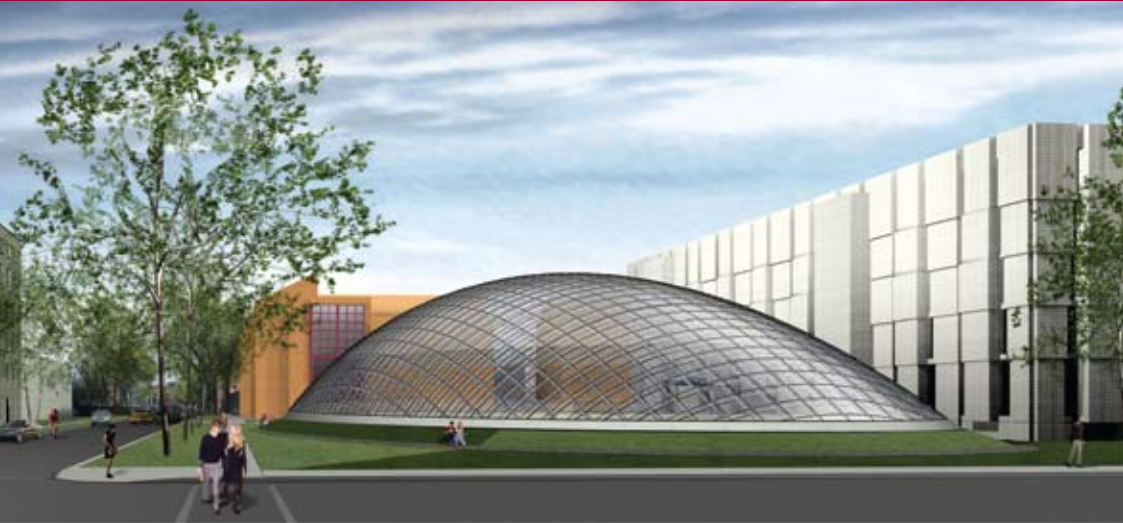


The Joe and Rika Mansueto Library



Helmut Jabn's rendering of the view of the Joe and Rika Mansueto Library from the south.

Mansueto Library Construction Begins

Construction of the Joe and Rika Mansueto Library, at 57th Street and Ellis Avenue, began on September 15 and will continue through 2010. Major phases of construction include the following:

September 15, 2008 – Spring 2009

Excavation and Slurry Wall Construction

The site is prepared, the hole for the structure is dug, and the slurry wall is constructed.

Spring 2009 – Summer 2010

Floor and Dome Construction

The lower level and ground floor are put in and the dome is constructed.

Autumn 2009 – Summer 2010

Bridge, Connections and Interior Work

The bridge from Mansueto to Regenstein is built, the pathway through Regenstein to the bridge is constructed, and Mansueto interior work is finished.

Winter 2010 – Summer 2010

ASRS

The automated storage and retrieval system (ASRS) is assembled on the lower level.

September – December 2010

Completion of Mansueto Construction and Loading of Materials

Finishing work is completed and materials from campus libraries are loaded into the ASRS. Faculty, students, staff, and visiting scholars will begin using the new Library in 2011.

For the latest information about ongoing construction work, visit mansueto.lib.uchicago.edu/thismonth.

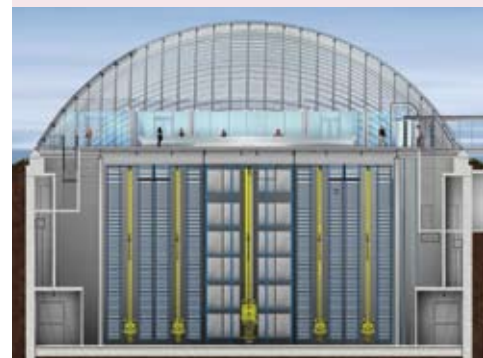
Recollections of Regenstein Inspired Mansuetos' Gift

The Joe and Rika Mansueto Library is being named in honor of two University of Chicago alumni in recognition of their extraordinary \$25 million gift to the University.

