

FROM THE STEPS OF THE ADAMS LIBRARY

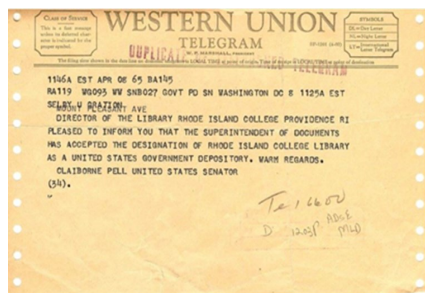
ADAMS LIBRARY CELEBRATES 50 YEARS AS A FEDERAL DEPOSITORY LIBRARY

Rachel H. Carpenter, MLIS • Associate Professor, Library • Government Documents Coordinator



On April 6, 1965 Director Selby U. Gration received a telegram from Senator Claiborne Pell announcing that the Superintendent of Documents had approved his nomination of the James P. Adams Library as a U.S. Federal Depository Library (FDL). This past April we received from the Government Publishing Office a handsome plaque, presented in honor of the 50th Anniversary of our designation.

Adams Library is one of nine depository libraries in Rhode Island, along with Brown, URI, Roger Williams, the Naval War College, the Westerly and Newport Public libraries, the RI State Law Library, and the RI State House Library. Brown was designated an FDL in 1861, URI in 1907.



1965 telegram from Senator Pell

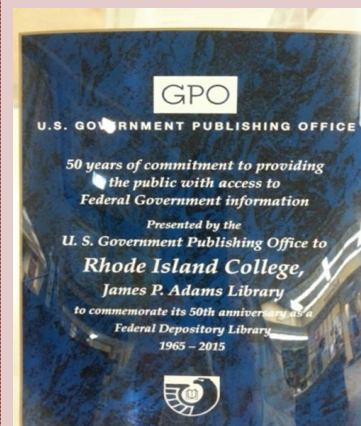
in our collection are the Congressional Record (1937+), the Federal Budget (1967+), and decades of Census materials.

We have retained many of the print documents we have acquired over our 50 years in the program, but, as one might expect, the majority of currently produced government documents are in digital format. These can be accessed from the HELIN Catalog, through electronic collections like the [GPO's FDSys](#), meta sites like [USA.gov](#), or with a general search of the World Wide Web.

For additional information, see the [guide](#) to our Government Documents Collection. For assistance with the accessing the materials, print or electronic, contact the Reference Department at 456-8125 or stop at the Reference Desk in the main lobby.

**There will be a celebration of the 50th Anniversary on Constitution Day
September 17, 2015
Library Main Lobby
1:00 – 3:00 pm**

“The Federal Depository Library Program was established by Congress to ensure that the American public has access to its Government’s information.”



Plaque from the Government Publishing Office

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS: THE CAPE VERDEAN COLLECTION



Lenira Monteiro • Class of 2018 • Student Assistant

During my high school senior year I had the opportunity through Innovation Lab to go on a trip to Adams Library at Rhode Island College. Along with other students, members of the Cape Verdean Student Association at Central Falls High School, I visited Special Collections for the first time. We were all very impressed that there was a Cape Verdean Collection.

Personally, I felt extremely proud of my country and culture and very special because often times when I tell people that I am from Cabo Verde, they have no idea where it is located. It felt really good to know that not everyone has that same lack of knowledge. I fell in love right away. This Special Collection also

After I left that room I was so interested in learning more. I wanted to search for information to be proud of, about the positive impacts that my community has had in our society. I also wanted to learn from any negative aspects. I think that having a Cape Verdean Collection here at RIC is very important. It can make students who are part of a minority group feel better about themselves, feel like we are not being overlooked, feel proud of being here and enriching our school's diversity, feel proud of our culture, and, most importantly, feel like we belong here.

As soon as I figured out that I had the opportunity to work on campus and I would easily get a job because I was a work-study student, I knew that Special Collections would be the perfect fit for me. I did not want to work just anywhere doing anything; I wanted to do something that would allow me to grow and to learn daily, something that I am passionate about. And that is exactly what has been happening since day one.

I've had a wonderful experience so far working with not only on the Cape Verdean Collection but the other collections. I am still

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made me realize that neither do I, a newcomer to the U.S., know everything when it comes to the history of the Cape Verdean diaspora in America.

surprised about how much information can fit in there and how well Marlene knows every corner of that room. With her I have learned the importance of organizing documents, not only alphabetically but also chronologically. I've also had the opportunity to help on the weeding project, which has allowed me to get to know the library much better than I did before. I no longer get lost or confused looking for a call number!

FRIENDS OF THE JAMES P. ADAMS LIBRARY

Mark Caprio, MLIS & Deb Thomson, MLIS • FOL PR Committee

With the consensus of the previous Board, the assistance of the RIC Foundation, and the support of colleagues, Interim Library Director Tovah Reis has spearheaded a reorganization of the Board of Directors of the Friends of the James P. Library. For the first time it will include the President of Student Community Government and members of the RIC Alumni.

