

## Library Use on the Rise

During the 2007 calendar year, Galvin Library saw more than 205,000 visitors enter through its doors, reflecting an increase of more than 40% since 2004. Daily gate counts during spring and fall 2007 averaged 575 and 775 students respectively. In the past few years, the library has extended its access by opening earlier on Sundays, staying open until midnight during the week, and keeping the library open 24 hours during finals week. Galvin Library, like many modern academic libraries, has evolved into a place of collaborative learning and teaching, as well as cultural and social interaction. Library use at IIT is expected to continue to rise in the coming years.

## Staff News

**Carolyn Speakman**, manager for multimedia and library services, has retired from Moffett Campus. Carolyn assisted faculty, students, and staff at the National Center for Food Safety and Technology for 15 years. Best wishes from all.

**Nichole Novak** was named branch librarian at Biegler Library. She received her MLIS at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and brings more than 10 years of library experience.

**Michael Gillespie** joined the circulation department as a circulation assistant. He brings more than 12 years of library experience to the Galvin Library.

**Shelley Boscamp** also joined Galvin Library as an administrative assistant. Shelley has more than eight years of administrative experience. She earned her undergraduate degree at the University of Illinois at Chicago.

The Illinois Library Association held its annual conference October 9-12, 2007 in Springfield. Galvin Library staff participated in three sessions:

- *Synergists Speak Out: Making a Difference in Your Library, Your Profession, Your Community* was a panel discussion that included **Pattie Piotrowski**, assistant dean for public services.

- *Using Assessment Data to Improve Library Services* was the topic presented by **Christopher Stewart**, dean of libraries and **Charles Uth** head of collection development and senior engineering librarian.
- *Making the Most of Your Message: Marketing Strategies for Academic Libraries* was the title of a presentation given by **Christopher Stewart** and **Pattie Piotrowski**.

On November 2, 2007, **Christopher Stewart** gave an invited presentation, "Managing Change," to a joint conference of the DuPage Library System, Metropolitan Library System, North Suburban Library System, and the Special Libraries Association Illinois Chapter.

On January 7, 2008, Stewart and Piotrowski were asked to give *Making the Most of Your Message* to the academic library members of the North Suburban Library System at its headquarters in Wheeling.

On February 14, **John Dorr**, head of reference and resource sharing, and **Jannelle Ruswick**, reference librarian for psychology and the social sciences, participated in a panel discussion at the Metropolitan Library System on Emerging Reference: Instant Messaging Reference.

# Booklines

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## New Digital Resource @ IIT: SAGE Premier

Galvin Library now provides the IIT community online full-text access to more than 450 SAGE publications through a subscription to SAGE Premier. SAGE publishes several of the most authoritative and influential peer-reviewed journals in the fields of psychology, social sciences, and business. The addition of SAGE publications online will greatly enhance research endeavors in subject areas as diverse as organization and management, education, public administration, health sciences, materials science, and urban studies and planning. The SAGE Premier database offers several customizable features such as creating personal automated search alerts and getting new table of contents delivered to your email or RSS feeds.

Full-text access is available from 1999 to the present and there's coverage of more than 140,000 articles that are linked to library databases using our Get Article full-text finder, SFX. Both Sage Publications and the SFX software are available through Galvin Library's charter membership in the Consortium of Academic and Research Libraries in Illinois.

Sage Premier can be searched using the library's A-Z journal list, which is easily accessible from the library's website, [library.iit.edu](http://library.iit.edu), or the library tab in the MyIIT portal. Contact the reference desk at 312.567.3616 or [reference@iit.edu](mailto:reference@iit.edu) for more information.

## New Scholarly Books and Expanded Leisure Reading Collection

New book purchases are arriving every day and filling the new book shelves! New titles cover all subject matter and are searchable online through the IIT catalog, found at <http://i-share.carli.illinois.edu/iit>. Simply select the new books link in the catalog's tool bar, set your options, and go. The new books are located on the upper level at the south end and are available to browse before checking out at the circulation desk on the lower level.

In addition to its commitment to providing scholarly resources, Galvin Library continues to add leisure reading materials to its collection. Leisure reading is located on the upper level at the north end of the main stairway, next to the newspapers. Students, faculty, and staff can find bestsellers, popular fiction and non-fiction titles, graphic novels, and a wide selection of mysteries, romances, and science fiction.

## 2007 ASTM Standards Now Available

Galvin Library has received the latest Annual Book of ASTM Standards. This 81-volume set contains ASTM's 12,000+ standards and the newest volumes are now available in Galvin Library's reference collection on the upper level. ASTM International is one of the largest voluntary standards development organizations in the world and is a trusted source for technical standards for materials, products, systems, and services. Known for their high technical quality and market relevancy, ASTM International standards have an important role in the information infrastructure that guides design, manufacturing, and trade in the global economy.