“Like most students at the University, we found the library to be a central part of the experience. Our typical days included going to Regenstein every night,” Joe Mansueto said. “So when we were looking to give a gift to the school, a new library resonated with us.”

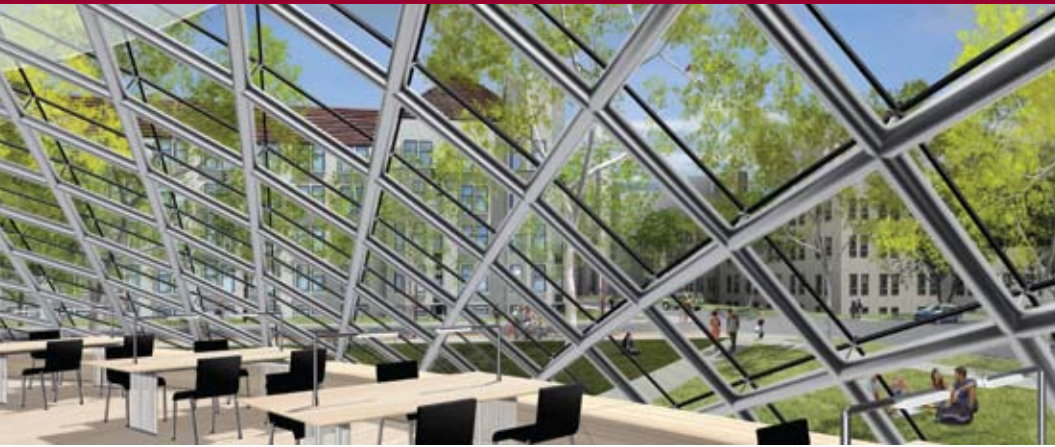
In 1984, Joe Mansueto, AB'78, MBA'80, founded Morningstar, Inc., a premier investment research firm, where Rika, AB'91, worked as an investment analyst.

Read more about the Mansuetos at chronicle.uchicago.edu/080515/mansuetos.shtml.



A cross-section of the Mansueto Library shows the glass dome above ground and the ASRS below ground.

The Joe and Rika Mansueto Library



Helmut Jahn's rendering of a view from the Grand Reading Room.

Mansueto Library's Bold Design and Central Location Enable Groundbreaking Research

By building the Joe and Rika Mansueto Library at the heart of campus, the University of Chicago Library creates new spaces and tools for collections, preservation, and collaboration.

"Groundbreaking research thrives on ready access to a wealth of scholarly materials and inspiring spaces for their exploration. The Joe and Rika Mansueto Library gives us both," said Judith Nadler, Director and University Librarian.

The University of Chicago Library is the only top research library in North America acting to keep its entire collection on campus for the next 20 years. The Mansueto Library, designed by renowned architect Helmut Jahn, will provide on-campus storage capacity for an additional 3.5 million volumes, bringing the library system's total capacity to 11 million print volumes when full. Its high-density automated storage and retrieval system (ASRS) requires one-seventh of the space of regular stacks. When a request is made for material stored in the system, it will be retrieved within minutes by a robotic crane—unlike retrieval from off-site storage facilities, where it may take up to three days to receive requested material.

A cross-disciplinary collection of materials from all of the existing libraries on campus will be united in the Mansueto Library, and scholars from all disciplines will enjoy working in the Grand Reading Room under a soaring elliptical glass

dome. By opening up collection storage space in the campus libraries, the Mansueto Library will enable the rethinking and repurposing of spaces in libraries across campus, creating the opportunity for new individual and group study spaces, and increasing opportunities for collaborative work within these libraries' walls.

The Mansueto Library will also house state-of-the-art conservation and digital technology laboratories that will preserve manuscripts and other rare materials, in their original form and through digitization. This work will enable long-distance research and innovative approaches to scholarly collaboration.

For more information, visit mansueto.lib.uchicago.edu.

Helmut Jahn's rendering of the ground floor of the Mansueto Library.



Inside the Mansueto Library

Ground Floor

Grand Reading Room: This 8,000-square-foot room will provide comfortable seating for 150 faculty, students and visiting scholars under a soaring elliptical glass dome.

