

# SCHAFFER LIBRARY

UPDATES FOR SPRING 2023



*Photos of the Student Outreach Team (SOT) tabling for blackout poetry contest.*

## INTRODUCING: THE STUDENT OUTREACH TEAM

You might have seen these faces out recently representing the library. This is our Student Outreach Team, or SOT.

As their name implies, they are an integral part of the library's outreach to students. Last term, they tabled for our blackout poetry event, where the winners won a study room in the library for finals.

They've also helped liven up our social media, contributed to our Wall of Great Women in Library Sciences near the Bloomberg room, designed and facilitated two student focus groups, made recommendations on promotional materials, and have a few fun projects which will soon be revealed!





# LIBRARY NEWS

## CHANGES TO STUDENT HONORS THESIS SELF-SUBMISSION

We have updated the Honors Thesis self submission process to be more streamlined and user friendly. Students no longer need to access Digital Works. They will be emailed a personalized link to a form for uploading their .pdf after they have submitted their internet permissions form. Remember to keep an eye out for emails from [digitalarchive@union.edu](mailto:digitalarchive@union.edu) with the subject "Advisor approval (Thesis Permission Form) has been assigned to you" so that you can review your students' internet access choices and approve them. For more information please see the [Senior thesis help website](#) or direct questions to the Digital Projects team at [digitalservices@union.edu](mailto:digitalservices@union.edu).

## WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

Stay tuned for one more Women's History Month activity to be scheduled week 1 of spring term '23. The event will be held at Schaffer Library and jointly hosted by Schaffer Library and Stories of U. It should be a nice bookend as we wrap up the campus Women's History Month activities.

## ART & CARPET

The Schaffer Library will look a bit different starting in the Spring Term through the end of the summer. The art on the walls and in cases were removed over spring break in preparation for phase 1 of the library's recarpeting project beginning this summer. Removing 25 year old carpeting will be noisy, dirty, and disruptive and will only occur when classes are not in session. We anticipate phase 2 over winter break in 2023 and phase 3 in the summer of 2024. Access to the collection and computers housed in the Schaffer Library will change depending on where the installation is occurring. There are lots of logistics to still be worked out and as we get closer to the beginning of the project more information will be forthcoming. If you have any questions please contact Frances Maloy, [maloyf@union.edu](mailto:maloyf@union.edu).

## LIBRARY SERVER CHANGE

Over Spring Break, Schaffer Library changed the server that manages off-campus access to some databases and journals. All of the library's website links are up to date; please use our Primo "permalink" feature or our Databases A-Z list in your Nexus pages to ensure you have the latest information.

If you experience any issues connecting from off-campus, please let us know as soon as possible! Contact Joanna DiPasquale at [dipasquj@union.edu](mailto:dipasquj@union.edu).

## REQUESTING LIBRARY HOME PAGE FEEDBACK

We want to continually improve the library's website, and our home page is no exception. We have been working hard to respond to feedback and requests over the past year, and are excited to announce that we have a prototype that helps showcase these changes. They include: integrating a new Primo search box on our homepage for more streamlined searching, adding audience-specific pages (faculty, student, staff), reducing the size of the home page overall, and creating a "highlights" area on the bottom of the page.

Please share your thoughts about the direction of this new design! [Find a link to our prototype and a feedback form for you to share your opinions with us here.](#)

## CURRENT READING AREA UPDATE

Our Current Reading Area, located just off the front entrance of Schaffer Library, features new and popular materials, both fiction and non-fiction. We recently added many books that were featured in the [New York Times 100 Notable Books of 2022](#). Find your next great read today!

# BIGELOW PROJECT GRANT UPDATE

During the winter term, our student workers helped us to complete the grant deliverable of scanning the 22,000 letters of correspondence in the John Bigelow papers. As an additional 1,500 letters were discovered during the inventory and arrangement of the collection last year, students are currently working on scanning those letters and have completed almost 1,000. Some of these letters are found in the 20 scrapbooks belonging to the collection. Over the winter break, students scanned 8 of the 20 scrapbooks from the John Bigelow papers, so we will work on completing the scanning during the spring break and spring term.

## DIGITAL COLLECTIONS SPOTLIGHT NEW ARCHES CONTENT

Our new digital repository is called ARCHES, **A**cademic **R**epository for **C**ultural **H**eritage, **E**ducation and **S**cholarship. Many of the recently added collections highlight a variety of Cultural Heritage and Educational resources. ARCHES is the new home to the Geology Department's Mohawk Watershed Symposium Programs and Abstracts. Student work from the 1990s and early 2000s is represented in the Gender and Society Oral Histories and Union Women Oral History Project. Faculty work is featured in the Lucille W. Brown and Stephen M. Berk Oral Histories of American Jews, fascinating interviews conducted in the 1970s. Find more collections through ARCHES at <https://arches.union.edu>.

