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## RITTER MUSIC COLLECTION PROJECT



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The Frédéric Louis Ritter Collection is the largest named special collection at Tufts, providing a sweeping overview of music history. It contains works from the 16th to the 19th centuries on all areas of musical interest—history, biography, theory, composition, and performance—including many very rare titles.

Ritter collected contemporary and historical scores, books, and periodicals throughout his career as a professional musician, composer, author, and Professor and Director of the School of Music at Vassar College. Shortly after his death in 1891, Tufts trustee Albert Metcalf acquired Ritter's collection and continued to add to it, increasing it from around 1800 to 2500 volumes. In 1901 he donated it to Tufts to support development of the new Department of Music.

Over many years, as the collection had various caretakers,  
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## Garden Will Transform Tisch Library Rooftop

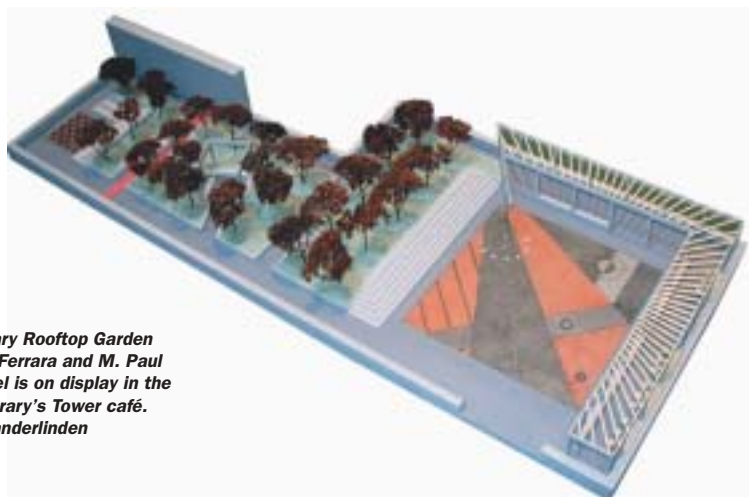
**T**isch Library's rooftop will undergo an exciting change from an underused area to an attractive plaza that will welcome students, alumni and visitors who will

enjoy the panoramic view of Boston and the surrounding communities. Tufts University has selected renowned sculptor and public artist Jackie Ferrara and eminent landscape architect M. Paul Friedberg to transform the upper level of Tisch Library's rooftop into a sequence of spatial areas that expand the variety of activities and events that will take place there. While a fully developed proposal presented by the artists was well received by the Steering Committee made up of representatives of various Tufts University departments, the design is still in the process of being finalized, the implementation and construction timetable have not

been set yet, and fundraising has not been completed. Ferrara describes what she does with her art as "I am making a place." Committee members say the project signals a renewed emphasis on permanent outdoor art on Tufts' Medford campus.

UrbanArts Institute at Massachusetts College of Art, whose goal is to promote excellence in public art and design, assisted in the selection process including careful screening of over 165 artist applications, which preceded Tufts selection of Ferrara and Friedberg.

While both artists have worked separately, Ferrara and Friedberg have worked together on several projects including the Canal Demonstration Project in Phoenix, AZ in 2001 for the Phoenix Arts Commission. In the Canal Demonstration Project, they created a series of five "rooms" along a canal that won a number of awards.



*Model of Tisch Library Rooftop Garden proposed by Jackie Ferrara and M. Paul Friedberg. The model is on display in the corridor to Tisch Library's Tower café.  
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grew in size, and moved several times before finding its permanent home in Tisch Library, mistakes and omissions crept into the title list, making it difficult to determine the extent of the collection and the accuracy and location of titles. The physical condition also deteriorated greatly due to storage in non-controlled building climates, crowded shelving and acidic paper. Still, this important source for music study and performance was one of the most frequently consulted collections by Tufts students and faculty.

Today Tisch Library and Digital Collections & Archives, custodians of the Ritter Collection, are trying to determine what the Library has, where it is located, and how it can best be preserved. This summer, a collaborative project with Digital Collections and Archives (DCA), funded by Tisch Library, began to preserve the Ritter Collection and create an authoritative list of its contents. Graduate archives assistants will rehouse the collection in acid-free enclosures and compile a new title list, checking catalog records and correcting errors.

The project is expected to last 6–8 weeks, and will result in an authoritative list of the titles in the Ritter Collection. The materials will be housed so as to preserve those in better condition and to stabilize those in worse condition for more rigorous preservation at a later date, an effort that will require the future support of concerned donors and foundations.

