Recent and Upcoming Events

75th Anniversary Open House

On September 6th, 2019 approximately 70 people joined us to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the Music and Performing Arts Library. Founded as the Music Library in 1944 in Smith Hall, it relocated and expanded to the new Music Building in 1974. Dance materials were added to the collection in 2004 and theatre materials in 2008, at which point the Music Library became the Music & Performing Arts Library.

We had several activities and giveaways, plus a display of items in our collection, an exhibit covering the history of MPAL, and demonstrations of the player piano. There was also a trivia contest and one lucky winner took home a copy of The Beatles Anthology.

Monthly Player Piano Concerts

Join us for our Monthly Player Piano Concerts on the first Friday of the month from noon-1pm! Everyone is welcome stop by during the hour and listen to the player piano, explore our roll collection, and learn about the instrument and its role in early recording history.

Individuals or small groups can also make appointments to see the piano in action by emailing mpal@library.illinois.edu.
KCPA Pop-Up Libraries

MPAL again finds ourselves drawn to KCPA to share information about our collections and services and we are grateful for their willingness to share their space with us. You can find MPAL in the KCPA Lobby with materials from our collections related to that night’s performances on September 20, October 26, November 17, and December 7.

Services

New Loanable Technology

We have new items in our loanable tech collection, including a wireless page turning pedal that connects to tablets via Bluetooth and microphones for recording audio!

Suggestions for other items to add to the loanable tech collection are also welcome. Please drop a line to mpal@library.illinois.edu with your thoughts!

Digital Project

17th Century Spanish Gradual Manuscript

You may recall MPAL’s Spanish gradual manuscript that until earlier this year had been on display in our reading room.

In an effort to better preserve it and increase access to it, the manuscript has been transferred to the Rare Book and Manuscript Library (https://vufind.carli.illinois.edu/vf-uiu/Record/uiu_8949883) and the Digital Services department created a digital facsimile of the manuscript.

The facsimile can be found through HathiTrust here: https://hdl.handle.net/2027/uic.8949883.

Significant Acquisitions

New Online Content

We now have permanent access to the following online collections as part of our extended trial with ProQuest:

- Audio Drama: L.A. Theatre Works
- Music Online: Classical Scores Library
- Fashion Studies Online

For more information about this trial and included content, see: www.library.illinois.edu/news/trial-access-to-100-proquest-electronic-resources/

Staff News

Graduate Assistants

MPAL said goodbye to two graduate assistants, Halle Burns and Cory Davis, who both received their MS in Library & Information Sciences in May, 2019. Halle recently accepted a position at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas as their Data Librarian and Instructor.

We are excited to welcome David Floyd and Gabrielle LaBare to our team as new graduate assistants. Gabrielle may be a familiar face to some, having recently completed her MM in Vocal Performance and Literature at Illinois. David joins us from Rutgers University where he completed his MA in Music Theory.

Additional items in the collection include iPads, portable disc drives, and various cables and adapters. Find more information about the Loanable Tech Collection here: http://guides.library.illinois.edu/MPALTechTips