

Note Booth



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Inside Statewide Art and Architecture Project

Accessible
Homepage

Dean Allen Lanham and Marlene Slough, head of Booth Library's Acquisitions Department, spearheaded a project this year to document the art and architecture of libraries in Illinois. The project was funded through a grant awarded by the Illinois State Library and Federal LSTA monies.

RSS Feed

The project leaders were assisted by two teams of volunteer investigators. These teams visited over 600 libraries throughout the state last summer. They photographed and documented art and architecture, and collected information on library-owned art collections as well as library architectural histories.

Try-It!
Illinois

Authors'
Luncheon

The information obtained from this research is being compiled into an online resource that will be available in January 2007. It will provide a searchable archive of the images and data collected.

New
Databases

In addition, a traveling exhibit has been created to showcase selected art and architectural details from the numerous site visits. Five copies of this 10-panel exhibit are scheduled to visit more than 65 libraries throughout Illinois over the next year. The title panel is depicted on the right. More information on the traveling exhibit is available online at <http://www.library.eiu.edu/artarch>.

Testing &
Education
Reference
Center

More than 900 librarians and library staff members assisted our investigators in the collection of this historical repository. The project benefited from the talents of many from Booth Library, including:

New
Workshops

Warbler
Project

Bev Cruse, project photographer and graphic designer; Sandra King, project photographer and graphics assistant; Nackli Sung, web designer and technology consultant; Peggy Manley, principal associate for accounting and planning; Christine Derrickson, coordinator for research and travel; Carl Lorber, Jocelyn Tipton, and Pamela Ortega, investigators for the library visits; and Thomas McElwee, Ginny Gaines, Nora Harm, and Jaime Sanchez, research assistants.

Homecoming
Parade

Farm Life



Art and Architecture IN ILLINOIS LIBRARIES

Funding for this grant was awarded by the Illinois State Library, a Division of the Office of Secretary of State, using funds by the Institute of Museum and Library Services, under the federal Library Services and Technology Act and by Eastern Illinois University, Booth Library.



Copies of this traveling exhibit will visit dozens of libraries in Illinois, bringing attention to local art and architecture and the unique strength that have made it happen over the past century. Check our website to verify current tour dates.
www.library.eiu.edu/artarch



24/7 Chat Reference Service Available



Booth Library has partnered with libraries worldwide through a consorcially-operated reference service known as *Ask Away*. This service allows us to provide live online chat reference assistance twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. To ask a reference question through this service, go to the library homepage, click on "Ask a Librarian," and select "Live Online Chat." Librarians from around the world, including several of Booth's library faculty, work together to ensure that professional reference help is always available on *Ask Away*. Questions may also be submitted by email; these will always be answered by Booth librarians. Traditional reference services are available during the library's 98 weekly open hours by visiting the Reference Desk or calling 581-6072.

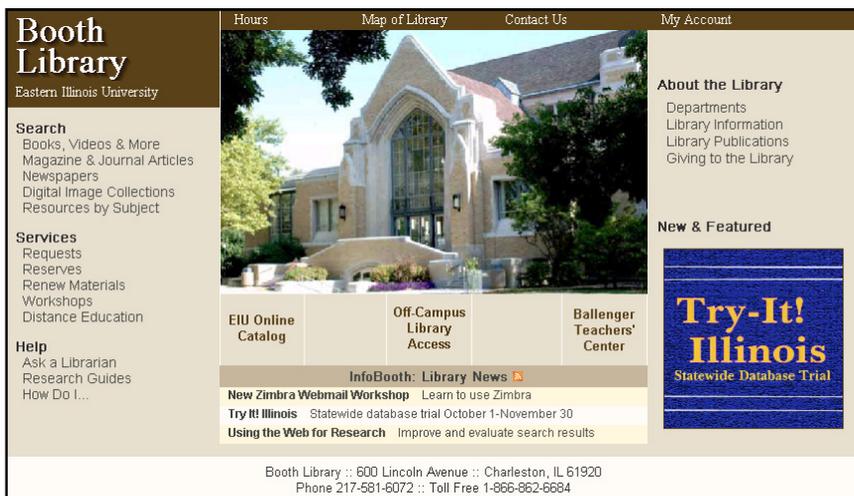


New Accessible Homepage and RSS Feed

Booth Library's homepage has a new look and new features, including improved accessibility and an RSS feed featuring news and events.

