



**GREEN ROOF
EXPERIMENT ATOP
TISCH LIBRARY**



Closeup of Green Roof Experiment on Tisch Library Roof. Photo credit: Richard Fleischer

A green roof has been installed on Tisch Library's lower roof as an experiment which will span the next two years. A green roof is simply a roof that is partially or entirely covered with vegetation. Green roofs have been widely used in Europe for decades, but are quite new in the United States. Green roofs have many potential benefits, including stormwater retention, energy conservation, insulation of the building, protection of the roof membrane, increased urban green space, and habitat for birds and insects.

The experiment at Tisch Library will provide valuable data on which plants are suitable for use on a roof in a New England climate. Four hundred modules were planted with 20 species of herbaceous perennial plants, including Echinacea, wild

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**Friends Support Library
Interns from Local High School**

This fall Tisch Library Director Jo-Ann Michalak was pleased to welcome four students from North Cambridge Catholic High School as interns during the academic year. North Cambridge Catholic is a Cristo Rey school, patterned after a high school in Chicago which had been supported by the Pritzker Foundation. The school's goal is to assist minority students with their education and to offer them an opportunity for on-site work training. Each student who is selected must have the ambition to attend college and must agree to work in the business or academic community during their four years at the school. Last year's senior class had a 100% college acceptance rate. The student internships contributed significantly towards that achievement.

The success of North Cambridge Catholic's student internship program

depends upon many people. Sponsors are needed to fund the program and to provide internships for the students. The North Cambridge project has been launched with help from many charitable groups and private sponsors. One of those sponsors is Kathryn A. McCarthy, a 1945 Tufts University graduate, who also was a Tufts physics professor and former Provost. For the past three years, Dr. McCarthy has underwritten funds that allow North Cambridge students to be on the Tufts campus during the academic year. This has been an excellent arrangement for both the students and the University.

Additionally, Dr. McCarthy has established a minority student scholarship at Tufts in conjunction with a matching grant from the Pritzker Foundation, which gives preference to the

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The Tisch Library interns Vivian Caceres, Caroline DeJesus, and Jessica Clergeau (left to right) meet their benefactress, Dr. Kathryn McCarthy, at North Cambridge Catholic High School. Photo credit: courtesy of North Cambridge Catholic High School



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GREETINGS FROM THE CHAIR,

I am delighted to report that your feedback on the redesigned Friends Newsletter has been overwhelmingly positive on both the look and the content!



I have been assured by the Tufts Libraries that they will keep you updated on their events and accomplishments. In addition to recent news you can also expect an occasional forward thinking piece.

For instance, in this issue you will find a report from the Hirsh Health Sciences Library on their continuing renovations, and a piece on the Tufts Libraries participation in the Boston Library Consortium's Open Content Alliance digitization project, whose overall goal is to build a freely accessible digital library for today and tomorrow.

It is exciting to read about the many ways in which the Tufts Libraries are stretching to meet current and future users' needs. I hope you enjoy reading this issue as much as I did.

JoAnn Wellner, J63, Chair
Friends of Tufts Libraries

FROM THE EDITOR,

This issue highlights key details about Tufts Libraries' participation in the Open Content Alliance digitization project. The Webster Veterinary Library is digitizing a donor's rare equestrian collection; Tisch Library is digitizing two journal runs. The project recognizes that users want information in a variety of formats, therefore the libraries are working closely with our faculty to garner their recommendations on titles that will enhance their teaching.

While some subject areas like science, medicine, and technology are mainly "born digital," especially in journal form, most areas of the humanities and some social sciences continue to rely heavily on print. Changes in the publishing world are the reason that library staff need to know both what faculty are doing and what they want to accomplish in their teaching and research so that faculty and students can be served optimally. We certainly live in interesting times!

