



LIBRARY BULLETIN

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EXPANDING THE KNOWN WORLD: Explorations of Cook, Bligh, and Vancouver

The new exhibit, on the main floor of the library, features eighteenth century books, maps, and illustrations drawn from marine and exploration materials held in the Special Collections of the Class of 1945 Library. Many of these voyages were undertaken with objectives quite different from those of earlier explorers who sought territory, treasure, and converts.

The exhibit focuses on the explorations of Captain James Cook, Captain William Bligh, and Captain George Vancouver, as well as the various objectives of these voyages.

The collection featured in this exhibition stems in part from the James N. Hill Marine Society, an extracurricular student organization at the Academy begun in 1934. Established to foster interest in maritime history, the club met weekly to present and discuss papers on topics ranging from privateering to submarine warfare, and from whaling to the Asian fur trade. Exeter students wrote essays—some exceeding 15,000 words—based on the library's extensive holdings, as well as on materials from the special collections. At least one of those papers found a larger audience in a national magazine, and some of the authors went on to careers as historians.

Sponsored by the Charles J. Tanenbaum Library Fund, the exhibit was installed by Andra Crawford and Edouard Desrochers. An accompanying brochure contains text by Henry Bedford. A complementary slide presentation created by Joseph Montibello and Thomas Wharton can be viewed in the Kaplanoff Periodicals Room. The exhibit is on display in Rockefeller Hall through December 14, 2007.

JACK HERNEY BECOMES SECRETARY OF THE FRIENDS OF THE ACADEMY LIBRARY

The Library is pleased to announce that John Herney, Robert Shaw White Professor and Instructor in History, has agreed to replace Peter Greer as Secretary of the Friends of the Academy Library. Greer retired from the Academy last June.

A CONVERSATION WITH ANTHONY WELLER '75

On Friday, September 28, at 4:30 p.m. the Friends of the Academy Library will sponsor "A Conversation with author Anthony Weller '75," moderated by Jack Herney, Robert Shaw White Professor and Instructor in History, and newly appointed Secretary of the Friends of the Academy Library. Tea will be served at 4:00 p.m.

Weller is the author of *First Into Nagasaki: the Censored Eyewitness Dispatches on Post-Atomic Japan and Its Prisoners of War* (Crown Publishers, 2006), in which he presents long-lost dispatches of his father, legendary war correspondent George Weller. George Weller was the first American journalist to reach Nagasaki after it was hit by an atomic bomb on August 9, 1945. The stories he filed from the city were censored by the U.S. military. These collected dispatches focusing on the horrors of post-bomb Nagasaki and the brutal treatment of Allied POWs, vividly relate the everyday inhumanity of the Pacific war.

Anthony Weller has also written several works of fiction, including *The Siege of Salt Cove*, published by W. W. Norton & Co. in 2004. In addition to his works of fiction, Weller has written for *Geo*, *Playboy*, *Gourmet*, *National Geographic*, *Smithsonian*, *Condé Nast Traveler*, and dozens of other magazines. He is also a composer and plays jazz and classical guitar professionally.

LAMONT POET — WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 24

Dave Smith, Elliot Coleman Professor of Poetry and Chair of the Department of Writing Seminars at Johns Hopkins University, will be the first Lamont Poet in the Library's Lamont Poetry Program for 2007-2008. Smith will read from his poetry in the Assembly Hall on Wednesday, October 24, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. The reading is free and open to the public.

Smith primarily teaches in the area of contemporary poetry in the English language. He is the author of numerous books of poetry, including his most recent work, *Little Boats, Unsalvaged* (Louisiana State University Press, 2005) and his 14th collection of poetry,

The Wick of Memory, New and Selected Poems, 1970-2000 (Louisiana State University Press, 2000).

Smith has also published works of criticism, fiction and collections of short stories and essays, including *Hunting Men: A Life in the Life of Poetry* (Louisiana State University Press, 2006).

Smith, who is editor of the Southern Messenger Signature Poets Series of Louisiana State University, was for many years co-editor of *The Southern Review*. He edited *The Essential Poe* (Ecco, 1991), *The William Morrow Anthology of Younger American Poets* (William Morrow and Co., 1985), and *The Pure Clear Word: Essays on the Poetry of James Wright* (University of Illinois Press, 1981). Smith has won fellowships from the National Endowment for the Arts in Poetry, the John Simon Guggenheim Foundation, the Rockefeller Foundation, and the Lyndhurst Fellowship, as well as the Virginia Prize in Poetry and an Award in Poetry from the American Academy and Institute of Arts and Letters. He is an elected member of the Fellowship of Southern Writers and was twice a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize in Poetry.

Smith has previously taught at the University of Utah; the State University of New York at Binghamton; the Summer Creative Writing Program at Bennington College in Vermont; the University of Florida; Virginia Commonwealth University; and Louisiana State University.

WIRELESS IN THE LIBRARY

Wireless network access is now available on the Ground and First floors of the library. Some wireless access is also available on other floors near the edges of Rockefeller Hall. The plan is to eventually provide wireless access throughout the entire building.

NEW TEACHING SPACE

Over the summer, the library moved the microfilm cabinets in the basement in order to create an additional teaching space for classes, complete with a new, traditional Harkness table, slides and all. This project was completed entirely with funds from the Friends of the Academy Library. The microfilm collection remains in the basement, but the cabinets have been placed in different locations. Teachers interested in signing up this space for a class should be in touch with Abigail Christian.

ALL LIBRARY CARRELS ON FLOORS 2 & 3 ASSIGNED

Due to unprecedented interest, all of the 112 study carrels on floors 2 and 3 of the Library have already been assigned to the Uppers and Seniors who requested them. Several other upperclassmen and a few day student lowers have been waitlisted.

LIBRARY PROCTORS

We are pleased to announce that the 2007/08 Library proctors have been selected.

They are: Nathaniel Chastain, Alexandra Comoli, Grant De Roo, Meredith Emerson, Ashley Farnsworth, Kathleen Hillery, Sarah Kane, Olivia Lenson, Alison MacNamee, Meredith Roy, Emily Scharff, and Amy Schuman. Sarah Kane is away this term.

September Library Hours

Monday, Sept. 17 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.

With the exception of the above, we will follow our regular school schedule:

Monday – Friday	7:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.
Saturday	7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Sunday	1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.