Preservation Department: The Library's capacity to preserve its rich collections will be greatly expanded in the new 6,000-square-foot area, which includes:

- **Conservation Laboratory:** Special paper washing sinks, fume hoods for chemical treatments, bookbinding equipment and flexible workstations will be used to conserve original artifacts.
- **Digital Technology Laboratory:** Large-format digital cameras will be used to create high-resolution digital images of unique book and paper materials that are too fragile for traditional conservation treatment or frequent handling.

Circulation Service Center: Library users check out materials they requested from the ASRS and obtain information from Library staff.

Lower Level

Automated Storage and Retrieval System (ASRS): This system will shelve materials underground by size rather than library classification, in racks extending 50 feet down, with a capacity to hold 3.5 million volumes.



The Kathleen A. Zar Room

(Photo by Lloyd DeGrane)

Faculty Invited to Schedule Classes and Gather Spontaneously in High-Tech Library Meeting Spaces

The Library recently opened several new or renovated classrooms and meeting spaces in the Crerar, D'Angelo and Regenstein libraries. Rooms have been equipped with video technology and Internet connections and can be reserved in advance. Faculty, students, and staff are also welcome to gather in most rooms spontaneously when they are not already reserved or in use.

Kathleen A. Zar Room, Crerar 1st floor: A technology-equipped space for training programs, lectures, seminars, classes, and informal gatherings, the Zar Room can be rapidly reconfigured to facilitate both large lectures and small group work styles. Equipped with a projector and retractable projection screen, a DVD player with a 42-inch monitor, and a wide variety of comfortable, moveable chairs and tables, the room can seat up to 20 people. A folding partition can be opened to create a larger space for

up to 50 people on demand. This room is perfect for meetings that combine lectures with break-out sessions.

Regenstein 207 and 523: Audio and video recordings in numerous formats can be shown in these rooms, which are both equipped with an international VCR, a multi-region international DVD/VCR player, a ceiling-mounted projector, and a retractable projection screen. In addition, there are video and audio cables available to easily project content from your laptop. Wireless is available in both rooms, as is an analog phone line that can be used with a spider phone for webinars. Room 207 seats 20, and Room 523 seats 35. When not reserved or in use, the keys to the rooms may be checked out from the circulation desk by faculty, students and staff for up to 4 hours. These rooms are well suited for rehearsing presentations with an audio or video component.

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New Harper “Library Connection” Will Serve 21st-Century College Students

By Rebecca Starkey, Reference Librarian/
Instruction Services Specialist

For nearly a century, College students have studied in the grand reading rooms of the William Rainey Harper Memorial Library. But while past generations of students surrounded themselves with books and writing paper, today's undergraduates are just as likely to be listening to a music assignment on their iPod, reading an e-book, or searching databases on their laptop.

As the research and study needs of today's undergraduates are changing, so is Harper Library. Over the next several years, Harper Library will be transformed into a 21st-century learning space. The new Harper College Center will be a place where students, faculty, and staff can meet and collaborate using the latest technology, while still being inspired by the building's historic architecture.

The University of Chicago Library is embracing this new learning environment by creating an exciting new center for undergraduate research. *The Library Connection at the Center*, located in the Stuart reading room, will connect College students to the enormous range of resources and services provided by the Library.

Below are just a few examples of the types of activities that will take place at the *Library Connection at the Center*:

Ready Reference: A student writing in the Center drops by to learn how to cite a Web page.

Consultation: A librarian meets with two students about finding sources for their group project.

Teaching: A group of students attend a session about SciFinder Scholar, a chemistry database.

Collaboration: Economics tutors meet with a librarian about possible data sources for an upcoming assignment.

Networking: The College Class Librarians hold a coffee hour for their students.

Upon its opening, students can expect to find an open, welcoming learning space at the Center where they can discover new information resources and meet library staff who can guide them through the research process. The space will also be an ideal place for librarians to partner with faculty and academic support services to help undergraduates gain the research skills they need for a successful future (both during College and beyond graduation).

