



ALENA IS LEAVING

In a few weeks Columbia will be saying goodbye to Alena Ptak-Danchak, while on the other side of the Atlantic, Oxford University will be saying hello. After nearly 30 years of service, Alena is leaving her position here as Director of the Health Sciences Library to become Keeper of Scientific Books at Oxford.

Alena took over as HSL's Director in 2007 at a crucial point in time. Changing needs of CUMC required that the space occupied by the library stacks be vacated to allow the space to be used for classrooms. Alena was the Health Science Library leader in devising plans that reduced the collection to a size that could be kept in an offsite storage facility until space was available in the full service Columbia remote storage facility--all within the short time frame required by CUMC. Alena kept the library staff steady and on track through difficult, stressful times with support and a sense of humor while undertaking absurdist preparations (remember the Pepto-Bismol pink "x's" on the spines of journals to be withdrawn in lieu of electronic access, and the card-by-card review of the old card catalog?) as well as new initiatives like experimentation with the Kindle, electronic bulletin board screens, digital cameras and electronic-resource decision making based on usage statistics.

With Alena's departure, the library will miss one of its most tireless advocates, an honest, energetic and enthusiastic leader open to innovation and change but protective of the real values that libraries have always embodied. While this may seem like the worst of times for our library, it may also be the best of times for libraries in general: As we lose a friend here, the library world is gaining a friend at Oxford.



Alena Ptak-Danchak

COLUMBIA'S CUSTOM WEB BROWSER



The LibX CU widget makes access to Columbia's resources much easier. It essentially gives you a web browser customized to provide the most direct gateway to Columbia

electronic resources.

Want easy links from GoogleScholar to full text e-journals?

LibX CU has it.

Want to highlight text and search CLIO (or GoogleScholar) with just a right click?

LibX CU offers that, too

LibX is a browser plugin for Firefox. It is an open-source framework from which editions for specific libraries can be built. Currently, 565 academic and public libraries have created public LibX editions, and Columbia has its own version. For LibX CU information and installation instructions you may go to:

http://www.columbia.edu/cu/lweb/services/tools/libx_tool/

DOWNLOAD ENDNOTE X2

There are many new features in this latest version of EndNote. The most important one is the possibility to easily locate the full-text of articles and attach the PDF files to your EndNote records. Two new functions in the References menu enable retrieval of full-text and linking through OpenURL. You may download End-Note X2 at : <http://www.columbia.edu/acis/software/endnote/> and request a consultation with a librarian to learn how to use its new features. (Macintosh users should contact the library to arrange a time to download a copy in person: hs-library@columbia.edu)

REMINDER: NYC HEALTH DEPT. DATA TRAINING CLASS

Sign up for a workshop with research analysts from the NYC Department of Health & Mental Hygiene to learn how to use the department data for your research. The first workshop is scheduled for **March 30 at 2:30 pm** in the **computer lab** on the **2nd floor of Hammer**. Register at:

<http://library.cpmc.columbia.edu/hsl/classes/desc.cfm?classid=156>



24-HR COMPUTER LOUNGE NEW PRINTING TRIAL

A new printing system is being tested on a trial basis as a faster, more reliable service on the CUMC campus. It's called Pharos and was recently installed in the 24 Hour Computer Lounge on the first floor of the Hammer Health Sciences building.

During the trial, qualified CUMC students have been given a free quota of 300 additional pages. This is separate from the regular semester's quota for the current Ninja system. In addition to using the 24 Hour Lounge computers to print to Pharos, you can configure your own laptop to send print jobs to the trial system. Configuration instructions can be found at :

<http://www.cumc.columbia.edu/it/pharos> - just select the link for your computer's operating system.

With Pharos, you simply send a print job, type in your UNI while you're still at the computer, and then go to either of the two Pharos printers and type your UNI into the printer's display panel. Any print jobs you've sent during the last 24 hours will be listed. Your current quota will also appear on the display panel.

We'd love to hear your feedback about Pharos, so please email 5help@columbia.edu with any comments or suggestions about the printing systems at CUMC.

FREE SOFTWARE HELPS LOCATE STOLEN LAPTOP

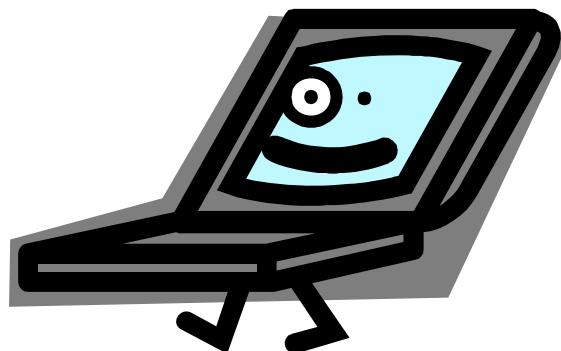
A Columbia student was recently able to recover a stolen laptop with the aid of Brigadoon's Phone Home security software. The program is free for students, faculty and staff under a University site license: <http://www.columbia.edu/acis/software/pcphonehome/>

It can be installed on any work or personal computer and does not have to be removed after you leave Columbia. If your computer is stolen in the future, you can still call the Department of Public Safety to try and track it down via Phone Home. The online download is available for Windows computers only, but owners of Macintosh computers can contact the Department of Public Safety to arrange for installation of a Mac-compatible version: <http://www.columbia.edu/cu/publicsafety/contactus.html>

Operation ID is another excellent free service offered through Public Safety. It registers laptops, smart phones, mp3 players and other valuable portable devices to aid in the recovery of stolen items. If you've missed registering during orientation or have a

new device you'd like to protect, you can still contact Public Safety to arrange for registration.

Be sure that you're taking advantage of all that the University offers. Security tips, software downloads, discounts on computer purchases and more can be found on our website at <http://www.cumc.columbia.edu/it>.



HSL SPRING SEMESTER HOURS

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Mon. - Thurs. - 8:00 am – 11:00 pm

Fri.. - 8:00 am – 8:00 pm

Sat. - 10:00 am – 11:00 pm

Sun. - 12:00 Noon – 11:00 pm

Walk-in Research Help:

Mon. - Fri., 11:00 am - 5:00 pm

24 Hour Computer Room - 24 hours/7 days

After Hours Study Room - 24 hours/7 days