Elected as Board Members for 2015-2017 are Dr. Jean E. Brown (President), Mark J. Caprio'87 (Vice President / President-Elect), Pat Putney'81 (Treasurer), Dr. Roz Sibielski (Secretary), Dr. Jen Holl, Dr. Charles McLaughlin'78, Louise Moulton'74, Dr. Darek Niklas, Tovah Reis (Interim Library Director), Robert Smith (Student Community Government President), and Deb Thomson (Coordinator).

Originally founded in 1998 by a group of Rhode Island College faculty, staff and administrators, the Friends organization remains passionate in its support of the Library's central role at the college. It will steadfastly advocate on behalf of the community at large, obtain support for the Library from public and private sources, and promote the Library as a center for college and community activities.

Learn more about the Friends of the Library and how to join at: <http://ric.libguides.com/Friends>

Anticipate a Friends Facebook Group and a Friends-sponsored event early in Fall 2015!

STUDENT-SOURCING LIBRARY ORIENTATION

WHAT STUDENT EMPLOYEES KNOW ABOUT ADAMS LIBRARY

Dragan Gill, MLIS • Instructor, Library • Central Falls Planning Council Member

In June, as part of the Innovation Lab program, 90 Central Falls High School juniors visited Rhode Island College. Adams Library was pleased to have been one of the four sites chosen to introduce this group to college life and academics.

As the library's representative to the College's Central Falls Planning Council and coordinator of the session, I thought about how we could be relevant to high school juniors. I started with our standard list of library facts, what we as librarians want students to know. While important, however, these things did not spark a creative plan for our thirty-minute session. How could we really focus on what students in the early stages of evaluating their college options would find informative? I decided to talk with our current work-study students.

As recent high school students themselves, library student assistants are situated in the perfect position to pin-point what is interesting to high school students. As trained library workers, they have learned to identify the most helpful library services and collections. So, we asked our work-study students three questions:

1. What is the one thing you wish you knew about the library when you started at RIC?
2. What are the top three things you think are the most helpful/useful for students at the library now? (Please list in order of importance)
3. Anything else you think is important to tell high school juniors visiting campus?

Their responses were spot-on and consistent:

"I wish I knew how supportive and helpful the reference desk is when doing research."

– Lenira Monteiro, sophomore

"The library is a great place to get your work done in a good environment. Use all the resources you are given!"

– David Geer, senior

"The thing I wish I knew about the library when I entered RIC was the vast amount of online journals in the databases available through the library. Thankfully, one of my freshman professors dedicated a class to learn more about the library with a reference librarian. We learned about different forms of information to look at for research and online databases were one of them."

– Katrina Chhim, junior

What else did our students think was important about the library?

- Databases!
- The HELIN Catalog
- LibGuides
- Extended hours for finals

Their answers demonstrate that our student employees are not only aware of the Library's collections and services, but also that they can help librarians to prioritize orientation sessions and to keep them fresh and relatable.



Central Falls juniors pose for a photo in front of the Adams Library during their campus visit.

LISA PERRY, GRADUATE INTERN

Kieran Ayton, MLIS • Assistant Professor, Library • Emerging Technologies, Digital Initiatives

Lisa Perry, who graduated from Rhode Island College with a degree in Anthropology, is currently completing a Master's Program in Library and Information Science from the University of Rhode Island. Last Spring she performed a (PFE) internship at the Adams Library where she helped to redesign the LibGuides platform and to add content to our online repository. She assisted with many important projects and her time with us was incredibly productive.



In order to satisfy the requirements of her PFE, Lisa spent 135 hours over 13 weeks interning at Adams Library. This involved keeping a weekly journal, becoming proficient in our LibGuides software, and learning digitization skills. The projects she worked on were mapped to specific educational outcomes from the URI Library School program. These outcomes included leadership skills, hands-on experience, and the technological proficiency that is needed in 21st century librarianship. She not only mastered, but exceeded her required outcomes.

Lisa created quick link icons for the library website and helped us to improve our web presence. She redesigned our [LibGuides](#) system. LibGuides are used for a variety of purposes, including course-related research guides. When Lisa arrived, our course guides had no standard format. Over several months, Lisa evaluated LibGuides at other institutions and created for us a course guide template. Then she worked to create LibGuide policies and procedures which were adopted by the Adams Library.

At the conclusion of her internship, Lisa described her Professional Field Experience at Adams Library as “a great experience where I was able to learn first-hand what it is like to work in various technology departments of an academic library. The staff were very welcoming and went out of their way to teach me the intricacies of their jobs. The skills that I was able to develop will help me a great deal as I move forward in librarianship.”

Lisa worked well with everyone and was able to provide us with valuable perspectives which we have used to improve our online services. As part of her PFE requirement, she created an online portfolio of her time at the Adams Library. It can be viewed [here](#).

DRAGAN GILL, REFERENCE LIBRARIAN • “SURE, I CAN DO THAT!”

Deb Thomson, MLIS • PR Committee

Growing up in Mystic, Connecticut, Dragan Gill enjoyed attending Westerly's summer productions of “Shakespeare in the Park.” Her face lights up as she recalls her first experience, at age 5, and the magic of A Midsummer Night's Dream, when, she recalls, “we were sitting in the bushes, and there were fireflies glowing all around us.” Although she did not suspect it at the time, it was an introduction to her future.

