Welcome to the latest issue of the English Department Library Newsletter. Please feel free to get in touch with me any time if I can assist you with your research or teaching.

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HathiTrust: A Vast Collection of Digitized Books
Over 3 million volumes in the public domain are now fully available through the HathiTrust. Users can access HathiTrust Digital Library with their BC username and password and download full text PDFs. One can also create and save personal collections of materials on the HathiTrust site. HathiTrust is a partnership of major academic and research libraries collaborating in an extensive digital library initiative to preserve and provide access to the published record in digital form.

Electronic Enlightenment: Letters & Lives Online
With well over 60,000 letters and documents and more than 8,000 correspondents, Electronic Enlightenment is the most wide-ranging online collection of edited correspondence of the early modern period, linking people across Europe, the Americas and Asia from the early 17th to the mid-19th century. By treating every correspondent — not only the “great men” — as someone significant, EE reveals the existence of the numerous unknown and ignored figures of the period and raises questions about their place in the structures of their time, challenging the traditional concept of the "Enlightenment" as the preserve of philosophers. Contents include:

- 52 nationalities from Europe, Asia & the Americas
- 770 occupations
- Information on 59,847 manuscript and 100,285 early edition sources
- 282,850 scholarly annotations
- 11 languages, including English, French, German & Italian
- 1,460 links to the Oxford Dictionary of National Biography

“When we hear news we should always wait for the sacrament of confirmation.” — Voltaire (attributed)
Acquisition of Three Newspaper Backfiles

**Guardian (1821-2003) and The Observer (1791-2003) newspapers**
Sister British historical newspapers, *The Guardian* and *The Observer* offer two centuries of political, business, sports, literary, and entertainment history. Cross-searchable with other ProQuest Historical Newspapers.

**The Scotsman (1817-1950)**
*The Scotsman* has played a vital role in forming opinion and reporting on events, both internationally and in Scotland for 200 years. Coverage includes every page of every issue of the paper from 1817 through 1950.

**Christian Science Monitor (1908-1999)**
With the exception of publishing one religious article each day at the request of founder Mary Baker Eddy, *The Christian Science Monitor* provides secular, balanced coverage of international news and events -- wars, scientific discoveries, human rights abuses, political campaigns, the arts, the environment, and more.

Quicker Access to Books Not Available at BC

*WorldCat Local* is an online catalog configured to search the collections of the 17 institutions in the Boston Library Consortium (BLC), a group of academic and research libraries mostly in the Boston area.

Locate a book in a BLC library, put in a request (without filling out a form), and have it at BC in 2-5 days. If the book is not available from a Consortium library, you can request it from other libraries in just a few clicks.

*WorldCat Local* can also be used for CDs, DVDs, microfilm, and other physical items available in BLC libraries. Books and other materials can be requested if they are not owned by the Boston College Libraries or when they are checked out or otherwise unavailable.

Note: Articles in journals, magazines, and newspapers that are not available at BC should be requested via interlibrary loan forms instead of WorldCat Local. (Books can be ordered via ILL form as well, but the process is streamlined when done through WorldCat Local.)

Boston College faculty, students, and staff also continue to have access to the traditional *WorldCat* with more advanced searching options.
Other Recently Acquired Databases

**Illustrated London News Historical Archive**
The *Illustrated London News Historical Archive* provides online access to the entire ILN from its first publication on 14 May, 1842 to its last in 2003. Each page has been digitally reproduced in full color and every article and caption is full-text searchable. For more information on the ILN database see the following recent article.

**Drama Online**
When complete this database will include the Arden Shakespeare Series; realist works from Ibsen and Chekhov; foreign works in translation; comic drama from Oscar Wilde and Noël Coward; modern classics by such playwrights as Caryl Churchill, Edward Bond, Alan Ayckbourn, Brian Friel, and John Osborne, among many others, as well as the works of theatre companies such as Complicite and Filter.

**Medieval Travel Writing**
This database provides direct access to a wide collection of original medieval manuscripts that describe travel - real and imaginary - in the Middle Ages. The project combines: a) multiple manuscript sources detailing the journeys of travelers from Prester John and Marco Polo to Sir John Mandeville; b) translations and supporting materials (all of which are fully searchable); c) maps showing travelers’ routes; d) introductory essays.

**Eighteenth Century Collections Online (ECCO), Part II**
Includes almost 50,000 new titles of previously unavailable or inaccessible materials. More than 6 million pages of text have been added to the collection.

**Eighteenth Century Journals, V**
The Library has acquired Section V of *Eighteenth Century Journals*. It includes *The Lady's Magazine* as well as a range of other titles that are literary, political, social and cultural in nature. All material is full text searchable and has been digitized in color. The Library now has all five sections of this database.

**OverDrive: Popular Reading Expands to E-Books**
**OverDrive** is an e-book delivery platform offering a large collection of e-books especially suited for pleasure reading. You may also access a collection of print books and DVDs (best sellers, books of current interest, theatrical releases) that is shelved in the lobby of O'Neill Library.

Three New Video Databases

**Black Studies in Video**
Brings together seminal documentaries, important interviews, and previously unavailable archival footage surveying the black experience.

**Opera in Video**
This database contains 500 hours of opera performances, captured on video through staged productions, interviews, and documentaries.

**Dance in Video**
Dance in Video features famous dance performers and companies together with dozens of documentaries, interviews, and dance instruction videos — comprising 500 hours of content.

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Center for Research Libraries

The Center for Research Libraries (CRL) is a partnership of more than 240 university, college, and independent research libraries. For 50-plus years CRL has acquired and preserved newspapers, journals, documents, archives, and other traditional and digital resources from a global network of sources, and made them available to member institutions (BC Library is a member) and others through interlibrary loan and electronic delivery.

More details about CRL’s resources may be found in the [Topic Guides to the Collections](#). You can also search the CRL [catalog](#) directly and make requests through BC’s interlibrary loan service. More details are available in the [Fall 2012 issue](#) of the *Boston College Libraries Newsletter*. 