## NEW DATABASES SPOTLIGHT

Schaffer Library has recently reached licensing agreements with several vendors, which now allow members of the Union community to set up free personal accounts to access content. These vendors are:

- **Bloomberg.com:** Access updated information and data for business, finance, and economics. This site also includes more general stories on politics, technology, and other current topics of interest.
- **Times Union:** Your account will let you access all of the content on the TU's website, including the ability to search in back issues.
- **Daily Gazette (Schenectady):** Your account will provide access to the Gazette's website, including the ability to search back issues.
- **Albany Business Review:** Your account will provide access to current news and searchable back issues, lists of companies, and events in the area.

To access these subscriptions, as well as other periodicals with free personal accounts, visit our [Periodicals with Free Personal Accounts page](#).

In addition to these agreements that allow users to set up free personal accounts, Schaffer Library has begun a subscription to the ASTM Digital Library.

- [ASTM \(American Society for Testing and Materials\) Compass / Digital Library](#): Provides access to books; papers; journal articles; and manuals and special technical publications. ASTM covers a broad range of engineering disciplines.



# FILM COLLECTION SPOTLIGHT

## BLOOMSBURY VIDEO LIBRARY

Schaffer Library is in the process of acquiring the [Bloomsbury Video Library](#) Arts and Humanities Collection. With an international range of content across the visual arts and performing arts, film, history, and culture, this collection features exclusive indie films and shorts, avant-garde performances, interviews with renowned writers, artists, choreographers, performers and practitioners, documentaries on an international range of themes, traditions, and historical figures, and much more.

## PRIMO SPOTLIGHT SUGGEST A PURCHASE

You may be familiar with our current “Suggest a Purchase” form, which allows you to recommend books to add to the library’s collection. We are proud to announce that we have a [new form](#) to make this experience even easier!

### WHAT’S NEW?

We’ve been working on improving our form to provide the following features:

- **Searching by title, ISBN, author – and video!** Our search screen allows you to search by many common fields and lets you restrict your results to videos only.

The screenshot shows a search form with the following elements:

- ISBN:** A text input field with the placeholder text "add then press <TAB>".
- Title:** A text input field containing the text "the value of everything".
- Author:** A text input field containing the text "Last, First".
- Publisher:** An empty text input field.
- Year:** An empty text input field.
- Search videos only?:** A toggle switch that is currently turned off.
- Buttons:** Two buttons at the bottom: "Clear form" (with a trash icon) and "Locate Titles".

- **Automatic look-up of your item** before you submit your suggestion, so you can see if the Library already has the item you seek in its collection. If we don’t own the item, a WorldCat search is also performed so you can get more information about it before you submit your suggestion.

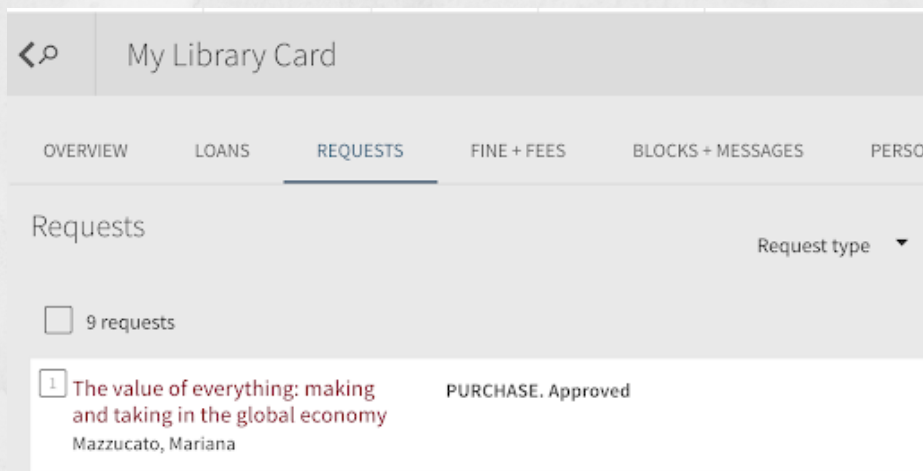
Search completed: 7.13s 1 record(s) found in Primo 6 record(s) found in WorldCat

**Direct link to Primo** to submit your suggestion. Once you find a record, click on the “Owned!” link (if we own the book) to place a hold request, or click “View Worldcat record and suggest a purchase” to start your purchase suggestion.

