Introducing: Assistant Director Jenifer Bond

Jenifer Bond joined the Krupp Library as our new Assistant Director in September 2008. She comes to us from the Westerly Public Library, where she was the Head of Reference Services and Information Technology Liaison. Jenifer had been an occasional reference substitute at Bryant since 2003, so she was familiar with the Bryant community and eager to join the library full-time when the Assistant Director position became available.

She notes that “everyone I’ve ever encountered here [at Bryant], staff-wise and student-wise, has been amazing.” Jenifer’s role is to oversee public services by working with the reference and circulation department heads to promote library services to the campus community, provide research help, and support Library Director Mary Moroney. Jenifer’s subject specialties are political science, management, and marketing. Her goals as Assistant Director are to raise the library’s profile and strengthen relationships across campus, and to find opportunities for the library to best serve the Bryant community. Visit the library and say hello to Jenifer!

Bryant Reads! Leisure Reading Blog

Have you checked out the library’s leisure reading blog, Bryant Reads? You can find the link on the Access Services page of the library website, or simply visit bryantreads.wordpress.com. According to the Krupp Library mission statement, the library “recognizes the recreational and entertainment needs of the Bryant community and recognizes the role these needs play in the life-long learning process.” The leisure reading blog, created by resident blogmaster Bill Doughty, strives to meet these recreation and entertainment needs by showcasing a wide variety of non-academic books. The library has recently started purchasing popular titles to build our own Leisure Reading collection, so we need your suggestions of what new books to buy. Post a comment on the blog to suggest a title, author, or genre that you think would be great for the Leisure Reading collection, or even write book reviews of your favorites to add to the blog. We look forward to your comments and ideas!
World War II Scrapbooks Discovered in Library

In September 2008, Library Director Mary Moroney, along with undergraduate student Jillian Emma, discovered a set of four scrapbooks from World War II in the library archives. These books, dated 1942 to 1945, had been assembled by Clara Blaney, head of the Bryant Service Club. They contain over 1,400 pieces of correspondence from Bryant students and alumni serving in the War, including Christmas cards, letters, and thank you notes for the packages of candy, cigarettes, scarves, sweaters, and socks sent overseas by the Bryant Service Club. Library Periodicals Assistant Wendy Smith-Stenhouse is compiling a spreadsheet with information about each item from the scrapbooks. She is documenting the name, location, and military rank of each sender, and the types of stationery used. Wendy hopes that the scrapbooks will eventually be transcribed and digitized so they can be accessed in the library’s Digital Commons (digitalcommons.bryant.edu). The Providence Journal recently published a feature about the scrapbooks titled “Voices from the past,” which can be found at projo.com.

Got a Secret? Students “Post” at Krupp

Frank Warren, founder of the popular community art project PostSecret, spoke on campus in December as part of the Student Arts and Speakers Series. PostSecret, created in 2004, invites people to mail their unspoken secrets to Frank on postcards. Krupp Library got involved with Bryant’s PostSecret project by hosting a display of postcards submitted by Bryant students. The anonymous secrets, displayed near the print booth, provided a fascinating study break for students who visited the library at the end of the semester.