

SCHAFFER LIBRARY

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Entrance to Union College Showing Library. Image courtesy of Special Collections, Schaffer Library Postcard Collection

SPRING 2021 HOURS

Schaffer Library Building:

Monday - Thursday, 8am - 11pm

Friday, 8am - 6pm

Saturday, 11am - 6pm

Sunday, 11am - 11pm

Hours are subject to change at any time. For up-to-date information on our hours, please visit [the Schaffer Library website](#).

Special Collections & Archives, located on the third floor of the library, is open by appointment: Monday - Friday 9am - 12pm and 1pm - 4pm.

Please schedule an appointment with SCA in advance. Unfortunately we are unable to accommodate walk-in appointments during Spring Term.

The Mandeville Gallery & Wikoff Student Gallery, located in the Nott Memorial, are open to the College community: Monday, Wednesday, & Friday 8am - 5:30pm; Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday, & Sunday 9am - 5:30pm.

LIBRARY NEWS

Summer IDEaS

SUMMER RESEARCH OPPORTUNITY

This summer, Schaffer Library will be inaugurating an annual paid research opportunity for students—the Summer Institute for Digital Exploration at Schaffer, or Summer IDEaS. Summer IDEaS seeks to introduce students from across the disciplines to digital scholarship (DS), an increasingly typical approach to inquiry that draws and reflects upon computational methods of research.

The theme of the first Summer IDEaS is “Identity and Power at Union College,” which participants will explore by applying DS methods to materials from our Special Collections. **Please encourage your students to apply by April 21.** For more information on Summer IDEaS and the application process, contact Adam Mazel, Digital Scholarship and Instruction Librarian, at mazela@union.edu.

Manifold Digital Publishing Platform

DIGITAL PUBLISHING OPPORTUNITY

Schaffer Library has secured a one-year Manifold Digital Services Support Grant, made possible by a grant to Manifold by The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation.

We will use this grant to pilot digital publishing services for teaching and research using the open source Manifold digital publishing platform developed by the University of Minnesota Press and CUNY Graduate Center. Manifold updates scholarly publishing for the digital age, enabling the incorporation of multimedia alongside text, interactivity through annotation, and publishing that is open access. While Manifold can be used for any form of scholarly publishing, from monographs to journals, we are especially excited to support uses of Manifold in the classroom that enable innovative pedagogy and the creation of student journals, and open educational resources. For more information, contact Jennifer Grayburn at grayburj@union.edu and visit [Union's instance of Manifold](#).



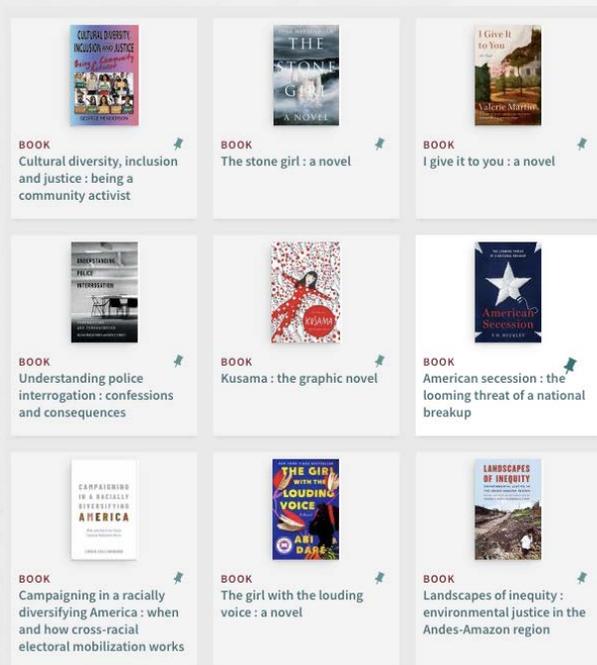
LIBRARY NEWS

NEW BOOKS AND OTHER RECENT ACQUISITIONS

You can now find [our most recent purchases on our website](#). Check back frequently to see the latest materials we have received at Schaffer Library.

Some of our latest purchases include:

