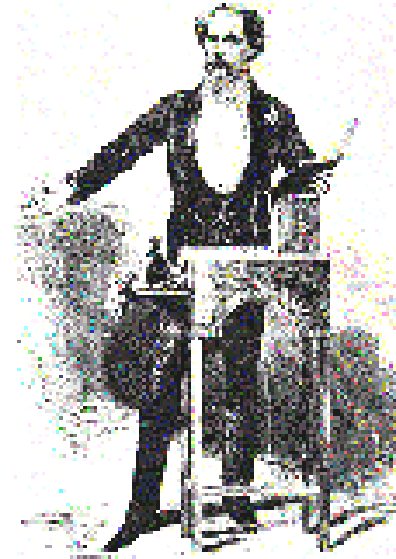




DECEMBER 2006



A BUSY PLACE

Since the beginning of this term our statistics show that nearly six hundred ten students came to the library with a class to complete an assignment. Between October 24 and November 10, 15 sections of Junior Studies had four classes each taught by a librarian. Librarians teach the students how to use the Reference section, BIBLION, the online databases, and the Internet. These classes also included a discussion about academic honesty.

Two hundred fifty students in 21 sections of HIS331 conducted classes in searching online for 19th Century periodicals. Most of the HIS 331 classes were working on essays involving 19th century figures, making significant use of our online History databases. In addition, two hundred seventy six students in HIS 100, HIS 213, HIS 440, HIS 425 and REL 300 worked on library projects. Students in HIS 100 learned about U.S. involvement in the Middle East. In HIS 213 the students worked on essays on topics of the students' choice such as the Reformation, the age of discovery and the Renaissance. In HIS440 and in REL300 sought information on current events. Classes usually spend three to five days in the Library.

NH OUTLOOK

On Tuesday, November 21, NH Outlook (NHPBS station WMUR, Channel 11) aired a program that was prompted by the visit of Madhat Al-Mahmood, Chief Justice of Iraq. The program included a segment about Justice Al-Mahmood's historic visit, and a segment honoring the 75th anniversary of Harkness method of teaching in which principal Tingley was interviewed. The final segment of the show featured Academy Librarian, Jacquelyn H. Thomas, speaking about some of the alumni/ae authors represented in our Alumni/ae Authors collection on the fourth floor of the library.

ROB RICHARDS PRESENTS *A CHRISTMAS CAROL*, by Charles Dickens

Rob Richards, Instructor in Drama, will present a dramatic reading of *A Christmas Carol* by Charles Dickens in Rockefeller Hall, on Tuesday, Dec. 12 at 4:00 p.m. The presentation, free and open to the public, is suitable for ages 10 and older.

Rob Richards has been a member of the Drama department since 1994, where he teaches acting, film-making, directing, playwriting and speech making. He has also directed Mainstage student productions including *Hamlet*, *Romance Language*, *The Crucible*, *The Glass Menagerie* and *The Foreigner*. He began his theatrical career as a professional puppeteer and member of The Small World Theatre in Hopkinton, founded by his mother, Barbara Richards. He received his MFA from the Mason Gross School of the Arts at Rutgers University and studied acting at Carnegie Hall while performing in regional, summer stock, and off-Broadway theatres.

Hamilton W. Mabie wrote of Charles Dickens in 1914 that he was "the prophet of the under dog, the advocate of the waif, the neglected schoolboy, the half-starving and half-clothed men and women carried under by misfortune or weakness." *A Christmas Carol*, the most popular Christmas classic in prose English, makes the Christmas spirit "real and contagious." Throughout his life, Dickens was known for his dramatic public readings of his works. His last public reading of *A Christmas Carol* was at St. James Hall, in London, on March 15, 1870.

JUNIOR STUDIES TIME CAPSULE EVENT

This year's Junior Studies course will finish with the traditional grand event in the library's Rockefeller Hall from 9:30 to 10:45 on Tuesday, December 12. The current members of the Class of 2010 will present boxes of materials to be stored as a time capsule in the Academy Archives, to be returned to them in another ceremony during the week of their graduation in 2010. The event, which is open to the Academy Community, will also feature music, remarks by representatives from the Junior and Senior Classes, and the principal.

NEW WIDESCREEN PLASMA TV

The library recently acquired a 42" Samsung plasma screen for the Kaplanoff Periodicals room. The purchase was made possible by the Friends of the Academy Library. The television provides access to current news programming on CNN and is set to closed captions, without sound. However, the TV can also function as a monitor when used with a laptop computer. Placed on the wall very near a large table, the TV provides the library with a capability that has not existed until now. Librarians, teachers and students can now use the space to demonstrate searches on BIBLION, the use of the library's numerous databases, search the web, or use any of the applications on the campus network..

Library Hours for December:

Thursday, December 14 – 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Friday, December 15 – 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Saturday and Sunday, December 16, 17 – Closed

Monday, December 18 – 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Tuesday, November 19 – 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

**Wednesday & Thursday, December 20, 21 –
8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

Friday, December 22 thru January 1 - Closed