



## Rare Book Room Re-Opening Honors Patsy Couper and Walter Brumm



Photo by Claudette Ferrone '88

The Burke Library held a formal re-opening of the Emerson Rare Book Room, honoring Patsy Couper W'44 and Dr. Walter Brumm, with a dedication of the Patricia Pogue Couper Research Room on April 14.

Patricia (Patsy) Pogue Couper, wife of the late Hamilton alumnus and life trustee Richard W. Couper '44, has supported Hamilton throughout her life, including since the death of her husband in 2006. The Coupers created and sustained the Williams-Watrous-Couper Fund, which provides support for faculty research and teaching improvement at Hamilton. They also established an endowment to fund the director's position for the Burke Library, which was named in their honor, and support in other ways the college's library and its collections.

Dr. Walter Brumm, retired sociology professor from California State University in Pennsylvania, is a major donor to the Emerson Rare Book

Room. His gift to the Hamilton College Communal Societies Collection makes it one of the leading collections by and about the American Shakers and other intentional communities in the country. Brumm, in explaining his gift said, "It is my intention that this gift enrich an already significant collection of such materials at an institution of higher learning, where there is an emphasis on innovative and rigorous academic learn programs, including interdisciplinary coursework, comparative studies, collaborative learning and an opportunity to promote the use of an extensive and rich archival resource."

President Joan Hinde Stewart, Elizabeth J. McCormack Professor of English Margaret Thickstun, and Couper Librarian Randall Ericson spoke at the event, which included an unveiling of the plaque and tours of the newly designed facility.

By Holly Foster

**Burke Library 24 Hour Period May 1-13, 2011**

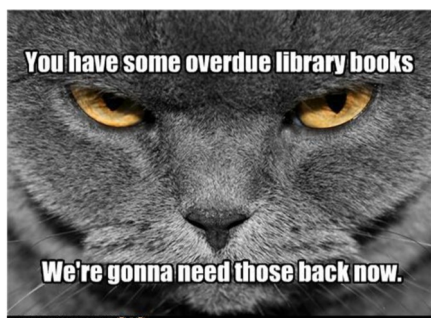
**Library Hours**  
**Last Week of Classes and Exam Week:**  
 Sunday, May 1 - Sunday, May 13, 2011

**24 Hour Period:**  
 Beginning: Sunday May 1 at 10 AM  
 Ending: Friday May 13 at 8 PM

**Additional Hours:**  
 Saturday May 14 and Sunday May 15 10 AM - 4 PM

**Take a study break!**  
 Come and enjoy some snacks in the Staff Lounge,  
 May 1-12 Sundays through Thursdays, 9-11 PM

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Avoid the late notices!

All books are due  
Sunday, May 15, 2011.

## The Hamilton College Archives: Unexpected Treasures

The College Archives holds both Hamilton and Kirkland records, published materials, and personal papers of enduring value from administrators, faculty, students, and alumni from the founding of the Hamilton-Oneida Academy to the present, including the correspondence of Samuel Kirkland, founder of the Hamilton-Oneida Academy.

Besides famous people like Gerrit Smith, Elihu Root, B.F. Skinner, Alexander Woollcott, and Samuel Hopkins Adams, alumni who have papers here include:

- 19th-century missionaries to the Far East,
- soldiers in the Civil War, World War I, and World War II, and
- many people famous in their fields, from archeologists to judges to ambassadors.

As well as paper-based documents, the Archives contains

- photographs of college buildings, students, faculty, alumni, and events since the early days of photography;
- video and audio of college-related people and events;
- scrapbooks compiled by 19th- and 20th-century students; the odd 1890s gym suit, 1920s freshman beanie, engraved cane, chapel-depicting plate, and other realia.

The Archives makes these documents available to members of the Hamilton College community, scholars, and the general public.

You can search for materials in the Archives using [ALEX, the library catalog](#), or use the following to find:

- links to [digital collections](#)
- an [accession list](#) of the Archives' holdings
- an [index](#) to the Alumni Review
- a campus building [chronology](#).

Contact [Kathy Collett](#) with any questions or to set up an appointment (regular hours M-F 9:00am -12:00 noon).

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