



## New Hill Card Means No More Barcode

A new [HILL Card](#) will be distributed shortly to all underclass students. Current employees and seniors will not receive the new card unless requested.

The new cards do not have the barcode on the back that previously acted as the library ID number. Because of this, we have had to make some adjustments to our systems. Your library ID will now be the seven digit Hamilton ID number on the front of your Hill Card. This number will allow you to place interlibrary loan requests, renew your library materials, and access library databases and journals from off campus. You will longer use the barcode number.



Questions?

Please contact the Circulation Department at 315-859-4479 or [askcirc@hamilton.edu](mailto:askcirc@hamilton.edu).

## Burke Library Study Spaces



We've moved some tables and carrels around on the second floor of Burke Library, trying to find better ways to use the study spaces. Now, open tables for group study are located on the second floor landing. Individual study carrels, the tables with the dividers, are now located on the west side of the second floor, and on the third floor of Burke Library.

Let us know how you like this new arrangement!



## Time Capsules on Display in Burke

Several of the classes in the late 19th century buried time capsules under their class stones during their senior years. These were to be dug up and opened at their 50th reunions, but many seem to have been lost or forgotten by that time. The boxes from 1865, 1871, 1873, 1877-79, and 1884-87, were dug up around 1925 when Elihu Root, who was chairman of Buildings and Grounds, had the class stones moved.

Currently on display in Burke Library are the contents from the opened time capsules. Items include a green champagne bottle from 1881, issues of the [Utica Daily Press](#) from 1885, college pamphlets and other publications such as yearbooks and college catalogues. Most interesting are the contents of the time capsule from 1884. This small box included a slightly singed copy of an algebra book, and coffin hardware. A letter written by Reuben Leslie Maynard '84 in 1934 explains that the class of 1885 was attempting to carry out the traditional "Burning of the Algebra," where copies of the current algebra book were cremated in a coffin on a funeral pyre, when the pyre was raided by the class of 1884.

The college is currently looking for donations to be placed in a time capsule commemorating the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the college. Items already earmarked are on display in the library as well.

Please stop by and see this interesting part of Hamilton's history.

For more information on the time capsules and Hamilton College, please contact Kathy Collett in the college archives: [askarch@hamilton.edu](mailto:askarch@hamilton.edu) or 315-859-4471. The [archives](#) are open Monday through Friday mornings, and by appointment.

## Library Transitions!

Ginny Davis recently retired from the Technical Services in Burke Library. Ginny has worked at the college for a little over 27 years in the Serials Department. In addition, Ginny was on the Campus Planning Committee for five years beginning 2005-2006. During that period the CPC studied student retention, the changing student demographic, enhancing campus communication and student outcomes. Ginny brought a thoughtful perspective both from staff and students to the deliberations. Ginny for years has also been the coordinator of the library's flower fund, sending bouquets to library staff when they are injured, or when a family member has died. We wish Ginny and her husband Doug the very best in retirement, and know that she is going to enjoy traveling and seeing her children and grandchildren more.

## Thanks Mort!

All of us in the library would like to wish Lynn "Mort" Morton a very fond farewell as he retires from the Mail Center later this month. Just about everyone on campus knows his smiling face, and we will miss his presence on campus. Good luck and best wishes for your retirement, Mort!

Questions or comments? Email us at [askref@hamilton.edu](mailto:askref@hamilton.edu) or call 315-859-4735.



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