



News and Services of the Hekman Library –Summer 2011



WELCOME GUEST PATRONS

Whether you are here this summer to take classes, for orientation, for a conference, or to participate in one of the many seminars offered on campus, we hope you will find Hekman Library a valuable resource during your time at the college. The librarians are happy to assist you in your research and are available at the main (2nd) floor Research Assistance desk or by appointment.

New Online Resources from Oxford University Press

Oxford Art Online - Portal to the major online art research resource, Grove Art Online, as well as other Oxford art reference resources

Oxford Art Online



Oxford Digital Reference Shelf
 Online multi-disciplinary collection of Oxford reference sources. New titles include:

- Encyclopedia of the Modern World
- Encyclopedia of Africa
- Dictionary of the Middle Ages

Oxford English Dictionary (OED) - Updates
 We've had the OED Online for several years, but the interface has been updated. Check out the OED's new look!

To access these resources, go to: Library home page > Research Databases > O

Pardon Our Dust—
 We're Renovating!



This summer the library will begin construction on the 2nd floor to update storage areas for the library's rare books and archives of Heritage Hall. When the project is done, these materials will be housed in an environmentally-controlled room and safe from overhead water pipes. Renovations are expected to be completed in February 2012.

Spotlight on Rare Books and Heritage Hall

Both of these collections contain many unique and valuable items, adding to the richness of the Hekman Library.

The library's Rare Books collection consists of 8,000 volumes, a majority which are theological works, but many are historical or literary. It includes pre-1900 books, Calvin seminary dissertations, rare periodicals, and post-1900 and recent books by Calvin authors.

Heritage Hall holds the records of Calvin College, Calvin Seminary, and the Christian Reformed Church in North America. In addition the collection has the personal papers of the college and seminary faculty and staff, ministers in the denomination, and letters detailing the Dutch migration and the impact of this migration on North America.

Items from the Rare Books collection will be unavailable during the renovation project; for access to Heritage Hall materials, please check with staff in that area.

Did you know?

The oldest printed book in the Hekman library collection was published in 1492, *De reformatione virium anime* by Gerard Zerbolt. Ask our Rare Books and Theological librarian, Lugene Schemper, about this or other treasures from the library's Rare Books collection. Or, come back next spring and see them in person!