The Library Connection at the Center provides a unique opportunity for the Library to develop programs and services that reach beyond our walls into the daily lives of students. In doing so, we hope to help redefine the Library as not



A photo of the William Rainey Harper Memorial Library from the University of Chicago Library's online Archival Photographic Files (<http://photofiles.lib.uchicago.edu/>)

only a place for books, but also a resource for teaching, learning, and discovery for the next generation of College students.



Aaron Seider meets with his Latin class in Regenstein 207, which has been renovated and supplied with new video equipment. (Photo by Lloyd DeGrane)

Digital Media Technology with Combined NSIT/Library Support to be Readily Accessed at Crerar Beginning Autumn Quarter

Digital media and other technology from Harper Library, Regenstein 216, and the USITE/Crerar Computer Cluster are being relocated to dynamic new workspaces in the John Crerar Library, where faculty and students can easily obtain support from both computing specialists and librarians.

A high-end multimedia lab for faculty and advanced graduate students will open this autumn in the former USITE space on Crerar's lower level. Faculty and graduate students can use the equipment and consult with NSIT specialists on projects involving 3D modeling and

visualization, digital image processing, and video creation and production.

The USITE/Crerar Computing Cluster that was previously located on Crerar's lower level is being relocated to the first floor of the John Crerar Library. Both Mac and PC computers will be made available. Stations for individual computing are being positioned along the west windows. A digital media area is being created and will be populated with Mac computers, scanning stations, and video editing equipment. In addition, a Computing Assistant will be stationed on the first floor to

provide computing support, sharing the reference desk with a Science Librarian.

Providing support for library research and digital media in one space is expected to help faculty and students conduct research and complete complex media projects more efficiently.

For more information, contact Emily Baker at emly@uchicago.edu.



Library Classrooms Offer Video Equipment, Phone and Internet

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Special Collections Research Center:

The Marie Louise Rosenthal Seminar Room, where classes use rare books and manuscripts in connection with document cameras, plasma screen displays, and the Internet, has been updated with new, larger plasma screens. Faculty members are welcome to schedule individual sessions or quarter-long classes that draw on SCRC resources.

D'Angelo Law Library: As a result of the renovation of this Library, there are seven small group study rooms seating 10–60 students available, as well as a Law School faculty workshop space equipped for presentations. It is used for Law School faculty work-in-progress lunches and job talks.

Additional Spaces

A list of other seminar rooms and teaching spaces throughout the library system can be found at www.lib.uchicago.edu/e/using/services.html under the heading Facilities, at Seminar Rooms / Classrooms / Group Study.



The Marie Louise Rosenthal Seminar Room in the Special Collections Research Center offers access to rare books, manuscripts, and archival materials as well as two large plasma screens, cameras, and Internet access. (Photo by Lloyd DeGrane)

For more information or to reserve a room, contact:

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www.lib.uchicago.edu/e/law/using/confrooms.html

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Students study Latin in Regenstein 207. (Photo by Lloyd de Grane)

Christopher Cronin

Director of Metadata and Cataloging Services



Christopher Cronin was appointed the Library's first Director of Metadata and Cataloging Services in September 2008. Chris's new position was developed to ensure that patrons can discover and use a wide variety of information resources expeditiously through the coordination of several ongoing initiatives, including faceted browsing (Lens); introduction of new data and content sources to the catalog (e.g., records for the CIC Google Book project); and the linking of disparate access systems within the Library, on campus, and beyond.

Chris will contribute to the development of processing models in support of digital initiatives, such as the creation of digital collections and online finding aids, as well as preservation efforts utilizing digital technology. Chris will also participate in reviewing, analyzing, and recommending for adoption appropriate tools for information discovery.

Chris comes to us from the University of Colorado at Boulder, where he most recently was the Head of Digital Resources Cataloging. He holds an M.I.S. from the University of Toronto and earned a B.A. in English from the University of British Columbia. Chris has an impressive list of publications and presentations and was selected to participate in the ALA Emerging Leaders program in 2007.