Dragan left Mystic for Simon's Rock College of Bard, Massachusetts. After graduating she moved to Washington, DC where she applied to every library she knew of. When she was invited to interview at the Folger Shakespeare Library, she was unaware of the importance of that world-renowned research center. Walking in, she thought, “Oh, my, I am way out of my league.” Everyone she met greeted her with, “Oh, you're the Morris Dancer!” On her resume she had included the fact that she had studied traditional English dance since the age of 12, and, apparently, that made quite an impression among the Folger Library staff. She was hired as a Circulation Assistant, and for one year she worked two stories underground, in the vault, fetching materials for researchers. She then continued on at the University of Pittsburgh where she received her Master's Degree in Library and Information Science.

Dragan Gill is not exactly new to the James P. Adams Library. She worked in our Reference Department as a part-time staff member about 3 years ago. This time around, she's a full-time Reference Librarian, returning to us from Mount Ida College where she served as an Information Literacy and Academic Program Liaison Librarian in the Wadsworth Library.

At home now behind the James P. Adams Library Reference Desk, Dragan is very busy. She is on the College's Central Falls Planning Council, is the liaison to the Anthropology, Gender and Women's Studies Departments and co-liaison to Environmental Studies. She also serves on the Library's PR Committee. When asked about the wide variety of tasks and responsibilities she has taken on in her various library workplaces, she explains that whenever something new or different needs to be done, her response is, “Sure, I can do that!”



Dragan lives in Providence with her boyfriend, Vasya, whom she met in college, and she's still dancing. In addition to Morris Dancing, she enjoys Contra Dancing, which has origins in English, Scottish and French 17th-century styles, and English Country Dancing, which is similar to the American square dance. Her other hobby is knitting, which she notes is “a very librarian hobby.”

LIBRARY NEWSFLASH

- **Access to the New York Times**—Adams Library will provide access to NYT.com digital edition, NYT Mobile Apps, newsletters, alerts, Times Topics, Times Wire and more!
 - NYT in Education
 - NYT in Leadership
 - On campus workshops to facilitate the use of the New York Times at Rhode Island College
- **New Computers** • Adams Library installed 39 new public desktop computers, adding 15 new workstations for library patrons.

IN RECOGNITION • TOVAH REIS, FMLA



Linda Walton, MLA President, former Butler Hospital Library Director with Tovah Reis

Medical Library Association Fellows are members of the Association who are elected by the Board of Directors for “sustained and outstanding contributions to health science librarianship and to the advancement of the purposes of MLA”. Fellows may use “FMLA” following their names.

On May 18, 2015, at the MLA Annual Conference in Austin, Texas, Tovah Reis was given this prestigious award in recognition of her service to the organization and her career as a Medical Librarian in both Israel and the U.S.

Most recently, before becoming the Interim Library Director at RIC, Tovah was Medical School Librarian at Brown University, 1991-2010, and Medical Library Director at the Chaim Sheba Medical Center, Tel -HaShomer, Israel, 1978-1991.

Please join the staff of the James P. Adams Library in congratulating Tovah on this impressive achievement!

IN MEMORIAM • THOMAS D. LOPES

Marlene Lopes, MLS • Professor, Library • Special Collections Librarian

On July 15, the New Bedford Free Public Library unveiled a portrait of the late Thomas D. Lopes -- Massachusetts State Representative, publisher of the CVN, community activist, and longtime supporter of the Rhode Island College Cape Verdean Collection. In a ceremony attended by friends and family as well as civic and political leaders, his many contributions to the city and to the Cape Verdean community at large were recognized, and his life was celebrated as one of dedication and service. Tom Lopes was the first Cape Verdean American elected to the Massachusetts House of Representatives. We remember him as a generous donor and tireless advocate for our Special Collections.



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UP COMING EXHIBITS AND EVENTS • FALL 2015

September

Adams Library Celebrates 50 Years as a Federal Depository Library

Constitution Day Reception & Exhibit

Thursday, September 17th • Library Main Lobby

1:00—3:00



**Federal Depository
Library Program**

Aqueducts of Portugal Exhibit

Main Level hallway

Through September 30th

Innovation Lab Exhibit

Main level, new book area case

Through September 30th



October

Friends of the Library Homecoming Event

Speaker: Jean Bauer, Associate Director of the Digital Humanities Center, Princeton

Topic: Digital Humanities

Thursday, October 15th • Reinhardt Room

4:00 Reception

4:30 Founders of the Friends plaque unveiling

5:00 Speaker

THE CENTER
FOR DIGITAL
HUMANITIES
@PRINCETON

Banned Books Week Exhibit

Main level, front cases

Through October 30th



Speaker: Nicole Allen, Director of Open Education, Scholarly Publishing and Academic Resources Coalition (SPARC)

Topic: Solving the Textbook Cost Crisis through Open Educational Resources

October 22nd • Reinhardt Room

3:30 Speaker

Reception to follow

In celebration of Open Access Week, October 19-25



November

Veterans in Film Exhibit

Main lobby

Through November 30th

In honor of Veterans Day