JoAnn Michalak
Friends Editor and Director of the Tisch Library

Green Roof Atop Tisch (continued)

strawberries, pussytoes, and four species of stonecrop. The green roof experiment is part of a collaboration between graduate student Colleen M. Butler and Dr. Colin Orians of the Biology Department, Dr. John Durant of Civil and Environmental Engineering, Dr. Kathleen Merrigan and Jen Obadia of the Friedman School of Nutrition Science and Policy, and Tufts undergraduate research assistants Mara Gittleman and Dan Brady. Also collaborating on the green roof experiment are Jo-Ann Michalak and colleagues at Tisch Library, John Vik, Jim Newell and colleagues in Facilities. This research is supported by Tufts Institute of the Environment, Tufts Climate Initiative, Tufts Biology Department, and Tufts Summer Scholars Program. For more information, please contact Colleen at colleen_m.butler@tufts.edu.



Entrance to Tisch Library showing Green Roof Experiment.
Photo credit: Colleen M. Butler

Tisch Library highlighted both the green roof experiment for the lower roof and the model for the proposed rooftop garden planned for the upper roof during Tufts Community Day on September 30, 2007. Children who attended drew their visions of what the rooftops would look like, and wildflower seed packets were distributed for people to take home and plant.

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Library Interns *(continued)*



Valerie Accime hard at work in Tisch's document delivery department. Photo credit: Richard Fleischer

students of North Cambridge Catholic who may qualify for admittance into Tufts University. The scholarship serves as an incentive for students to study and work hard at their assignments.

Staff at the Tisch Library feel fortunate to be working with the four interns. The young women are enthusiastic, hard working, and committed to learning. Vivian Caceres, a sophomore from Dedham, is interning in the Reference and Collections department. Vivian especially appreciates the opportunity to see a broad range of library work and is surprised by the many jobs that librarians have. In her words, "it's not just checking out books." Vivian is learning about the research process and the kind of assistance reference librarians can offer. Vivian's favorite subject is history.

Caroline De Jesus, a junior from Jamaica Plain, is interning in Reference and Collections, too. Like Vivian, Caroline is amazed at the range of functions performed by library staff. In Caroline's words, she appreciates the chance "to look beyond expectations and see the big picture" of libraries and the

academic world. Caroline's favorite subject is math, and she plays basketball at North Cambridge Catholic.

Senior Valerie Accime from Hyde Park is interning in the Documents Delivery department. She is enjoying the opportunity to peruse the books that are being lent between libraries and to see the broad range of materials that are used for research. Valerie is in the midst of the college review process and is considering a career in fashion merchandising. Her favorite subject is psychology.

Freshman Jessica Clergeau from Somerville is working in the new Lilly Music Library, where she is exposed to a large variety of functions. She enjoys learning how all of the different pieces of the library computer system work together. Jessica is an artist who also likes math and sports, including soccer and basketball.

Tisch Library is privileged both to be working with these young women and to further the admirable goals of the North Cambridge Catholic High School internship program.

Making Space in the Hirsh Health Sciences Library

With the emergence of electronic journals, the Hirsh Health Sciences Library has moved 15,000 journal volumes to new compact stacks in the basement of the Jaharis building in September. All volumes currently in the compact storage are available online to our patrons.

The above changes allowed the library to remove some shelving ranges to make room for 123 new seats in the library!

Since the library is becoming ever more popular these days, the additional seating will accommodate more patrons to our library.

Moving journals to create more seating reconfirms the Hirsh Health Sciences Library's commitment to meeting the needs of our patrons.

(Right) Newly renovated Hirsh Health Sciences Library space with additional seating. Photo credit: Judy Musnikow



Library News

Tufts Libraries to Help Build Digital Library

Tufts Libraries are participating in the Open Content Alliance effort to build a freely accessible library of digital materials. The Webster Family Library of Veterinary Medicine and the Tisch Library have joined other members of the Boston Library Consortium (BLC) in a large undertaking to provide global access to portions of their vast collections. Digitization operations will be based in a new facility, the Northeast Regional Scanning Center, unveiled recently at the Boston Public Library.



