

CHS LIBRARY

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NEWSLETTER

LEARN ABOUT THE LIBRARY: [HTTPS://CHS.HARVARD.EDU/LIBRARY/](https://chs.harvard.edu/library/)



NEW BOOKS

Among last month's new books you can find several engaging publications such as *Brill's Companion to the Legacy of Greek Political Thought* (Carter, Foxley, Sawyer, eds.), *Hypertheatre: Contemporary Radical Adaptation of Greek Tragedy* (Olga Kekis), *A Companion to Aristophanes* (Farmer, J. Lefkowitz, eds.), *Medea's Long Shadow in Postcolonial Contexts* (Prata, Verano, eds.), *Classical Receptions and the Impact of Xena, Warrior Princess* (Potter, Strong, eds.). Interesting as a companion to our Ptolemy facsimile is Malara's *Galileo and the Almagest, c. 1589 1592: How Ptolemaic Astronomy Influenced Galileo's Early Writings on Motion*.

"New books" are available on the large table downstairs for one month before being shelved.

EXHIBITIONS

In recently acquired glass cases the library has curated exhibitions featuring famous manuscript facsimiles of works by Dioscorides, Ptolemy, and Homer, Book of Hours leaves, an ancient Greek silver coin, and other exhibits to celebrate Athenian democracy, and ancient Greek language, and post-classical readings of Herodotus, and Harvard professor Werner Jaeger whose books became the library's first collection in 1961 when the CHS was established.

TIDBITS

Thanks to our spring fellow Kazuhiro Takeuchi, the library has been able to purchase a Japanese translation of Jaeger's *Paideia: Die Formung des griechischen Menschen*, and catalog a book that had been languishing in a library office for decades, a Japanese translation of the *Persians* by a former CHS fellow, 1962-63, Masaaki Kubo, included in the first volume of *The Complete Greek Tragedies* (Kyoto: Jimbun Shoin, 1960) of which we own vol. 1 (Aeschylus). Another former fellow, 1974-75, John Van Sickle, is generously donating rare and important early commentaries on Aristotle's *Poetics* (Robortello 1548 and Madius 1550), Anacreon (Estienne 1554) and Theocritus (Estienne 1579) to the library. Another friend of the library, our former librarian Temple Wright, has gifted the library two busts, one of Poseidon; the other of Apollo(?).

Thank you all! ✨ ✨ ✨

The library has resurrected a ledger with the signatures of many well-known classicists 1978-2000. Please continue the tradition. The ledger is on the counter downstairs.

RECAP OF SPRING ACTIVITIES: FACILITIES IMPROVEMENTS

Additions include carrels by the windows on the upstairs floor with wifi and Harvard e-access instructions for readers, reading lamps in all carrels on both floors, language dictionaries upstairs for easy consultation, improved lighting upstairs, added bookcases and Loeb's in the mosaic room, books and wall additions in the African heritage room, book return added to the kiosks, return shelves added, a new cabinet for oversize books with signage and ToC downstairs, posters on the walls downstairs, lighting in the display cases, an obsolete but decorous card catalog downstairs, etc.



BoH at CHS, March activity, pruning.

OTHER SPRING ACTIVITIES

- Webpages, including streamlined access policies, descriptions of spaces, books, the library catalog, lists of e-resources, list of local libraries, new books lists, exhibition highlights, etc.
- Printed library guide and exhibitions, acquisition of glass cases.
- Acquisition of manuscript facsimiles, manuscript leaves, ancient coin.
- Blogposts (two together with LC and DO).
- Shelf-reading to identify and fix misshelved books.
- Fixing barcodes and call number labels; shifting books to free up space.
- Inventory lists of CDs and microfilm to identify potential candidates for digital conversion.
- Identifying and correcting mostly false "duplicate" records.
- Identifying rare books already digitized by other institutions in order to prepare for possible inhouse scanning of rare books in the CHS collection.
- Developing a collection policy and collections profile.
- Ordering, processing, and cataloging books and journals.
- Cataloging all "problem" books in offices.
- Adding hundreds of Loeb and Budé volumes.
- Establishing a French approval plan with accompanying cataloging.
- Filling book and ILL requests from fellows and readers.
- Locating books requested by fellows and readers.
- Reviewing access applications from external scholars.
- Tours and orientations for fellows, readers, external groups and individuals.

YET TO DO...

- Outsourcing preservation and conservation of books in need of repair.
- Sending hundreds of journal issues to a bindery.
- Working with Cambridge to import French catalog records into HOLLIS.
- Donating duplicates to institutions in third world countries.
- Working with the Library of Congress to digitize Greek-American journals.
- Writing grant applications to support making Greek journals accessible and searchable in JSTOR.

SUMMER FELLOWS,

A WARM
WELCOME
FROM THE
CHS
LIBRARY!

REBECCA
SOPHIE
ALLISON

WE HOPE
TO MAKE
YOUR
STAY

PRODUCTIVE
AND
ENJOYABLE!



THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE

On June 19, meet with the Smithsonian to cooperate on an exhibition on Greek botany and medicine.

On July 15, meet with Invision Studio to produce a 3D interactive tour of the CHS, especially of the library and collections, to prepare prospective and incoming fellows.

Major plans temporarily put on hold due to circumstances beyond our control:

Hiring a Community Engagement, Systems and Digital Scholarship Librarian.

Constructing a Digital Humanities Lab.

Constructing an Epigraphy & Papyrology Reading Room.

Constructing a second rare book room with glass doors for growth and discovery.

LIBRARY SERVICES IN BRIEF

As residential fellows you have library access 24 hours a day, also on weekends and holidays.

Use Harvard's library catalog [HOLLIS](#) to locate books by call number.

Make sure to limit your search to "library catalog" and "Ctr Hellenic Studies."

Regular size books in the PA call number range are shelved upstairs; all other sizes and call numbers downstairs.

Printed journals (PERIODICALS) are shelved in alphabetical order on moving shelves on the downstairs floor.

An "F" after a call number refers to "Folio." The folio size books are shelved on the moving shelves downstairs.

Oversize books are shelved in two cabinets downstairs and are designated as such in HOLLIS.

Reference (REF) books should be consulted in the library and not checked out.

To check out a book at a kiosk you need to line up the barcodes on your Harvard ID and in the book with the infrared strip.

To return a book you need to line up the book's barcode with the infrared strip. Then you place it on the return shelves for the library staff to reshelve.

As fellows, you have access to printers, copiers, and scanners on both floors.

As fellows, you may obtain book chapters and journal articles at a circulating Harvard library by using the "scan and deliver" option in HOLLIS.

If you need an entire book not owned by CHS, see Rebecka. Do NOT use the interlibrary loan option in HOLLIS. Rebecka can order a book that fits the ancient Greek studies profile of CHS or place an ILL request outside of the HOLLIS system. ILL requests are placed only for fellows. Also keep in mind that you have access to many other excellent [libraries](#) in the DC area.

If you need help, please come and see the library staff in person or contact us via email: Rebecka rlindau@fas.harvard.edu , Sophie boisseau@chs.harvard.edu , Allison athornton@fas.harvard.edu .



Kerberos as a puppy.