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Hamilton College Library News

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Jazz Archive Now Available Online

Burke Library and Jazz Archive at Hamilton College are pleased to announce a significant new resource for jazz scholars, researchers and enthusiasts. The transcripts and audio tracks from the oral history interviews conducted for the Jazz Archive may now be accessed at www.hamilton.edu/jazzarchive. 282 interviews and select video excerpts are now accessible in this ongoing project, searchable by subject matter and keyword.

Established in 1995 by Milt Fillius Jr. '44, the Hamilton College Jazz Archive holds a collection of 300 videotaped interviews with jazz musicians, arrangers, writers and critics. The collection generally focuses on artists associated with mainstream jazz and the swing era, such as former members of bands led by Count Basie, Duke Ellington, Woody Herman, Benny Goodman, Stan Kenton and the Dorsey brothers. Significant soloists and arrangers from small ensembles dating from the 1930s have also been interviewed. The holdings are particularly valuable for researching the learning process employed by musicians prior to the establishment of jazz education programs, and the realities of making a career in the jazz world. Other significant topics addressed include stories of life on the road and in the active New York City recording scene as well as racial relations (past and present) in jazz. Many interviews were conducted by vocalist Joe Williams who was instrumental in establishing the reputation of the oral history project.

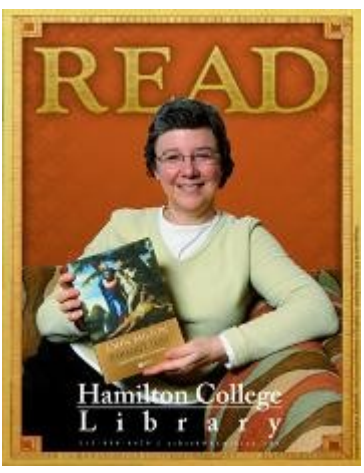
Specific inquiries may be directed to Monk Rowe, Director of the Hamilton College Jazz Archive, (315)859-4071.

Text a Call Number!

No more little slips of paper with call numbers written on them! Text This Call Number is now available within ALEX, the library catalog. When looking at a record for an item in our collection, click Text This Call Number. The title, call number and location of the item will be texted to your cell phone.

Quiet Study Space

The third floor of Burke Library is designated as Quiet Study Space. Please turn your cell phone off or to vibrate, and keep conversations to a minimum. There are study carrels around the perimeter of the floor, with a small cluster of computers in the northwest corner by the Help-Desk, and several enclosed carrels on the south behind the Rare Book Room. Thank you for your cooperation!



Paradise Lost Reading Marathon

On Sunday, February 27, from noon to midnight, Professor Margie Thickstun will be leading a reading marathon of John Milton's *Paradise Lost* in the Burke Library Browsing Room. Drop by or stay all day! Refreshments will be served. If you'd like to read, please contact Margie at mthickst@hamilton.edu.

- Satan and his cronies in Hell (12-2pm)
- Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden (3-5pm)
- The War in Heaven (5pm)
- Creation (6pm)
- Adam and Raphael discuss sex (7pm)
- The Fall itself (8pm)
- The aftermath (9-midnight)

Ask a Librarian @ Levitt

Starting Monday, February 28, Reference Librarians will be available to help students and faculty from all disciplines with their research in the Levitt Center on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays from 3-5 pm.

Join us this Monday for cookies and ask a librarian for research assistance!

Welcome Lisa McFall

Lisa McFall joined the Library's professional staff in February as Metadata and Catalog Librarian. In this position Lisa will create metadata for the Library's digitization projects as well as complex and original cataloging for the library's print collections. She will also play a role in the College's Digital Humanities Initiative. Lisa began working in the Library as an assistant cataloger in 2010.

Lisa will be describing the library's locally created and rare materials more discoverable through careful description and the use of use of keywords, subject headings and other types of controlled vocabularies.

Questions or comments? Email us at askref@hamilton.edu or call 315-859-4735.

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