Dedication of the Northeast Regional Scanning Center at the Boston Public Library (BPL). Left to right: Maura Marx, BPL; Jay Schafer, President, Boston Library Consortium (BLC); Barbara Preece, Executive Director, BLC; and Brewster Kahle, Founder of the Open Content Alliance and Internet Archive. Photo credit: Les Veilleux.Com Photography

The Webster Family Library of Veterinary Medicine will be scanning approximately 1700 books from the John Seaverns equine collection, a recent bequest to the library representing the donor's lifetime collection of books on topics related to horses. The collection is especially strong in racing, hunting, riding, breed histories and equestrian art. There are also books of historical value, such as descriptions of horse-drawn

carriages, farriers and "stable economy." While most of the volumes date from the 19th and 20th centuries, several rare treatises on horsemanship, including one from the 16th century, are a part of the collection. Scanning these books and making them available through the Internet Archive will significantly increase the impact and value of this collection, which until now has been seen by very few people.



Jo-Ann Michalak, Director of Tisch Library (left) seated at an automatic book scanning "scribe" at the Northeast Regional Scanning Center with Brewster Kahle, who is explaining how the scribe scans a book without damaging it. Photo credit: Les Veilleux.Com Photography

Tisch Library will scan the complete runs of the journals *Revue des Deux Mondes* 1829-1922 and the *Journal of the Boston Society of Civil Engineers* 1914-1974. If the publisher does not give copyright permission for the engineering title, scanning will be limited to 1914-1922. Both journals are heavily used in teaching and research and were identified by faculty as having the potential to transform their teaching.

The Open Content Alliance is the brainchild of Brewster Kahle, the founder and director of the Internet Archive, which was created in 1996 with the aim of preserving copies of web sites and

other material. The group includes more than 80 libraries and research institutions, including the Smithsonian Institution. Although Google is making public-domain books readily available to individuals who wish to download them, Mr. Kahle and others worry about the possible implications of having one company store and distribute so much public-domain content. "Scanning the great libraries is a wonderful idea, but if only one corporation controls access to this digital collection, we'll have handed too much control to a private entity," Mr. Kahle said. The Open Content Alliance, he said, "is fundamentally different, coming from a community project to build joint collections that can be used by everyone in different ways." The BLC's digitized books will be hosted by the Internet Archive and available to be indexed by any search engine following the BLC and OCA's philosophy of open access to digitized content.

The Consortium will offer high-resolution, downloadable, reusable files of public domain materials. Using Internet Archive technology, books from the 19 libraries will be scanned at a cost of just 10 cents per page. This seems like a small sum until you do the math; a two-hundred page book costs \$20 to scan, while 1,000 books cost \$20,000 to scan. Although some endowment funding is available for the Tufts project, both Webster and Tisch Libraries are hoping to find alternative sources of funding to support this endeavor. For the latest news about Open Content Alliance see <http://www.opencontentalliance.org/>. To search Internet Archive's scanned book texts, moving images, live music and audio, see <http://www.archive.org>.

In Memoriam: Clara Arzoumanian, Gerald Gill and Sheila McDermott

Clara Arzoumanian, proud Armenian-American

Recently Katherine Staack, a retired Tisch librarian, received an inheritance from a friend, Clara Arzoumanian. Katherine decided to honor Clara by giving a gift to Tisch Library to purchase 50 books, to which bookplates have been affixed, about Armenian history and culture.



Photo credit: Mark Morelli

Gerald Gill, Professor of History and Friend

Gerry Gill had been a dear friend of the Tisch Library. He took the time to make a personal connection with new staff; he collaborated with reference librarians on workshops to teach library research skills for his students; and he worked with the bibliographers to build the collection in the areas in which he taught. He encouraged the library to apply for a six-week NEH visiting exhibit in 2005 entitled *Forever Free: Abraham Lincoln's Journey to Emancipation*, and to plan tie-in events that attracted school children, Tufts students and many visitors from the region. To honor Gerry's fine work, Tisch Library plans to collaborate with others in the Tufts community to capture the research that Gerry did on Tufts' Freedom Trail.