**Schaffer Library result(s)**  
*These results are from Primo, the library's discovery engine.*

**BOOK**  
**The value of everything : making and taking in the global economy**  
Mazzucato, Mariana  
First trade paperback edition.  
xix, 359 pages : illustrations ; 24 cm  
New York : Public Affairs, an imprint of Perseus Books a subsidiary of Hachette Book Group 2020  
**Owned! Check Primo for availability or request options**  
1 item(s) unavailable at Schaffer Library - Basement - Books - HB201 .M39 2020

- **Improved emails** to notify you about the status of your suggestion and when it arrives at the library.
- **Status updates** in Primo’s “My Requests” area to help you keep track of your suggested items.



Try out our new form! From the Suggest a Purchase page, click on “Try our new form,” or navigate to it at [this direct link](#).

If you don’t find the item you would like to suggest, that’s fine! Use the “[Submit a form without searching first](#)” link on the page. You can also use the “Submit Purchase (UC Only)” on the Primo menu.

**What if I don't find the item I want the library to purchase?**  
**[Submit a form without searching first \(Union College only\)](#).**  
Please note: you will need to log in first, then create your request.

To submit a purchase suggestion, place an item on hold, and more, you will need to log in to Primo.

## QUESTIONS?

For questions, please contact [librarycollections@union.edu](mailto:librarycollections@union.edu).



# UPDATES FROM THE SPECIAL COLLECTIONS & ARCHIVES

## HIGHLIGHTS FROM SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

The Dalton-Loines family papers (ARL-082) are now open to research. The family were ardent conservationists in Lake George, N.Y. The photographs, negatives and papers document construction of the Quarterdeck (their lake house), time spent with friends and family, and trips abroad. A guestbook documents prominent guests of the time, including Franklin Delano Roosevelt. The photographs also document the harmful impact of the International Paper Company on water levels in the lake prior to rip rapping and other conservation efforts. The collection is an impressive glimpse into the halcyon days of Lake George in the early 20th century.



*An image of FDR and others at Lake George from the Dalton-Loines family papers (ARL-082).*

On March 9th, Special Collections held an open house celebrating Women's History Month. From 2-3pm the department welcomed over 60 visitors to the third floor of Schaffer Library. Material on display included selections from the Jeanne Robert Foster Papers [SCA 0047](#); The President's Commission on the Status of Women [RG05-031](#); issues of the [Concordiensis](#) and [Perspectives](#) newspapers; Jane Bigelow's [Bible](#) and her [diaries](#); photos from the [Picture File](#); a selection of [Artists Books](#); the 1794 edition of the [Vindication of the Rights of Women](#); the 1970 edition of [I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings](#); and a number of other collections by and about women. If you are interested in partnering with Special Collections in spring term, please contact us at [AskSpecialCollections@union.libanswers.com](mailto:AskSpecialCollections@union.libanswers.com).

