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## GELMAN NEWS

### **Appointment of Judy Solberg and Thank You to Janice Houck**

by **Jack Siggins**  
*University Librarian*

It is with pleasure that I announce the appointment of Judy Solberg as Reference and Instruction Group Leader, effective November 22, 2000. Judy has served Gelman Library as Government Documents Librarian for the past five years, and has been acting in the role of Reference Group Leader since Maira Liriano's departure in August.

As you may be aware, the role of the Government Documents librarians in depository libraries is changing dramatically, affected by changes in the distribution of government information. Although Judy will continue to serve as Depository Librarian, her role in that area will be much more one of policy, reference and outreach, and less one of acquisitions and processing. Acquisitions and Electronic Resources will continue to work with Judy to ensure that additional government document needs are met.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Janice Houck for her work as Acting Education and Instruction Group Leader since Scott Stebelman's departure last April. She has our great appreciation for the work she has done for The Gelman Library.



### **Washington Post Letter to the Editor**

by **Erica Aungst**  
*Administration*

See **Attachment A** for University Librarian Jack Siggins's letter to the Washington Post Editor regarding Gelman Library access policy.

### **Electronic Books From netLibrary Now Available to GW Students, Faculty, and Staff**

by **Caroline Long**  
*Administration*

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### (netLibrary, continued...)

NetLibrary offers a broad range of reference, scholarly, and professional works from university and commercial presses. A complete list of these publishers is available at the netLibrary website. For this WRLC venture, librarians selected books in Business and Management, Commerce and Trade, Finance/Banking/Accounting, E-Commerce, Computer Science (including High Tech and the Internet), Education, and Environmental Sciences. Selected Reference titles are also available.

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The electronic books are available 24-hours-a-day, seven days a week. There is no time limit on previewing an electronic book, although if the user does not interact with the electronic book the preview times out after 15 minutes. Users may elect to check out (download) an electronic book to their own PC. The check out period is 2 hours, after which the file disappears from the PC and the electronic book is again available to any authorized user. Only one person at a time may preview or check out a specific electronic book.

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## Security Issues

by **Peggy Enevoldsen**  
*Building Operations*

It has been brought to my attention, that there are employees from all departments of Gelman Library, accessing certain areas that they should not be in. For example: last week there was a employee from the 2nd floor who used the 210 area copier while not on duty. This person set the alarms off, and UPD was called to investigate. There should be no special access permission given for employees who are not scheduled to be working in their customary work areas. If they are not scheduled for your department, then they do not belong there. If anyone has a problem and wishes to discuss this issue please call me at x4-1315. University Police say that it is a breach of security to allow this to happen. If you are allowing your staff who are not scheduled to work into your work area, please notify me. Building access when the Library is closed, and off-hours departmental access is by permission only in order to enforce Library Security.

## Gelman Web Site Statistics

by **Martin Courtois**  
Reference

The following is a brief summary of the number of requests (hits) on the Gelman Web site for October 2000. The full report (more than you want to know!) is available at <http://www.gwu.edu/~analog/gelman/gelman.html>

Total hits on Gelman site: **171,932**

Hits on Gelman homepage: **60,720**

Hits on ALADIN from Gelman pages: **36,986**

### Most Requested Pages

Page Title: No. of Hits

Database: **16,809**

Catalog: **16,764**

The Library: **2,164**

Research Guides: **2,116**

E-Journals: **1,900**

Services: **1,466**

Search: **1,367**

Ask Us(Reference): **991**

Web Search: **890**

GW Libraries: **876**

Library Hours: **619**

Index: **589**

Interlibrary Loan Request Form: **536**

Special Collections: **498**

## GELMAN HUMAN RESOURCES

### Vacancy Listing

Please see **Attachment B** for Gelman's Vacancy Listings.



### BOOK QUOTE

*After all, the world is not a stage -- not to me: nor a theatre: nor a show-house of any sort. And art, especially novels, are not little theatres where the reader sits aloft and watches... and sighs, commiserates, condones and smiles. That's what you want a book to be: because it leaves you so safe and superior, with your two-dollar ticket to the show. And that's what my books are not and never will be. Whoever reads me will be in the thick of the scrimmage, and if he doesn't like it -- if he wants a safe seat in the audience -- let him read someone else.*

~ D. H. Lawrence ~

## THIS WEEK IN LITERARY

### HISTORY

November 12, 1651	Poet, scholar, and nun, <b>Sor Juana Inés de la Cruz</b> , born in San Miguel, Nepantla, Mexico.
November 13, 354 B.C.	<b>Saint Augustine</b> , born in Tagaste, Numidia (now Algeria).
November 14, 1893	Italian essayist, short-story writer, and novelist, <b>Carlo Emilio Gadda</b> is born in Milan, Italy.
November 15, 1776	<b>José Joaquín Fernández de Lizardi</b> , Mexican editor, pamphleteer, and novelist, born in Mexico City.
November 16, 1745	<b>William Broome</b> , translator of Homer's <i>Odyssey</i> and <i>Anacreon</i> , dies in Bath, Somerset.
November 17, 1794	<b>George Grote</b> , author of the 12-volume <i>History of Greece</i> , is born in Clay Hill, Kent.
November 17, 1919	<b>Sylvia Beach</b> opens the doors of Shakespeare and Company, the first combination English-language bookshop and lending library in Paris.
November 18, 1874	Humorist, Essayist, and illustrator <b>Clarence Day</b> , born in New York City.
November 18, 1882	Author of <i>The Apes of God</i> ( <b>Percy</b> ) <b>Wyndham Lewis</b> , born on a yacht near Amherst, Nova Scotia.

### **ANDREA STEWART'S SCHEDULE**

Monday, Nov. 13, 2000	Business Office 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Human Resources 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Tuesday, Nov. 14, 2000	Business Office 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Human Resources 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday, Nov. 15, 2000	Business Office 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. Human Resources 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Thursday, Nov. 16, 2000	Business Office 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Human Resources 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Friday, Nov. 17, 2000	No Schedule

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Exhibit - "Bright Stars Through the Perilous Fight " : Men and Women Who Would Be Through President** - - Weekdays 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. - Gelman Special Collections  
**1/26/01** (202) 994-7549

**Event - DCLA Reception** - 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. - The Sumner School - (202) 994- 0124  
**11/15/00**

**Meeting - Friends of the GW Libraries Board of Directors Luncheon** – Noon - GW Club  
**11/20/00** (202) 994-8286

**Meeting - GLS Staff Management Group, Environmental Scan** - 2:00 p.m. - Gelman 202  
**11/30/00** (202) 994-6455

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