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Greetings!

It's already Spring Break here at LMU, and we hope that, wherever you are, you're enjoying some much deserved time off. The library is open this week (click here for hours), and we have some interesting things going on this month to look forward to after you return.

For our students and faculty, you still have over a month to complete your application to show us your best work for the library's 5th annual Undergraduate Library Research Award. Last year's winners took home nearly $2000 worth of cash prizes for their scholarly work that demonstrated excellent and creative use of library resources; we eagerly anticipate seeing what this year's batch of applicants is capable of!

Warmly,

Jamie Hazlitt
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New Exhibit: From the Page to the Projector

The Department of Archives & Special Collections is pleased to announce the opening of its spring exhibit, From the Page to the Projector. On display through May, 2011, this exhibit explores the collaborative processes that take the printed book to the screen. It draws on LMU's extensive holdings, documenting more than fifty years of film history and various stages of the film making process.

From silent films to musicals to science fiction epics, the process of adapting a well-loved novel can be complicated. To illustrate this process, works in this exhibit display the progression from drafts of screenplays, costume designs, storyboards, set designs, and music scores through post-production and promotion. Some areas of the exhibit also focus on specific processes, decisions, or creative liberties taken by the filmmakers.

The exhibit gallery is open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Image: "Ben-Hur: A Short History of the Mighty Production." 1926. Image courtesy of the Lester Donahue Performing Arts Collection in the LMU Department of Archives & Special Collections.

Pub Night: Jacqueline Dewar, Virginia Merriam, and...
the SHE Project

You are invited to join us for the third evening in the library’s spring Pub Night lineup, for an evening co-sponsored by the William H. Hannon Library and the LMU chapter of Sigma Xi.

In Project SHE 2011, Sharing Her Experiences in Science and Engineering, Dr. Jackie Dewar, professor of mathematics, and Dr. Virginia Merriam, professor emerita of biology, offer a reprise of their 2005 research project documenting the history of women’s participation in LMU’s College of Science and Engineering. They use updated university data combined with an oral history obtained from significant figures from the 1960’s and 70’s, the years of transition to a coeducational institution, to examine women’s status and participation in Science, Engineering and Mathematics at LMU.

This event is free, and open to all. Pub snacks and refreshments will be served.

*Image: LMU Science & Engineering Faculty, 1985. Photo courtesy of LMU Department of Archives & Special Collections.*

Special Sunday Jewish Book Group with Author Marthe Cohn

On Sunday, March 27 at 2:00 p.m., the William H. Hannon Library is honored to host Marthe Cohn, author of Behind Enemy Lines, for a special Sunday Jewish Book & Discussion Group.

The courageous Marthe Hoffnung was born into a close-knit French-Jewish family in 1920. Marthe and her siblings basked in the glow of love, education, and freedom of expression, but darker times altered their lives forever when Hitler’s machinations reached the perimeters of France to shatter their lives. Marthe joined the French army and, with her perfect German accent and blond hair, made several trips into occupied Germany posing as a German nurse looking for her fiancé in order to obtain critical intelligence information. In 1990, at the age of 80, Marthe was awarded the Medaillle Militaire, France’s highest honor. Despite having played a tremendous role in securing vital strategic information crucial to ending World War II, Cohn relays her amazing story of unprecedented bravery with simplicity and modesty.

The Sunday Jewish Book Group is free and open to the public. For more information or to RSVP, please contact Rhonda Rosen at 310-338-4584, or rrosen@lmu.edu.

*Image of the Month: Long Exposure*
On February 24, 2011, LMU student Justin Lai took this long-exposure shot of the William H. Hannon Library around 1 a.m. He posted the image on the library's Facebook page as a part of our successful February Facebook month, and we liked it so much that we decided to share it with you here.

Do you have an image of the library to share? We’ll be using this space to feature a variety of visual treasures, and would love to feature your shots, in addition to showcasing some works from our archives and collections.

If you’d like to submit a photograph for consideration in this space in future Happenings @ Hannon, email Jamie Hazlitt, Outreach Librarian.