## GREETINGS FROM THE CHAIR,

Welcome to the colorful, redesigned Friends Newsletter! Everything looks different, but the focus continues to be on our wonderful Friends events and the accomplishments of Tufts Libraries. Our goal in the redesign is to make each issue even more interesting so that you won't be able to put it down!

It is a pleasure to report that 350 Friends of Tufts Libraries contributed \$343,996 for FY2007.

Friends of the Tufts Libraries are always welcome to visit any of the libraries to see the improvements that Friends gifts have enabled. Each library director would be pleased to tour you around and to show you how we have improved both student and faculty services in response to their needs. Each library has been renovated in a special way since 2003, and each acts as the busy intellectual center of its campus.

Tufts newest capital campaign, Beyond Boundaries, has been launched with a \$1.2 billion goal. This bodes well for the Tufts Libraries as they, too, will benefit from needed additional funds to keep abreast in this technological age. As the capital campaign moves along, I hope that the Friends of the Libraries can be counted on, as you have always been in the past, to share in specific library opportunities when you are contacted by campaign representatives. ANY contribution you may make is so very deeply appreciated!



**JoAnn Wellner, J63, Chair  
Friends of Tufts Libraries**

## FROM THE EDITOR,

I want to welcome you to the new Friends Newsletter, too. It has been a pleasure to work on the redesign with Ellie Short in Development and with Lynda Gutowski and Margot Grisar on the graphic design. We aim to identify information you would like to read and to present it in a more entertaining and readable way. Do you like it? What information and articles would you like to see in the future? Please contact me with your comments. I welcome your suggestions.

I encourage you to visit your library, too. Directors and library staff are always pleased to tell you what's new and what has changed since you were a student at Tufts. We especially like to point out improvements that were funded by the generosity of you, our Friends.

Gifts from Friends allow us to make the changes suggested by our users in surveys and focus groups. Your gifts and suggestions help us to increase user satisfaction.

*Jo-Ann Michalak  
Friends Editor and Director of the Tisch Library*

## Donors Enrich Tisch Library's Special Collections

It cannot be said too often that good libraries need good friends. Nowhere is this better illustrated than in rare book collections, which always reflect, to some degree, the generosity of scholars and alumni dedicated to the enrichment of their institutions' libraries. Tisch Library Special Collections recently has benefited from the gifts of such friends.

In April 2007, Mr. and Mrs. George M. Lane of Westminster, MA, presented two noteworthy editions of *De Re Metallica* to President Bacow for the Library. The 16<sup>th</sup> Century text *De Re Metallica*, by the German scholar Georg Bauer (1494–1555, known as Georgius Agricola), presented the first scientific classification of minerals, and for more than two centuries stood as the definitive work on mining and smelting. In 1912 future American president Herbert Hoover, a mining engineer by training, and his wife, Lou Henry Hoover, one of the first American women to earn a geology degree, published a magnificent edition of *De Re Metallica* containing their own translation and fine reproductions of many of the early illustrations.

Mr. Lane, presently Ambassador-in-residence and Lecturer at the College of the Holy Cross, attended the Fletcher School before embarking on a distinguished career in the diplomatic service. His Tufts roots are deep: his father and daughter took degrees at Tufts, and Lane Hall on the Medford campus is named for his grandfather, Alfred C. Lane, Professor of Geology at Tufts University from 1909 to 1936. Herbert Hoover presented a copy of his and his wife's translation to Alfred Lane with a handwritten note and signature. Professor Lane thereafter sought out an early copy of the work, obtaining the fifth edition published at Basel in 1657. The rarity and significance of these two splendid editions are enhanced by the web of connections between subject matter, translators, the donor, and Tufts.

In May 2007, alumnus and Tufts parent Steven Theodore (A79) and his wife, Wiebke Theodore (née Noack, who attended Tufts 1977–79 before taking a degree at Barnard) donated a copy of the important early German Catholic Bible of Johann Dietenberger, who combined Luther's Old Testament with Anabaptist texts and elements of the Zurich version of 1529. This would become the standard German Catholic Bible, an extension of the effort spearheaded by Martin Luther to give the common man a Bible in the vernacular—a radical idea in its time.

In addition to the intellectual and historical significance of Dietenberger's Bible, this beautiful example of the book arts, the very rare 5<sup>th</sup> Edition of 1561, is richly illustrated and bound in tooled leather with metal hasps, demonstrating that early Bibles are an essential foundation of rare book collections that provide students and scholars valuable insight into how influential historical texts were created and conveyed to the reading public. This book tells another significant story. It was one of the few possessions that Mr. Theodore's grandfather, Henry P. Theodore, was able to carry with him as he fled Austria and the Nazis in 1938.

