



News and Services of the Hekman Library – October 2004

Printing in the Hekman Library

1. How many packages of paper does the library go through in an average week?

- a. 20 b. 30 c. 40 d. 50

2. What is the cost of a printer toner cartridge (for the DRC printers)?

- a. \$35 b. \$50 c. \$75 d. \$95

How can you help us conserve paper and toner? Just make sure that when you print something you REALLY need it and that you print it only once.



1. = c. 40 reams or 20,000 sheets of paper. And that's just an average week! 2. = d. \$95. The library replaces cartridges in the DRC printers every 2-3 weeks, sometimes every week during very busy times of the year.

Why Is That Person Sitting There?



The person at the reference desk is there to make your library visit a success. Research can be a very complicated

business and the complexity of an academic library, like ours, makes the task even harder. The reference librarians are skilled at performing research (most have more than ten years of experience) and know every nook and cranny of the library. Fifteen minutes spent with a research specialists may knock hours off your research time.

Not only are they skilled at this task, they love to do it! Occasionally, the librarian may seem preoccupied with some other task. Don't be shy, sit down and ask for assistance. The specialist will give you the undivided attention you deserve!

"Outside of a dog, a book is a man's best friend. Inside of a dog, it's too dark to read."

— Groucho Marx



Do you need to find the full text of an inaugural speech? How about a complete play by a famous playwright such as Oscar Wilde? Or do you need an easy way to locate a poem by Ogden Nash? All these are in LitFinder, a database that helps you to find essays, speeches, plays, poems, and short stories from the 15th Century B.C. to the present, many in full text.

Some special features:

⇒ if you can only remember a few words from the first line, you can still find the poem using the advanced search

⇒ LitFinder includes a two paragraph explanation of the poem which helps you to understand why the poem was written. For example, "O Captain, My Captain" by Walt Whitman is a poem about Abraham Lincoln.

⇒ Another feature: if you need information about an author, hyperlinks lead you to author information, including photos, birth and death dates, biographical information, and a list of works.

Need a place to Sleep?

Sleeping on chairs, showering at friends' houses, and carrying his belongings in a knapsack, a New York University student spent eight months living in the 24-hour NYU Bobst Library.



The student had only enough money to cover the \$31,000 tuition, and could not afford his housing.

"I wasn't afraid of being thrown out of the library," Stanzak said in the April 27 New York Times. "I could have slept in the park. My worst fear was getting kicked out of NYU."

Students on campus followed Stanzak's adventures through his website (now defunct), which he used to chronicle his daily life as "Bobst Boy." When university officials discovered his plight they moved him to an off-campus dorm room for free for the rest of the semester.