## Armour Society Gift to Galvin Library

On the occasion of John Anderson's inauguration as IIT's eighth president on October 30, 2007, members of the Philip Danforth Armour Society donated funds to Galvin Library to purchase books on topics that cover all of the major engineering disciplines taught at IIT. The Armour Society has generously supported the IIT community over the years, and the Galvin Library welcomes its efforts in strengthening the library's collections.

## Examining Open Access Initiatives and Scholarly Communication Models

Jo Mackiewicz and Karl Stolley from the Department of Humanities joined librarians Eben English and John Dorr at the Institute on Scholarly Communication held in early December. The institute, presented by the Association of Research Libraries (ARL) and the Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL), brought together teams from institutions all over the state to learn about current issues in scholarly communication and to develop plans for promoting responsible publication models and policies. During the three days of the institute, the team from IIT learned about efforts underway to reform publication models, to promote author retention of copyright, to develop open-access repositories of scholarly works, and to advocate for the transformation of government-funded research. The institute also had a workshop component and the team from IIT took advantage of that time to develop plans to implement a coordinated scholarly communications program at IIT.

## Online Instruction Calendar Now Available

In the university community, everyone wants to write better papers, comprehensively cover resources, and dig deeper into relevant research, but achieving those goals by taking advantage of Galvin Library's services and resources has never been easier. Using the new online calendar <http://library.iit.edu/instruction> students can find an instruction session to build skills that will have beneficial impact on their work. Sessions are added throughout the semester, covering everything from the basics to advanced skills. Faculty may customize library sessions to suit specific needs based on course content by using the information found on the faculty tab of the calendar. Using the guide tab, faculty can view the courses currently offered and can work with librarians to support collaborative instruction tailored for specific disciplines.

## NCFST Library Becomes Galvin Branch

Galvin Library and the National Center for Food Safety and Technology (NCFST) are pleased to announce that the Moffett Campus Library became a full branch of Galvin Library on January 1, 2008. The branch library will support graduate programs coordinated by the NCFST through the Department of Biological, Chemical, and Physical Sciences (BCPS) and the Department of Chemical and Biological Engineering (ChBE) at IIT. In addition to onsite services that include interlibrary loan, reference assistance, and library instruction, the IIT community at NCFST has full access to Galvin Library print and digital collections as well as I-Share, the statewide consortium of 71 academic and research libraries.

## News from University Archives

An October 5, 2007 *Chicago Tribune* featured an article on IIT alumnus Charles Warner Pierce, who in 1901 became the first African American to receive a degree in chemical engineering. Pierce received his degree from Armour Institute of Technology, a predecessor school of Illinois Institute of Technology. University archives assisted the Department of Chemical and Biological Engineering (ChBE) in researching and developing an online exhibit detailing Pierce's accomplishments and activities during his time at Armour. The exhibit includes many full-color images from Armour yearbooks from the turn of the century, vividly illuminating this important chapter in the history of integration in higher education. View the exhibit at <http://archives.iit.edu/exhibits/pierce> for more information about this distinguished alumnus.

University Archives will be implementing *Proficio* software from Re:Discovery as a collection management and cataloging tool in an effort to showcase the university's archival collections. The archives has more than 800 current collections that will be migrated to the new database, and all new collections will be entered into the new system. When fully operational, the program will be accessible online, which will allow the IIT archives to be available worldwide to researchers seeking information about the university's rich and compelling history.

## IIT Library Toolbar Released

Galvin Library is offering a new technology that makes online research easier than ever. The IIT Library Toolbar allows access from anywhere on the Web, providing search capability for the library catalog and Google Scholar directly from the browser's toolbar, and linking references on Web pages directly to the library's online book and journal holdings.

The software is an extension for Firefox and Internet Explorer Web browsers built on the open-source LibX platform, which was developed by librarians and computer scientists at Virginia Tech, is supported through funding from the Institute of Museum and Library Services, and in use by more than 250 libraries, including MIT, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, and the University of Illinois. The IIT Library Toolbar has been installed on all of the Galvin Library's public workstations, but it is also publicly available for IIT patrons who want to use it. To download the toolbar, go to [www.gl.iit.edu/searchplugin/libx.htm](http://www.gl.iit.edu/searchplugin/libx.htm).

The toolbar features include:

- A search box that allows users to search the online catalogs
- Enhancements that allow for right-click context-menu searching
- Embedded IIT links that place IIT icons in Web pages such as Amazon, Yahoo, NY Times Book Review, etc. if the library has resources related to that page

## New Study Carrels, LCDs at Galvin Library

New LCD viewing monitors were installed during winter break on the main stairway landing that will allow Galvin Library users to stay on top of the latest news, resources, and events at IIT Libraries. One screen will display scenes and images from the library's digital collections featuring the World's Fair of 1893, the Voices of the Holocaust, and the Contrails websites, as well as exhibits developed by University Archives. The other screen will show daily and weekly events at the library. Stay tuned!

A new block of study carrels are now available on the upper level on the south end of the library, outside of the administrative area. Carrels have always been located here and are popular for quiet, distraction-free study.