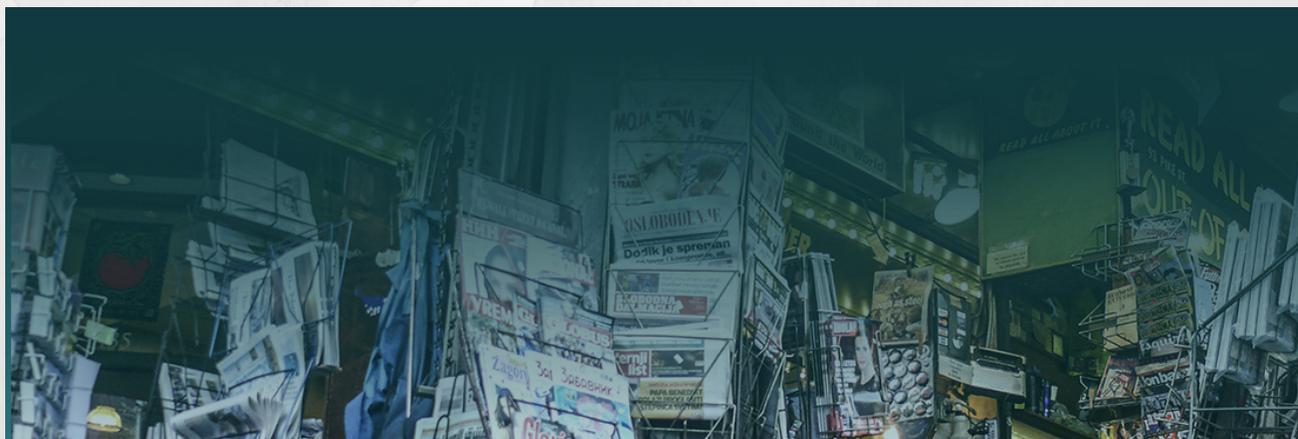
- **Policing in 2020**
- **L'île Des Rêves Écrasés : Roman**
- **Annie and The Wolves**
- **Methods in Enzymology**
- **The Black Girlhood Studies Collection**
- **Methods in Cell Biology**



DATABASE SPOTLIGHT

Alt-Press Watch

Providing an alternative to corporate-controlled media, [the Alt-Press Watch database](#) presents content from 1970 to the present, showcasing unique, independent voices from many respected and cited grassroots newspapers, magazines, and journals. Access regional and metropolitan perspectives on local, national, and international issues in areas such as government, policy, culture, and religion.



LIBRARY RESOURCES

Need Research Help? Ask a Librarian!

Librarians can help you develop research questions, search for and select the best sources for your projects, identify research strategies, evaluate sources, and assist you with creating citations. There are multiple ways for you to contact a librarian. For more information, please see our [Ask a Librarian](#) webpage.

Open Educational Resources

Schaffer Library can help faculty find affordable and open educational resources (OER). OER are teaching and research materials that are free of most or all cost and copyright barriers, so they can be shared widely, customized easily, and used freely. Above all, they facilitate diversity, equity, and inclusion by making educational materials, such as textbooks, affordable by all. The library can help faculty find high-quality, peer-reviewed OER and assist with OER adoption and creation, along with other support services.

For more information on OER and how Schaffer can help, see our [recently created OER guide](#) or contact Adam Mazel, Digital Scholarship and Instruction Librarian, at mazela@union.edu.



Current Reading Area

Did you know? We have an area in the library devoted to new and popular titles. Find these books just to the right of the doors when you are entering Schaffer Library. View a complete list of what's on the [Current Reading Area shelves in Primo](#).

Suggest a Purchase

If you are interested in the library purchasing materials for research or teaching needs, or to simply add recommended materials to our collection, use the [“Suggest a Purchase” form](#) on the library's website. You can also contact Raik Zaghoul, Head of Collection Development, at zaghlour@union.edu.

REMINDER!

Periodicals with Free Personal Accounts

Did you know that Schaffer Library provides personal accounts for the New York Times, Wall Street Journal, and the Chronicle of Higher Education with your Union email address, as well as a variety of newspapers and magazines via PressReader?

NYTimes Academic Pass

Academic Pass provides you with full access to NYTimes.com and the NYTimes.com smart-phone app when you register your Union email. For more information, visit [our free personal accounts guide](#). **Note: you must reactivate your Academic Pass every 365 days.**

Did you know? Our subscription includes access to NYTimes Cooking, featuring more than 19,000 recipes, as well as instructions and cooking advice.

Wall Street Journal

You can access the Wall Street Journal when you register your Union email address with the [site](#). Go to <https://wsj.com/unioncollegeny> to make an account. See [our free personal accounts guide](#) for detailed instructions.

Chronicle of Higher Education

You can access the Chronicle of Higher Education when you register your Union email address with the site. To make an account with the Chronicle of Higher Education, you must first access the site from a computer connected to the Union network, then follow the registration instructions. See [our free personal accounts guide](#) for more information and instructions.

PressReader (no personal account needed)

PressReader provides access to current content and up to 60 days of back issues to more than 6,000 newspapers and magazines from more than 100 countries and in over 60 languages. Titles include The Guardian, Daily News, New York Post, Los Angeles Times, Philadelphia Inquirer, Chicago Tribune, The Times of India, Le Figaro, and more. Access at: <http://libguides.union.edu/pressreader>

Flipster (no personal account needed)

Facsimile of issues of popular magazines. Available titles: Architectural Digest, The Atlantic, Bloomberg Businessweek, Consumer Reports, National Geographic, National Review, The New York Review of Books, The New Yorker, Rolling Stone, TIME, Washington Monthly, and Wired. Access at: <https://libguides.union.edu/flipster>



Alt-Press Watch

Alt-Press Watch includes full-text newspapers and magazines from alternative, independent presses, providing an unmatched, multidisciplinary resource for researchers seeking an alternative to mainstream media perspectives. Access at <https://libguides.union.edu/altpresswatch>

More information and instructions

Contact Raik Zaghoul at zaghoul@union.edu for additional information and questions.