Although the casual observer will notice only minor changes in the look of the library homepage (www.library.eiu.edu), it has undergone a major transformation behind the scenes. The current page is fully scalable in most web browsers and all of the text is now accessible to screen reader software. This is part of an ongoing effort to make the library's website as user-friendly as possible.

An added feature is the *InfoBooth: Library News* feed which lists upcoming events and other library news. Users can view these announcements on the library homepage and/or subscribe to the RSS



feed using any standard reader. For help in subscribing to the RSS feed, contact the Reference Desk at 581-6072.

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Try-It! Illinois Statewide Database Trial

The seventh annual statewide database trial, *Try-It! Illinois*, is now underway. Sponsored by the Illinois State Library, *Try-It! Illinois* offers library users of the more than 4,000 ILLINET member libraries the opportunity to survey and evaluate a wide variety of electronic resources.

To access the trial databases, go to the library homepage at www.library.eiu.edu and click on *Try-It! Illinois* under "InfoBooth: Library News." Click on the red text link to get the login and password by entering your library ID number. Then use the login and password, along with your ZIP code, to access the database trials. The trial ends on November 30, 2006.



Dean Lanham congratulates author Sarah Johnson at the Illinois Authors' Luncheon.

Illinois Library Association Honors Booth Author

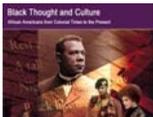
Sarah Johnson, Booth Reference librarian, was honored last month at the Illinois Authors' Luncheon, sponsored by the Illinois Library Association. The luncheon was part of the ILA Annual Conference held at Navy Pier in Chicago, October 3-6, 2006.

Ms. Johnson's book, entitled *Historical Fiction: A Guide to the Genre*, was published last year by Libraries Unlimited. It won *Booklist's* Editor's Choice award and is currently on the shelves of nearly 700 libraries. Ms. Johnson also serves as the historical fiction editor for the *NoveList* database, which is available on the library website.

Audrey Niffenegger was the luncheon's featured speaker. She is the author of the New York Times bestseller *The Time Traveler's Wife*.



New Databases



Black Thought and Culture

A collection of approximately 100,000 pages of non-fiction writings by major American black leaders — teachers, artists, politicians, religious leaders, athletes, war veterans, entertainers, and other figures; covering 250 years of history.



Columbia Grangers World of Poetry

Contains over 181,000 full-text poems, with biographies, commentaries, critical context, and a glossary.

Humanities International Complete

A collection of references to literary, scholarly and creative journals in the humanities, published worldwide. This database covers over 1,900 journals dating as far back as 1925.



New York Times (historical)

The New York Times historical database (1851-2003) offers full page and article images with searchable full-text back to the first issue. The collection includes digital reproductions, providing access to every page from every available issue. Access to current New York Times content is available through Lexis-Nexis and in print at the Booth Periodicals Desk.



Times (London) Digital Archive

Search the full-text of the entire newspaper, including articles, editorials, and advertising; covers the years 1785 to 1985. Full-page images are provided in PDF format.

Testing & Education Reference Center Database

Booth Library has subscribed to Thomson-Gale's *Testing & Education Reference Center*. This online database provides users with in-depth information on colleges and universities, graduate and professional programs, distance learning, corporate training, available scholarships and awards, preparatory entrance tests and much more. In addition to preparatory materials for standardized tests like the GRE, MCAT and LSAT, the database includes tools which help users build resumes, learn valuable cover letter tips, and learn interviewing and salary negotiation skills. This new resource is available now on the library website.