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Jennifer Hart

Science Reference Librarian



Jennifer Hart joined the staff of the John Crerar Library as a Science Reference Librarian in June 2008. Jenny is responsible for reference, instruction and outreach to the science community at the University of Chicago and to visiting science researchers and scholars. More specifically, Jenny is the library liaison to the physics department, a role which includes evaluating and purchasing physics resources both in print and electronic formats.

Jenny is involved in the implementation of new features in Lens, the Library's new search engine, and is managing the Crerar Library exhibition program. The first exhibition to open under her direction will be "Science at the University of Chicago: A History from the Library's Archival Photofiles" on October 20.

Previously, Jenny has served as a reference librarian and subject specialist for mathematics and physics at Brandeis University, as a serials payment specialist at Harvard College Library, as a reference assistant at Wentworth Institute of Technology and as a reference librarian at Boston University.

Jenny has an M.L.I.S. from Simmons Graduate School of Library and Information Science, and a B.A. in Mathematics from Brown University.

Jenny can be reached at 773-702-7569 or at hartj@uchicago.edu.



At Your Fingertips: Selected Online Resources

Try It! Library Database Trials, Betas, and Tools

The Library's new *Try It!* page lists databases under consideration for purchase, offers a sneak peek at Library services in development, and presents useful Library tools and widgets.

Find the *Try It!* page at www.lib.uchicago.edu/e/whatsnew/try/. We encourage you to visit regularly to see the latest tools.

Try It! Trials, Betas, and Tools

The Library is looking for feedback on new products and tools. The *Database Trials* section lists the set of databases we are considering for purchase. The *Betas* section provides a preview of tools which are in development (and may be a little rough around the edges). The *Tools & Widgets* section lists useful plugins and widgets to make your browser a more powerful research tool.

Database Trials

The Library is considering purchasing the following databases. Tell us what you think.

PRODUCT	TRIAL PERIOD
CO Press products (see below for details)	Jul 30 - Aug 28, 2008
From CO Press	
Dance in Video	Jun 11 - Aug 9, 2008
From Alexander Street Press	
Danshi (content search for Chinese publications)	Jun 13 - Aug 30, 2008
from Super Star Co.	
Electronic Enlightenment	Jul 16 - Dec 31, 2008
from Oxford University Press	
Global Road Woman	Jul 28 - Dec 31, 2008
from World Trade Press	
IBISWorld	Jul 28 - Aug 22, 2008
from IBISWorld	
Inform Plus Text Humanities	Jun 30 - Dec 31, 2008
and Social Science & Engineering Collection	
from Inform Australian Publishers	

Beta Tests

LENS - NEW FEATURES!



Aug - Sep 2008
This summer, we are experimenting features for Lens including results c-tagging, and list creation. We encor feedback on the features present; these features may change substar based on that feedback. Find out more.

Let us know what you think about all Lens features.

Tools & Widgets

LIBX
LibX is a Firefox plugin that gives you



On Your Terms: New Library Spaces on Campus

By Judith Nadler, Director and University Librarian

Technology and new patterns in study and teaching are changing the role of the Library and the concept of library space. In this rapidly changing environment, we aim to meet our users in their space and on their terms. Completed renovations of the D'Angelo Law Library, current and future renovations to the John Crerar Library and the William Rainey Harper Memorial Library, and construction of the new Joe and Rika Mansueto Library will help us to pursue this philosophy.

My own ambitions for Library space were inspired by a visit to the Graduate School of Business's Charles M. Harper Center and a tour of its classrooms, study areas, and breathtaking meeting spaces at its opening in 2004. As incoming Director and University Librarian, I made it a Library priority to reexamine our existing spaces in light of new teaching and learning patterns and to make these the prevailing principles in Library renovation and new building design.

Increasing use of collaborative learning methods is escalating the demand for group working spaces, while, simultaneously, the ready availability of online resources and changing patterns in campus housing are increasing demand for quiet on-campus study space for individuals.

