Our exhibit looks specifically at graphic novels that discuss violence, war, the experience of the ‘other,’ feminism, and social tension. The exhibit takes us from the antecedents of the graphic novel to the present day when the format is enhanced by and enhances different media.

**Sounds from Tomorrow’s World: Sun Ra and the Chicago Years, 1946-1961**

Web exhibit: [www.lib.uchicago.edu/e/webexhibits/sunra/](http://www.lib.uchicago.edu/e/webexhibits/sunra/)

While living in Chicago, Herman Poole “Sonny” Blount became Sun Ra—the leader of the Arkestra and a composer and arranger of some of the most avant-garde jazz of the time. He was also the architect of a philosophy that informed his music, his life, and the lives of those around him: a synthesis of Black Nationalism, Egyptology, futurism, occultism and Southern Baptist preaching. This Web exhibit explores Sun Ra’s Chicago years through images and sound recordings of his poetry and music, vinyl records and album artwork, promotional materials, and early controversial broadsheets.

Featured Service

**The Library Goes Mobile**
The Library is now providing access to key services tailored for mobile devices. Check Library hours, search Lens, IM or text a librarian, or navigate the Library’s main page from mobile.lib.uchicago.edu. Please send comments and suggestions to mobile-devices@lib.uchicago.edu.

New Online

**Lexicons of Early Modern English**

In response to requests of faculty and students, we have subscribed to the Lexicons of Early Modern English from the University of Toronto. LEME contains “word-entries from monolingual English dictionaries, bilingual lexicons, technical vocabularies, and other encyclopedic-lexical works” (1480-1702).

**Journals**

Project Muse has added new titles to the collection, including:

Mosaic: a journal for the interdisciplinary study of literature

Philip Roth Studies

Renaissance Drama

StoryWorlds: A Journal of Narrative Studies

Victorian Review

(If you want to get an email when new issues are added, go to http://tools.muse.jhu.edu/cgi-bin/journal_alerts.cgi to sign up.)

New Acquisitions

**Books**

Browse new acquisitions online at 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:

Specters of conquest: indigenous absence in transatlantic literatures
Lifshey, Adam.

Medieval monstrosity and the female body
Miller, Sarah Alison.
Construction and Renovation News

Mansueto Library Construction Update

While construction of the dome is progressing rapidly above ground, the automated storage and retrieval system (ASRS) is being assembled in the Mansueto basement. Visit the Library’s Flickr photostream for the latest construction images. The Joe and Rika Mansueto Library is scheduled for completion in spring 2011.

Special Collections Research Center

When the Mansueto Library opens in 2011, users walking through Regenstein toward its sister library will encounter a striking new exhibition gallery and entrance to the Special Collections Research Center. Beyond the glass doors will be an additional group study, an upgraded classroom, and offices for two reference and instruction librarians. Learn more.

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Questions about the library? Want to order a book?
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