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Library as Art Gallery

Since early October, a display of more than 25 original works of art by JWU School of Technology computer graphics associate professor **Stephen Andrade** graced the second floor of the Downcity Library. An opening reception for the exhibit was held on October 6 and drew a sizable crowd of art lovers and well-wishers, including the president of the Providence campus, **Mim Runey**, as well as the vice president for academic affairs, **Jeffrey Senese**. Students, faculty, staff, plus family and friends of the artist also came to event.

Andrade's style is largely abstract. "I draw a lot of inspiration from the art books in the library collection," he commented. As a result, he and exhibit coordinator, librarian **Ariela McCaffrey**, decided to display many of those exact books alongside Andrade's works as a kind of homage to artists he admires.

What's next for Andrade the artist? He will continue using a variety of media such as water colors, acrylics as well as "found" objects that catch his eye and suggest to him new sculptural forms.

As for the library, clearly it can serve not only as a place of study but as an exhibit space, helping JWU students to appreciate the important connection between learning and creativity.



Associate professor/artist Stephen Andrade (center) at the opening reception for his exhibit Possible Symbolics 33

Major Service Upgrade

The reference desks at both the Downcity and Harborside Libraries have been equipped with **dual monitors** connected to the staff computers. Now when a library patron asks for help locating information, the dual monitor setup allows the librarian on duty to conveniently demonstrate how to find the answer. Gone are the days when the person asking the question would just stand and wait while the librarian conducted the search. Now they can actively participate, watching the monitor to observe the librarian's onscreen actions. Research confirms that having visual examples reinforces learning, meaning that JWU library patrons may now be better able to replicate the information retrieval operations employed by reference librarians.

'We Proudly Brew' Set to Open

Work on the library café has been steady throughout the fall term, with a 'soft' opening anticipated sometime after the start of winter term classes.

The café will operate on the same schedule as the Downcity Library, and will sell the same range of beverages and light snacks available at the other Starbucks® venues on campus. And, as with these other venues, students who are on the JWU meal plan will be able to use their ID to make purchases.

"We're so excited," enthused students **Christine Bujanow**, '12 and **Megan McKinney**, '12. Both women were in the library and hard at work on their laptops. Nearby stood steaming cups of tea brought over from the Starbucks on Chestnut St. "It's too bad we had to lose that beautiful special collections space on the first floor," added Bujanow, "but still, we can't wait for the new café to open!"





Books and More Books

This year the JWU Library book collection has grown by more than **70,000 titles** without taking up any additional shelf space. How? The books are all available digitally but can still be located the same way that books in the more traditional print format are found... by searching the library online catalog.

JWU Library **e-book** collections include:

- **EBRARY Academic Complete:** Over 70K titles on economics, computers, education, humanities, language, law, literature, life sciences, nursing & allied health, philosophy, physical sciences, psychology, sociology, religion\
- **ACLS Humanities E-Book:** 3,300 scholarly titles on comparative world history, fine arts, folklore, literature, law, medicine, performing arts, religion, science, sociology, technology, women's studies
- **CREDO Reference:** Over 500 core reference books including atlases, biographies, chronologies, dictionaries, encyclopedias, glossaries, histories, quotation collections



See "What's an e-book?" in the Library FAQ
<http://jwu-ri.libanswers.com>

Library Skills on YouTube



Did you know that JWU Library has a **YouTube channel** with its own video tutorials designed to help students use the library more effectively? Each video runs about **5 minutes** and offers quick tips on such topics as how to do keyword searching, how to determine the accuracy of information, how to find SWOT analyses, how to locate relevant journal articles, how to use the the library catalog to find books and videos, and how to search across multiple databases. A video is also available that provides a general overview of JWU Library. The videos have been viewed more than 1,400 times so far. Clearly, many students like the ease and convenience of watching a video to learn how to use library resources and services.

To view the tutorials anytime, visit the JWU Library YouTube channel:

<http://www.youtube.com/JWULibrary>

You may also find them by going to the JWU Library Providence Campus homepage and scrolling down to the heading **➤➤ Tutorials.**

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