Sheila A. McDermott, Alum and Friend

The Friends of Tufts Libraries lost a dedicated supporter on November 4, 2007. Sheila was a loyal Friend since the Friends of Tufts Libraries was founded. In addition to attending Authors Talks, Sheila was an active member of the Reunion Class Exhibits Team working with Digital Collections and Archives to identify interesting reunion class memorabilia for the May Reunion Class Exhibit in Tisch Library. Sheila often showed her continued interest in the libraries by contacting Tisch Library for background information on new developments. Tisch Library will plate 11 books in Modern Languages, Sheila's college major, with a bookplate honoring her 11 years as a Friend of Tufts Libraries.



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Margot D. Lenhart



Friends Come Together for a Luncheon

On November 1, 2007 thirty-five members of Friends of Tufts Libraries enjoyed a festive luncheon held in Tisch Library's Austin Room prior to Dale Peterson's Authors Talk. Tisch Library Director Jo-Ann Michalak welcomed the guests and introduced the author. Mr. Peterson captivated the group with a brief preview of his talk, which was based upon his

recently published biography, *Jane Goodall: The Woman Who Redefined Man*.

Peter Merenda, a class of 1945 Tufts alumnus and former University of Rhode Island professor, honored Tisch Library during the luncheon by presenting the watch that he used throughout his World War II mine sweeper missions. The watch, which the U.S. Navy instructed him to buy prior to his deployment,

includes the following features—a luminous dial and nonmagnetic aluminum construction. The watch will be added to the Tufts University permanent collection of V-12 NROTC memorabilia. Peter, who is a retired naval officer, also is an active member of the Advocates for Tufts ROTC.

The photos below reflect some of the special moments from this luncheon:



(Left, l. to r.) Margaret Gooch, Robert Cesari, Laura Walters, Marion Roche, Lucille Cesari and Jewel Jackson.

(Center) Peter Merenda

(Right, in foreground) Marjorie Kennard and Leland Jenkins.

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Opportunities for Giving

—Join us as a Friend of Tufts Libraries—
—Renew your commitment annually—

Participate as a donor with a contribution, a charitable gift annuity, or an endowment to the Tufts Library of your choice:

- Tisch Library
- Digital Collections and Archives
- Edwin Ginn Library
- Hirsh Health Sciences Library
- Webster Veterinary Library

Opportunities for giving include, but are not limited to the following:

- Increase the book collection with a \$50 contribution
- Reformat a crumbling book onto acid-free paper via scanning with a \$100 contribution
- Add five books with your name included on the bookplate with a \$250 contribution
- Upgrade a computer for use by patrons or library staff with a \$1,000 contribution
- Purchase additional electronic databases to be used by students and faculty with a \$5,000 contribution
- Create an endowment to purchase material in essential subject areas with a contribution of \$10,000

Donations may be sent to:

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Upcoming Friends of Tufts Libraries Authors Talks

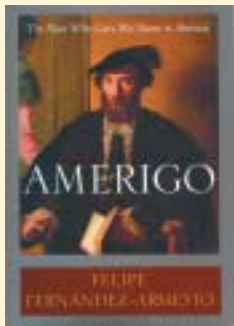
**Felipe Fernández-Armesto—
*Amerigo: The Man that
Gave his Name to America*
Wednesday, February 13
3:30–5:00 p.m.
Hirsh Reading Room
Tisch Library**



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Alonso Nichols

Professor Felipe Fernández 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 that Gave his Name to America*.

