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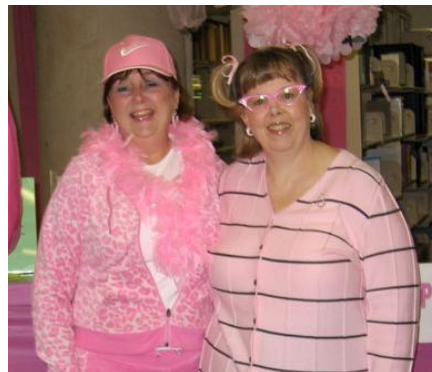
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Reed Library Staff were “In the Pink” On Halloween

For this Halloween, the library was dressed pink for Breast Cancer Awareness. Take a look at our staff and some of the decorations!





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What are Archives?

By Jeremy Linden, Head of Archives and Special Collections

The “archives” aspect of our department has garnered quite a bit more attention lately, with a sizable number of our faculty and staff preparing for the 2010 Middles States review, and folks often ask what the “archives” actually has. There are really two different answers to the question, one being “quite a bit” and the other “not quite enough.”

Archives are, by definition, those “materials created or received by a person, family, or organization, public or private, in the conduct of their affairs and preserved because

of the enduring value contained in the information they contain or as evidence of the functions and responsibilities of their creator....” Our holdings encompass both of those aspects – informational and evidential – and the two often coincide. For examples, Course Catalogs and the Fact Books may be primarily evidential, but are also of significant informational value. The Leader, the Fredonian (yearbook), and our photo files may be typically used for informational research, but can serve as evidence of how SUNY Fredonia functioned in the past.

So, to say “quite a bit” is simply acknowledging the fact that we have a large amount of material that we hold; to say “not quite enough” is to acknowledge that, while we have excellent resources, we’re still working to systematically build the institutional record, and that it is an ongoing process. If you are looking for some aspect of the University’s history – whether student activities or courses taught in 1923 – check with us. We preserve for both informational and evidential value, and will be happy to help.

Featured Databases on the Library Website

The library has many databases to enhance your research experience. Examples are:

American Film Scripts Online is an ongoing project to digitize and thoroughly index 1,000 film scripts. The primary focus of the database is the written work, rather than the film itself. It allows users to see and understand the structure of films, character development, beginnings and endings, plot points and scenes.

Education Research Complete Offers one of the largest and most complete collections of full text education journals and covers scholarly research and information relating to all areas of education from early childhood to higher education.

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