UPDATES FROM SPECIAL COLLECTIONS & ARCHIVES

Capital District Library Council Grant

Schaffer Library has successfully applied for a grant from the Capital District Library Council (CDLC) to digitize the diary of Jonathan Pearson. Pearson graduated from Union College in 1835 where he went on to teach Chemistry and Natural History before moving into the positions of Librarian and Treasurer. His diary, 2,500 pages in length, details his experiences and travels, as well as his observations, as a member of the College's administration. Pearson reflects on longtime College President Eliphalet Nott, as well as many important issues and events of the period. This work has monumental significance for the history of Union College and the state of New York. The digitized content of the diary will be shared with the New York Heritage platform.

New Exhibition: *Documenting Union*

An exhibit entitled Documenting Union is now up in Beuth Atrium. The exhibit showcases original manuscripts, maps, ephemera, and more from the Document Collection (SCA-1101). The collection contains materials from the 17th to 20th centuries and was put together by administrators and librarians as a way to centralize and preserve early records related to the founding of Union, New York history, as well as miscellaneous materials kept for their historical value. Please visit us and have a look!

The Social Distancing Experience

Our website focuses on our community's experience during this unprecedented time. Contribute your story or browse others' stories on the [Social Distancing project website](#).



Ginkgo tree in Jackson's Gardens, taken by the White Studio in 1930. The ginkgo tree was brought to Union College from Japan and has been part of the Gardens since the mid-1800s. It is still in the Gardens today.

UPDATES FROM THE PERMANENT COLLECTION & EXHIBITIONS

3D Virtual Exhibition Tour

The Mandeville Gallery presents a virtual tour of Sultana's Dream, a portfolio of twenty-seven linocuts created in 2018 by contemporary Indian-American artist, Chitra Ganesh. This series of prints was inspired by "early Bengali feminist author and social reformer," Rokeya Sakhawat Hossain, and her 1905 story of the same title published by Durham Press.

This [3D Virtual Tour](#) was created by Mandeville Gallery student docent, Mallory Nelson ('22), in consultation with the Mandeville Gallery and Schaffer Library.

For more information and to view the tour, [please visit our website!](#)

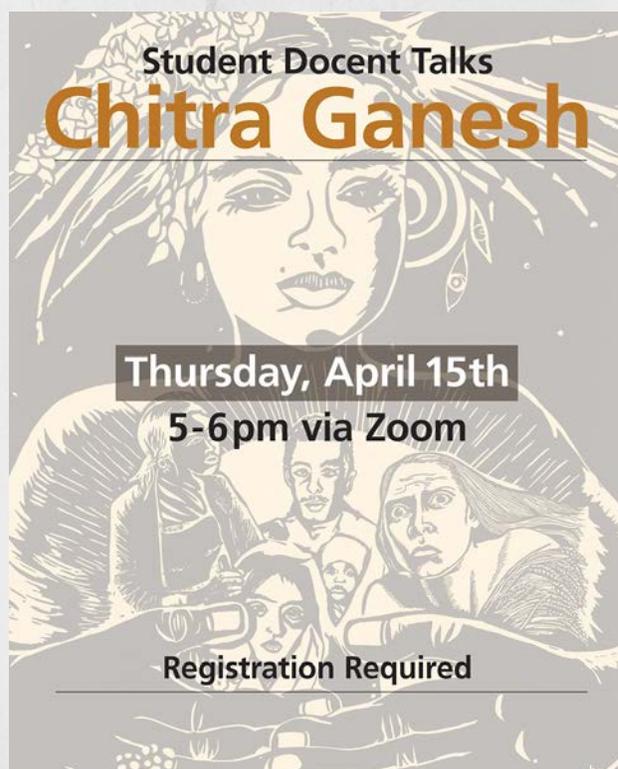
Upcoming Virtual Student Docent Talks

April 15th, 2021, 5:00 – 6:00 PM, EST

[Click here to register!](#)

Please join the Mandeville Gallery for our next installment of Virtual Student Docent Talks, featuring our current work study students as they discuss and interpret the artwork and themes presented in the Mandeville exhibition, [Chitra Ganesh: Sultana's Dream](#).

Student docents will offer insight about their interpretations of the exhibition, as it relates to their own research, interests, and personal experiences. The following students will be presenting: Maymunah Ahmed ('23), Ryan Hayes ('23), Adenike Hickson ('22), Mallory Nelson ('22), and Samuel Perry ('23).



Chitra Ganesh, detail of Sultana's Dream: Refugees and Queen (20), 2018, ed. 4/35, linocut on BFK Rives, 20 1/8 x 16 1/8 inches, printed and published by Durham Press, purchase of the Union College Permanent Collection, 2019.17.26 UCPC, © Chitra Ganesh and Durham Press, image courtesy of Durham Press