For more information about rare books at Tisch Library, please contact [christopher.barbour@tufts.edu](mailto:christopher.barbour@tufts.edu).



Chris Barbour, Humanities Bibliographer and Coordinator of Special Collections, Jo-Ann Michalak, Tisch Library Director, join President Larry Bacow in thanking Mr. and Mrs. George M. Lane for two noteworthy editions of *De Re Metallica* (foreground). Photo credit: Tufts Photo



Important early German Catholic Bible of Johann Dietenberger, gift of Steven Theodore (A79) and his wife, Photo credit: Chris Barbour

# Library News

## LEISURE READING IN THE TOWER CAFÉ

Gifts to the Friends of Tisch Library fund and maintain a small Leisure Reading Collection of academic best-sellers that circulate from The Tower café. This Collection is one of the most heavily used in Tisch Library: each book averaged seven circulations in FY07.



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## Hirsh Health Sciences Library

### VIRTUAL INFORMATION FOR PATIENT CARE

In June, Hirsh Health Sciences Library launched a new resource, "Virtual Information for Patient care" (VIP Care). VIP Care links the user to full-text chapters and evidence-based articles in the Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews, American College of Physicians' PIER, UpToDate and other resources. The third year medical students will have access to VIP Care for use in answering clinical questions as they arise in patient care settings. The wide range of topics covered complement the clerkship objectives within the core disciplines.

VIP Care:

- Presents background information for exploration at point-of-learning.
- Reinforces knowledge of diagnoses, skills, and procedures, and
- Augments self-study related to clinical encounters.

HHSL librarians compiled the collection of resources that comprise VIP Care. The project is funded by a grant from the National Library of Medicine.

### EXPANDED STUDY SPACE

A project to expand the available study space is also scheduled to begin in the summer. Older and less-used journals will be moved from the HHSL's upper floors to a new compact shelving storage facility located in the basement of the Jaharis Building. New furniture will be added to the vacated space on the 7<sup>th</sup> floor for a variety of additional seating configurations in support of the new Tufts MS in Biomedical Sciences (MBS) program and to help meet the increasing demand for study space in the library.



## 60<sup>TH</sup> REUNION PARTY AT THE TISCH LIBRARY



Members of the 60<sup>th</sup> Reunion Class (1947) are enthusiastic and loyal to their Alma Mater, with 35 attending the Saturday luncheon celebration at the Tisch Library on May 19, 2007. The class meeting and photo took place in the comfortable Hirsh Reading Room. Several classmates made special trips to attend, coming from Texas and even France. All were pleased that the Tisch Library provided a private and inviting setting to enjoy their get-together to commemorate their 60<sup>th</sup> Reunion at Tufts University.



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## Upcoming Friends of Tufts Libraries Authors Talks

**Jonathan Wilson—  
Marc Chagall Revealed**  
Friday, October 12  
3:30–4:45 p.m.  
Hirsh Reading Room  
Tisch Library



Friends/Parents Weekend Authors Talk entitled *Marc Chagall Revealed*, by Jonathan Wilson, Fletcher Professor of Rhetoric and Debate and Director of Creative Writing in the English Department. Born in London and educated in England and Israel, Professor Wilson is also a Tufts Parent.



His biography, *Marc Chagall*, was published in March by Schocken as part of the Jewish Encounter project, which is devoted to promoting Jewish literature, culture and ideas. In it, he shows how Chagall's work was influenced by the major events he experienced, including the Russian Revolution, two world wars, the Holocaust and the establishment of the State of Israel.

A book signing sponsored by Tufts Bookstore follows the talk. A reception for Parents and Friends will follow at the Granoff Music Center, 4:00–5:00 p.m. Exhibit on the author in Tisch Library lobby, October 15, 2007–January 7, 2008.

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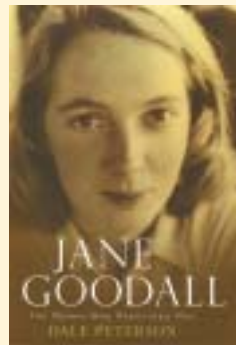
**Felipe Fernandez Armesto—  
Amerigo: The Man Who Gave His Name to America**  
Thursday, February 28, 2008  
3:30–5:00 p.m., Hirsh Reading Room, Tisch Library  
Friends Authors Talk by Professor Felipe Fernandez Armesto, *Principe de Asturias Chair in Spanish Culture and Civilization* in the History Department and an expert on global environmental history, will speak on his recent book published by Random House entitled *Amerigo: The Man Who Gave His Name to America*. Reception and book signing sponsored by Tufts Bookstore follow the talk. Exhibit on the author in Tisch Library lobby, January 7–March 31, 2008.