The expanding role of librarians as teachers of electronic research skills calls for spaces conducive to tutoring and small group interactions. Faculty and students need spaces equipped with adjustable multi-media tools in a variety of private and group configurations. We need spaces that connect people and facilitate interdisciplinary research in a social setting. And, yes, there is need for space for books—arranged for easy and rapid access—and beautiful spaces for their use.

These ambitions are now within reach. D'Angelo Law Library now provides increased space for individual and group study that is specifically tailored to meet the needs of faculty and students at the Law School; the renovation has garnered praise from inside and outside the University for its warm, inviting qualities and faithfulness to Eero Saarinen's original design.

Plans are underway for the transformation of the Harper Memorial Library into a college learning center that will offer an array of individual and group study spaces and educational services, including a "Library Connection." The John Crerar Library is being reconfigured to make creative use of technology and learning spaces, combining Library and NSIT offerings in new ways. And the Joseph Regenstein Library offers two newly renovated classrooms equipped with up-to-the-minute international video, audio, telecommunications and wireless Internet technology.

Finally, Helmut Jahn's bold design for the Joe and Rika Mansueto Library will provide faculty and students with ready access to an extraordinary wealth of scholarly resources from all disciplines and a Grand Reading Room that has the power to inspire and support groundbreaking intellectual activities. The state-of-the-art technology and magnificent spaces of the Joe and Rika Mansueto Library will bring to campus functionality that we have never had before and the enormous capacity to better position our library system for the future.

I look forward to continuing to work with you to find the best solutions for your evolving research needs.



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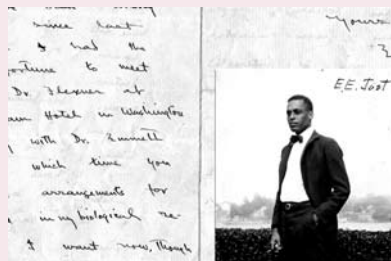
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Integrating the Life of the Mind

African Americans at the University of Chicago, 1870 – 1940



Special Collections Research Center

Main Gallery

Through February 27, 2009

Since the late 19th century, African Americans have earned undergraduate, graduate, and professional degrees at the University of Chicago. Their intellectual work shaped fields as diverse as sociology and cell biology; helped construct new fields such as African American history and literature; provided leadership at institutions including Howard University, Tuskegee Institute, and Morehouse College; and drove important policy changes on issues such as lynching. This exhibition presents original manuscripts, rarely seen portraits and photographs, books by African American alumni, and other items that document academic and gradual social integration through 1940.

East European Jews in the German-Jewish Imagination

From the Ludwig Rosenberger Library of Judaica



Special Collections Research Center

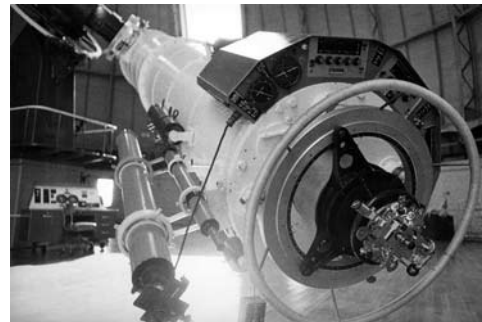
Rosenberger Library of Judaica Gallery

Through June 22, 2009

The symbol of East European Jewry played an important role in German-Jewish self-definition. Were these so-called *Ostjuden* foreign or family? This exhibition traces the place of East European Jewry in the imagination and experience of German Jews from emancipation through the rise of Cultural Zionism and World War I to the decline of Jewish life in Germany on the eve of World War II. The diverse representations of the *Ostjuden* in the items on view reflect the complex face of German Jewry itself.

Science at the University of Chicago

A History from the Library's Archival Photofiles



The John Crerar Library Atrium

October 20, 2008 through March 30, 2009

Drawing from a rich collection of photographs located in the University of Chicago Library's online Archival Photofiles (photofiles.lib.uchicago.edu), this exhibition, sponsored by the John Crerar Foundation, will provide a glimpse into the history of science at the University, including photos of the Yerkes Observatory and other significant science buildings and events on campus, as well as famous science faculty.

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