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Zimbra and Web Research Workshops

In addition to our regular tutorials, the library is now offering two new sessions on topics of interest to our faculty and students. The *Zimbra: WebMail* workshop provides a hands-on introduction to Eastern's new web-based email system. The workshop covers basics such as using the new interface and covers toolbars, folders, attachments, printing, and

more. This session is for anyone interested in using *Zimbra WebMail*.

Using the Web for Research workshops began this semester and will again be offered in the Spring. These sessions are conducted by Booth Reference librarians. Participants will learn techniques to improve Web search results,

how to determine when to use the Web for course assignments, and how to incorporate findings into their research.

There are no prerequisites for these free tutorials. To learn more and register, click on the "Workshops" link on the library homepage.



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Current Exhibits



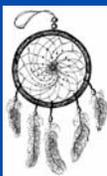
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Scary Art:
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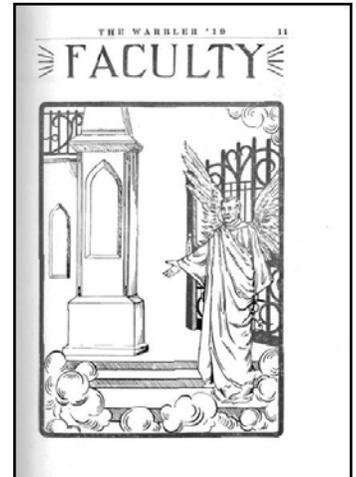
Day of the
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 Tradition

A Native
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 Collection



Warbler Digitization Project

With support from a Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) grant, Eastern Illinois University's Booth Library has digitized the first 11 volumes of a collection unique to our institution—the student yearbook known as the *Warbler*. Published yearly since 1919, and well illustrated, the *Warbler* conveys information on students and faculty, chronicles important cultural and sporting events, describes organizational activities, and depicts changes in the campus layout and physical plant. In their entirety the *Warblers* document from a student perspective Eastern's evolution from a small normal school to the comprehensive university that it is today. The volumes chosen for the project were scanned, indexed, and added to the Illinois Digital Archives (www.idaillinois.org). Recognizing the importance of this project and the uniqueness of the source documents, Booth Library is committed to continuing the digitization until all of the *Warblers* are included in the database. The LSTA Grant was administered by Carl Lorber and Robert Hillman, with the technical assistance of Nackil Sung.



Title page for the faculty photos section of the 1919 *Warbler*, the first year this title was used for EIU's student-produced yearbook.

Homecoming Parade

Members of Booth Library's faculty and staff participated in EIU's annual Homecoming Parade on Saturday, October 21. In keeping with the overall "TV Land" theme, library marchers chose to represent the show "Happy Days." The library's



participation in the parade was coordinated by Jocelyn Tipton. Students Paul Teresi and Carissa Harlow portrayed Happy Days character "The Fonz" and his girlfriend; they rode in Patty Shonk's convertible. The rest of the library marchers were Allen Lanham, Jeanne Goble, Jan Sung, Nackil Sung, David Bell, Ann Brownson, Sarah Johnson, Darrius Frazier, Carl Lorber (not pictured), Jackie Worden and her dog, Charlie. Marchers gave out candy to the parade watchers.

farm life



a century of change for farm families and their neighbors

Farm Life Exhibit Coming to Booth

In the Spring semester, Booth Library will host a national traveling exhibition entitled *Farm Life: A Century of Change for Farm Families and Their Neighbors*. EIU faculty and others are invited to submit presentation proposals on topics relating to the exhibit's theme. To propose a topic, please contact the library administration office at 581-6061 or e-mail pamanley@eiu.edu. The month-long exhibition will open the week of February 5, 2007 and close the week of March 5. It has been made possible through NEH on the Road, a special initiative of the National Endowment for the Humanities, the Mid-America Arts Alliance, and the Chippewa Valley Museum, Eau Claire, Wisconsin. The *Farm Life* exhibit will accompany the Spring semester's *One Book, One University* title, John Steinbeck's *The Grapes of Wrath*.