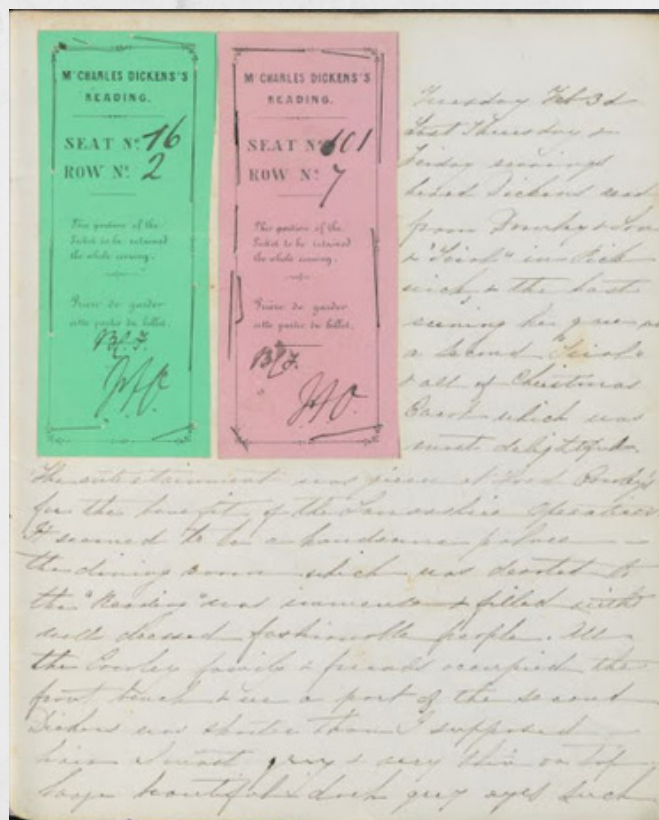
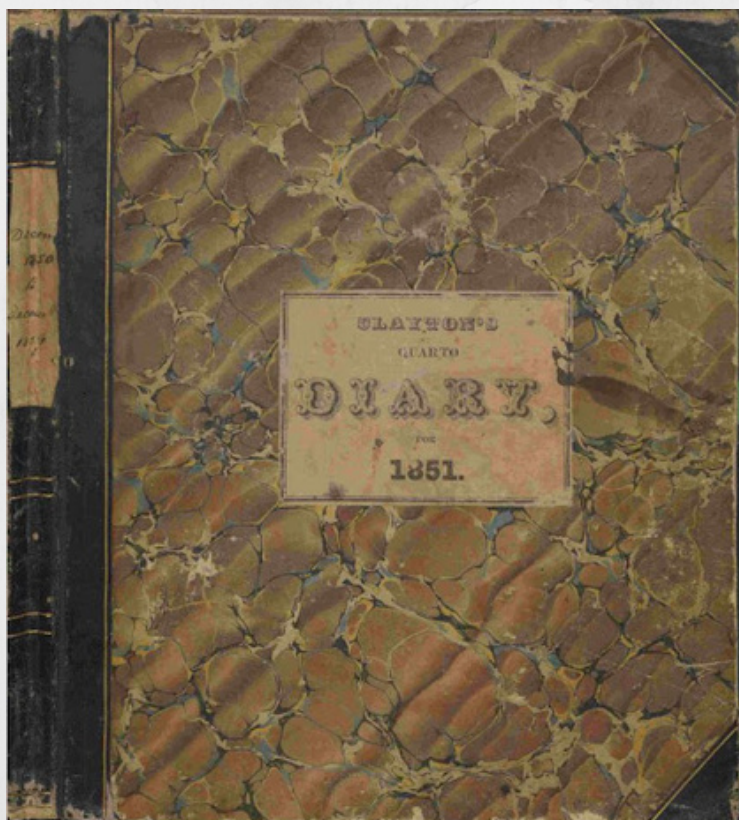


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## HELP TRANSCRIBE JANE BIGELOW'S DIARIES

Are you interested in history, politics, technology, or libraries? Would you like to be part of a project to bring history to life online? Schaffer Library needs your help! We need to transcribe the Jane Tunis Poultney Bigelow diaries, written between 1850-1873, and make them available to the public. To take part in the project, you will need to be comfortable with reading cursive handwriting, have an email address, and have an internet connection available to you. No special software or computer setup is required, and transcriptions can be done anywhere you can connect.

To sign up and transcribe, visit the [Jane Bigelow Diaries website](#).



Cover of Jane Bigelow's 1850 -1857 diary and a page from her 1861-1863 diary.



# UPDATES FROM THE PERMANENT COLLECTION & EXHIBITIONS

## VISIT OUR CURRENT EXHIBITIONS ON DISPLAY THROUGH JUNE

### ***Recent Acquisitions: Union College Permanent Collection***

Exhibition Dates: September 1, 2022 – June 12, 2023

Location: Mandeville Gallery, 2nd Floor of Nott Memorial

The artworks in this exhibition were thoughtfully considered and purchased for inclusion in Union College's Permanent Collection over the past decade. These recent acquisitions have broadened the Collection's scope by incorporating contemporary African, African American, Asian, Indigenous Alaskan, and Native American artists. They include paintings, photographs, prints, digital media, mixed media, and works on paper.

For more information, [see this page](#).

### ***LGBTQ+ @Union: Stronger Together***

Exhibition Dates: Through June 11, 2023

Location: Wikoff Student Gallery, 3rd floor of Nott Memorial

The 2022 edition of the biennial LGBTQ+ @ UNION exhibition has been extended. The exhibition explores ongoing, contemporary topics of the LGBTQ+ community, and highlights the effects of the past two years on art-making practices, politics, culture, communities, and shaping identities. [LGBTQ+ @ Union, 2022: Stronger Together](#) includes themes regarding transexual cultural inclusiveness, family pressures and coming out deliberations, and moving past a binary construct of gender identity. This year the exhibition includes work in drawing and painting, illustration, photography, book arts, and poetry by current Union College students, alumni, and professors.

This year's artists are: former Visiting Professor Elisa Bouhet, Emma Calarco ('22), Victoria Donatucci ('23), Crystal Flax ('22), Albert Gilewicz ('75), and Professor Randy Wyatt.