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Memorial Hall Museum Online: American Centuries.

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Memorial Hall Museum Online: American Centuries. Access: <http://www.memorial-hall.mass.edu/>.

If you are researching the history of New England online, the Memorial Hall Museum's American Centuries site is a valuable place to start. It is geared toward educators and elementary through high school students, providing users access to primary sources and interactive activities from the Memorial Hall Museum in Old Deerfield, Massachusetts.

The site represents a cumulative effort by the Center for Computer Based Instruc-

tional Technology at the University of Massachusetts-Amherst, museum scholars, public school media experts, teachers, and a nationally recognized Web designer.

The site's main menu is located within the central part of the homepage, offering links to several pages, including "The Digital Collection," "Activities," and "Turns of the Centuries Exhibit." "The Digital Collection" provides users the opportunity to research approximately 2,000 scanned items. Each of these items has an image page that contains age-appropriate text created by museum staff.

"Activities" provides a list of interactive exercises that students can use to learn more about American history. For example, there are activities for costuming individuals in historical clothing. The "Activities" page also provides a link that directs readers to interviews given by individuals who made history within the 20th century. These oral history interviews are provided as both audio files and transcribed documents.

"The Turns of the Centuries Exhibit" is another interactive part of the site for users. Addressing the 17th, 18th, and 19th centuries of American history, this section of the site provides interactive slide shows and activities to explore various historical themes and eras.

The site's overall design is easy to navigate. There is a reasonable balance between text and graphics, so the site never seems overwhelming.

Further, the homepage contains "Site Search," a feature that enables the user to access a database of scanned images of artifacts, articles, and lessons.

The bottom of the homepage contains the headings "About," "New Features," and "Visit Our Other Sites." The "Visit Our Other Sites" heading includes a link to the Deerfield Teachers' Center Web site. This site offers professional development programs that support the teaching of American history.

The Memorial Hall Museum's American Centuries Web site is informative, dynamic and user-friendly, thereby enabling educators
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Chad Therrien has joined the University of North Carolina-Greensboro as Web usability and library assessment analyst.

William Thomas has been appointed collections coordinator of East Carolina University's J.Y. Joyner Library in Greenville, North Carolina.

Anne Thomason is now assistant archivist at Earlham College in Richmond, Indiana.

M. Elaine Thornton is now education/social sciences librarian at Texas A&M University.

Tamara Weatherholt is now a serials/metadata librarian at Florida State University.

Angela Whitehurst has been named distance education co-coordinator of East Carolina University's J.Y. Joyner Library in Greenville, North Carolina.

Susan Wiesner has accepted one-year appointment at the University of North Carolina-Greensboro as a postdoctoral Fellowship Program recipient.

Beth Filar Williams has been appointed networked information services librarian at the University of North Carolina-Greensboro.

Norman "Trip" Wyckoff has joined Florida State University as subject specialist librarian.

Retirements

Elizabeth Fairley has retired as Florida State University (FSU) librarian. Fairley joined FSU Libraries in 1983 and was the serials department head. Prior to joining FSU, Fairley was reference/cataloger librarian at Wilmington Public Library in North Carolina.

Mary Osielski, senior assistant librarian at the M. E. Grenander Department of Special Collections and Archives at the University at Albany-SUNY, has retired after 40 years of service.

Barbara Doyle-Wilch, L. Douglas and Laura J. Meredith dean of library and information services at Middlebury College since 2001, retired on July 1, 2008, completing a 39-year career in Library and Information Services. Prior to joining Middlebury, she served in leadership roles at Skidmore College as director of library services; at Augustana College as dean of academic services, where she oversaw the building and program of the Thomas Treadway Library (Shepley Bulfinch, architects) and the Olin Technology Center; at the Colorado State Library as head of library development; and at Loretto Heights College as director of library services. While at Middlebury, Doyle-Wilch merged the library and information services departments, worked on the design and planning of the new Main Library building, and implemented the campus-wide installation of the SunGard Banner system. She was also active in state and regional library communities, serving as vice-president/president elect of the Vermont Library Association (2006–08) and on the NELINET Board of Directors (2006–08). Her publications include articles on topics ranging from issues facing liberal arts college libraries to the role of the librarian in the educational process. ♪

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and students to further their understanding of American history.—*Tom Sommer, University of Nevada-Las Vegas, thomas.sommer@unlv.edu* ♪

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