**Dale Peterson—  
Jane Goodall:  
The Woman Who  
Redefined Man**  
Thursday, November 1  
2:30–4:00 p.m.  
Hirsh Reading Room  
Tisch Library



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Dale Peterson will discuss his book, *Jane Goodall: The Woman Who Redefined Man* (Houghton Mifflin, 2006). Peterson is the coauthor with Jane Goodall of *Visions of Caliban* (a *New York Times* Notable Book and a *Library Journal* Best Book) and the editor of her two books of letters, *Africa in My Blood* and *Beyond Innocence*. His other books include *The Deluge and the Ark*, *Chimpanzee Travels*, *Storyville U.S.A.*, *Eating Apes* and (with Richard Wrangham) *Demonic Males*. Peterson's books have received the following awards: *Economist* Best Book, *Discover* Top Science Book, *Bloomsbury Review* Editor's Favorite, *Village Voice* Best Book, and finalist for the PEN New England Award and Sir Peter Kent Conservation Book Prize in England.



Reception and book signing sponsored by Tufts Bookstore follow the talk. Exhibit on the author in Tisch Library lobby, October 15, 2007–January 7, 2008.

**Maxine Kumin—  
Fourth John Holmes Memorial Poetry Reading**  
Wednesday, April 9, 2008  
3:30–5:00 p.m., Hirsh Reading Room, Tisch Library  
Maxine Kumin has been awarded numerous prizes for her poetry and teaching. She was also a colleague of John Holmes, the first Tufts Poet. The reading will be introduced by the current Tufts Poet, Deborah Digges. Kumin's latest poetry appears in *Jack and Other New Poems*, published by Norton in 2006. A reception and book signing sponsored by the Tufts Bookstore follow the talk. Exhibit on the author in Tisch Library lobby, March 31–June 2.



## FRIENDS OF TUFTS LIBRARIES: 2006–2007 TUFTS FUND & CAPITAL DONORS

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# Upcoming Friends Events

## EVENT DATE

AUGUST 31, 2007–JANUARY 14, 2008

Corridor to The Tower café

Tisch Library

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12, 3:30–4:45 P.M.

Hirsh Reading Room, Tisch Library

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2:30–4:00 P.M.

Hirsh Reading Room, Tisch Library

## 2008

JANUARY 14–SEPTEMBER 5

Corridor to The Tower café, Tisch Library

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 3:30–5:00 P.M.

Hirsh Reading Room, Tisch Library

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9, 3:30–5:00 P.M.

Hirsh Reading Room, Tisch Library

SATURDAY, MAY 17, 10:00 A.M.–5:00 P.M.

Tisch Library

## EVENT DESCRIPTION

Two exhibitions for Friends: *Preliminary Design of the Tisch Library Rooftop Garden*, accompanied by a video interview of the artists (see article on p. 1), and *Fragments of the Past: Cultural Artifacts from the Tufts Digital Collections and Archives*. Both exhibitions have been prepared especially for Homecoming and Parents Weekend and are “must sees” when you visit campus.

**Friends/Parents Weekend Authors Talk** entitled *Marc Chagall Revealed*, by Jonathan Wilson (see details on p.5). Exhibit on the author in Tisch Library lobby October 15, 2007–January 7, 2008.

**Authors Talk** by Dale Peterson on his book *Jane Goodall: The Woman Who Redefined Man* (see details on p.5). Exhibit on the author in Tisch Library lobby October 15, 2007–January 7, 2008.

**The 2008 Reunion Classes Exhibit** will highlight people, places and events to share what Tufts was like for these classes at Tufts. Prepared by Digital Collections and Archives.

**Authors Talk** by Professor Felipe Fernandez Armesto will speak on his recent book, *Amerigo: The Man Who Gave His Name to America* (see details on p.5). Exhibit on the author in Tisch Library lobby January 7–March 31.

**Fourth John Holmes Memorial Poetry Reading**, given by Maxine Kumin (see details on p. 5). Exhibit on the poet in Tisch Library lobby March 31–June 2.

**Tisch Library Open House for Friends and Alumni** provides the opportunity for self-guided tours all day. Come see the 2008 Reunion Classes Exhibit, The Tower café and the model of the proposed Tufts Library Rooftop Garden.

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