

SCHAFFER LIBRARY

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Springtime at Schaffer Library.

TAKE A LOOK: STEINMETZ PAPERS

In honor of the 2024 Steinmetz Symposium on Friday, May 10, take a closer look at the papers of Charles Proteus Steinmetz, after whom the event is named. These records are available both in Special Collections and Archives and online at <https://arches.union.edu/steinmetz-papers>.

The collection primarily consists of writings by Charles Proteus Steinmetz, including publications and his work for General Electric, along with research notes and ledgers.

Born in 1865, Steinmetz was a distinguished mathematician and electrical engineer. Due to his involvement in Socialist activities, he was compelled to leave Germany in 1888. He later became a professor at Union College, where he also served as the chair of the Department of Engineering.

LIBRARY NEWS

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK: APRIL 7-13

National Library Week is in April. We'll be celebrating with library worker profiles, favorite staff book picks, pop-up goodies, and more. We'll also be distributing glasses for the eclipse that week (see below). Be sure to follow the library on Instagram [@SchafferLibrary](#) and [Facebook](#) to find out how to help us celebrate!

FACULTY HAPPY HOUR

Faculty: Schaffer Library invites you to a faculty happy hour on April 18. Join us from 4:30 - 6:30 for drinks, conversation, and music.

DIGITAL ARCHIVING & ADULTING EVENT

Schaffer Library has created an "adulting" guide, a resource for the things you'll need to know to thrive as an adult in the world. Access it here: <https://libguides.union.edu/adulting>.

We'll also be hosting an event to help students better understand and manage their digital footprint and prepare them to bring their files with them after college.

Event Date: Wednesday, April 24

Time: 5-7 PM

Location: 1st Floor, Schaffer Library

ASK A LIBRARIAN

Need help with your research? Did you know that you can contact a librarian in real time through UChat? Look for the green UChat button on the library website. Chat will be staffed from 12:30pm to 5pm. Don't worry, we're also still available for more in-depth help through email and in-person meetings. See our [Ask a Librarian](#) page for more information.

ECLIPSE GLASSES

On April 8, a solar eclipse will begin just after 2:00 PM, with totality beginning at 3:24 PM. Starting at noon, the library will distribute eclipse glasses. First come, first serve, one per person. Be sure to also stop in the Current Reading Area to check out our eclipse-related books (fiction and non-fiction).

NEWSPAPERS & MAGAZINES WITH FREE PERSONAL ACCOUNTS

Did you know that Schaffer Library provides personal accounts for the Washington Post, New York Times, Wall Street Journal, the Chronicle of Higher Education, The Atlantic, Albany Business Review, Times Union, and Daily Gazette - all with your Union email address? We also have a variety of newspapers and magazines via Flipster? Visit our [Newspapers and Magazines: Personal Accounts](#) page for details and step-by-step instructions to set up your access.

RESEARCH PARTY

We will have another research party during spring term! Students can come with their research questions, eat snacks, and get help with final papers and work.

Date: Wednesday, June 5

Time: 5-8 PM

Location: 1st Floor, Schaffer Library

LIBRARY NEWS

NEW ACQUISITIONS

Looking for some great new resources for your research and teaching? We've been busy acquiring books, journals, and streaming media. Some of our new offerings include:

The Atlantic

We now provide access to The Atlantic through their web portal. Here you can find content from 1857 to present including online only content such videos, podcasts, and topic page curation. Create your own account for an individualized experience. <https://accounts.theatlantic.com/institutional-login/>

The Economist

Full online access to The Economist, a source of global reporting and analysis on economics, business, geopolitics, technology, and culture. <https://www.economist.com/> (Click the "Log in" button, followed by "Log in with SSO." Finally, enter your Union email address for access.)

JoVE

We have expanded our access beyond the biochemistry and chemistry content to include the full JoVE Education platform. JoVE Education illustrates key concepts and lab techniques in science, engineering, and medicine through video textbooks, video lab manuals, and video demonstrations of real-life techniques geared toward undergraduates. These resources are accessible to various learning styles, offer closed captioning and translation to ten different languages, <https://libguides.union.edu/jove-education>

Schaffer Reads

We have a new place for book browsing! Near the front entrance you will find Schaffer Reads, a regularly rotating themed collection of books. Our first theme - New York Times notable books from 2023 - was extremely popular. This spring we will be featuring the favorite books of Schaffer librarians, staff members, and student workers. Stop by and check out our recommendations.

Don't forget to [Suggest a Purchase](#) to tell us more about the items you need.

Questions? Email Kim Mitchell at mitchelk@union.edu or librarycollections@union.edu.

UPDATES FROM THE SPECIAL COLLECTIONS & ARCHIVES

TEACH WITH SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

Teach with Special Collections! Reach out to specialcollections@union.edu with questions about the collections and creative solutions to utilizing them during the 10 week term.



Visual Arts classes visiting Special Collections during Winter Term.

LALLY READING ROOM EXHIBIT: THE BIRDS OF BASEBALL

Stop by Lally Reading Room and check out the original 19th century Audubon prints featuring: the Baltimore Oriole; the St. Louis Cardinals; the Toronto Blue Jays; and the Washington Nationals whose mascot is Screech, a bald eagle.



The Baltimore Oriole from Audubon and the Baltimore Orioles mascot.

**Special Collections
and Archives is open
for walk-in visits
Wednesday 10 - 1
and by appointment
all other times.**

UPDATES FROM THE PERMANENT COLLECTION & EXHIBITIONS

TEACHING ARTWORKS AY23-24 IN THE MANDEVILLE GALLERY AND SCHAFFER LIBRARY

On View through June 2024

The display of artworks requested by Union College professors for use in teaching continues through June in the Mandeville Gallery, and locations in Schaffer Library. Many of these artworks are recent additions to the College's Permanent Collection, a term used to describe the collection of art that the College has amassed over its more than 200-year history.

In recent years, the Permanent Collection has focused on acquiring modern and contemporary works of art that can be integrated within established academic curricula to give students and faculty opportunities to engage in object-based learning and make connections across disciplines. Such artworks feature historical, cultural, scientific, artistic, and political concepts that can be used in the classroom to expound learning methodologies, theories, histories, and philosophies. Engaging students with thought-provoking works of art serves to broaden knowledge of other cultures, increases critical thinking and historical empathy, and sparks creativity. When students observe art objects first-hand, the learning experience is amplified.

Please contact Sarah Mottalini (mottalis@union.edu) for more information about how to request artworks for instruction and independent study. Further details may be found at union.edu/gallery by clicking "About" under the "Permanent Collection" tab.



Chitra Ganesh, Sultana's Dream: City in Broad Daylight, 2018, linocut on BFK Rives, ed. 4/35, 20 1/8 x 16 1/8 inches, printed and published by Durham Press, purchase of the Union College Permanent Collection, 2019.17.4 UCPC, © Chitra Ganesh and Durham Press, image courtesy of Durham Press