In 1507, when European cartographers were redrawing their maps of the world, they chose to name the newly discovered lands of the Western Hemisphere “America,” after Amerigo Vespucci, an obscure Florentine explorer who did not actually “discover” them. In his biography, *Amerigo*, Felipe Fernández-Armesto attempts to answer how and why this came about, tracing the explorer’s travels from Florence, Italy to the Spanish court of Ferdinand and Isabella to the New World across the Atlantic. Armesto shows the many sides of Amerigo Vespucci: slaver and jewel trader, rival to and friend of Columbus, amateur sorcerer, and



legendary self-publicist. Vespucci emerges as “an irresistible avatar for the age of exploration—a man of genuine achievement as a voyager and chronicler of discovery.”

A book signing sponsored by Tufts Bookstore and reception will follow the talk. Exhibit on the author in Tisch Library lobby, January 7–March 31.

A dazzling new biography . . . an elegant tale.

—Publishers Weekly

Fernández-Armesto...tells this complicated story with verve and skill, likening his own journey through its facts, forgeries, myths and prejudices to Vespucci's voyage of discovery. His lively style is effective in evoking the flashy and violent world of Renaissance Europe, and his wide-ranging knowledge of the period illuminates the boundaries of the Eurocentric mindset as it attempted to come to terms with a New World.

—Mary Hollingsworth, *The Washington Post*

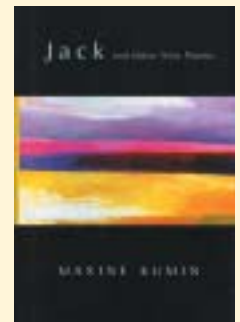


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Susannah Colt

**Maxine Kumin—
Fourth John Holmes
Memorial Poetry Reading
Wednesday, April 9
3:30–5:00 p.m.
Hirsh Reading Room
Tisch Library**

Maxine Kumin met John Holmes, the first Tufts Poet, when she was taking his poetry course at the Boston Center for Adult Education. She soon became his colleague and taught English at Tufts from 1958–61 and 1965-68, spending the years in between as a scholar at the Radcliffe Institute for Independent Study. She later was visiting lecturer and poet in residence at many colleges and universities, and wrote numerous books of poems as well as novels, short stories and essays. From 1981-82, she was poetry consultant to the Library of Congress.

Kumin has been awarded numerous prizes for her works, including the Pulitzer Prize (1973) for *Up Country*, the 1994 Poet’s Prize for *Looking for Luck*, and six honorary degrees. Her most recent books are *Jack and Other New Poems* (W. W. Norton & Company, 2006) and *Still To Mow* (Norton, 2007). Since 1976, she and her husband have resided on a farm in Warner, NH, where they breed Arabian and quarter horses. Animals and rural life are prominent themes in her work.



The Fourth John Holmes Memorial Poetry Reading will be introduced by the current Tufts Poet, Deborah Digges. A book signing sponsored by the Tufts Bookstore and reception will follow the talk. Exhibit on the author in Tisch Library lobby, March 31–June 2.

About Jack and Other New Poems:

New England rural life, the daily headlines, old age and a Jewish-American childhood are the four topics around which the latest poems from Kumin...weave their likable, confident way. The much-revered, prolific New Hampshire writer presents herself as “a helpless citizen of a country/ I used to love,” tying objections to the war in Iraq to her past as “Sixties soccer mom” who marched in demonstrations; to her friendship with activists in the 1940s; and to her affection for horses and dogs, whose truth to their own natures make human violence look unnatural indeed.

—Publisher’s Weekly

Upcoming Friends Events

EVENT DATE

JANUARY 14–SEPTEMBER 5, 2008
Corridor to The Tower café, Tisch Library

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 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

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

Authors Talk by Professor Felipe Fernández-Armesto, who will speak about his recent book, *Amerigo: The Man that Gave his Name to America* (see details on p.7). 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. 7). 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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Always check the Friends and Alumni Portal for the latest Friends event information: <http://www.library.tufts.edu/friends/events.html>

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—Ray Bradbury