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Welcome to the *Information Edge*, a newsletter covering services and events at the Birnbaum Library and Mortola Library. The *Information Edge* is edited by Brendan Plann-Curley (Reference Librarian). Questions or corrections? Please contact Brendan at bplanncurley@pace.edu.

NEW LEADERSHIP

Steven Feyl is now the University Librarian and is responsible for the planning, vision, and broad oversight of the University Library. He is excited to lead the library in advancing library resources, services, and spaces beyond what traditionally might be expected of the library. He views the library as a centerpiece of the university that occupies a unique role as the academic and social crossroads of the university touching all campus populations in some fashion. These are very exciting times in the development of libraries and he looks forward to bringing that



excitement and vision to the Pace University Library. Steve has worked at Pace for 18 years and has been a lifelong library enthusiast having worked in libraries since he was 14 years old.

Rose Gillen is now Library Director at Mortola Library. She started full-time as the Head of Research and Information Services at Mortola six years ago, after 14 years as part-time reference librarian at Mortola and the Graduate Center libraries. Rose also managed two research libraries for Kraft Foods R&D for the prior 17 years. Rose has been actively involved in several library projects since coming onboard full-time, some include the creation of the new Chat and “Ask a Librarian” services, creation of Library FAQ’s, several book weeding and collection management projects, an upgrade of the library website, and support for outreach initiatives and events. Rose enjoys cycling, nature walks, movies, pottery, and family activities especially when they include her grandson, Theo!



The new director of the Birnbaum Library on the NYC campus, **Jennifer Rosenstein** has been a part of the library since 2011. For six years she was First Year Outreach Services Librarian and part of the instructional services team, then became Assistant University Librarian for Graduate Services. As of July 1st she moved into the role of library director and is really excited to work with the University Librarian and all the library staff to continually improve our service to the Pace community. Outside of work most of her free time is taken up by her two young daughters, but she also enjoys yoga and biking, and hopes to someday have time to return to sewing and knitting. She also loves baking and often brings in homemade treats to share with the library staff.



Check out this feature in *Opportunitas* for more on the library's new direction.

<https://www.pace.edu/mypace/checking-library>

NEW ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

After many years of service in the Birnbaum Library, **David Almodovar** is now a member of the Mortola Library in Pleasantville. In his new position, he is the Head of Research and Circulation Services. At the core of his new responsibility, David will develop, implement, and evaluate initiatives to improve the overall user experience of the library's patrons at the Mortola Library. With the help of a team of knowledgeable librarians, dedicated staff, and student employees, he will continue to provide accessible and useful services to all library users, as those before him have done.

During his time in New York City, he worked in developing partnerships with different departments. His collaboration with the Art department was extraordinarily successful. David, along with Nicole Cohen, an adjunct faculty from the art department, collaborated and were able to install three student-created murals in the library. David wishes to bring his passion for developing the library as the Pace community's center into his new position.

Although she has been a member of the Birnbaum Library as an Instructional Services Librarian since 2016, **Gina Levitan** is now First Year Outreach Services Librarian. As such, she works mainly with first year students to help them get acclimated to the library and learn more about our resources and services. This can be anything from coming up with new activities to teach information literacy in class, to coordinating and organizing the library scavenger hunt for UNV101. If you have questions about the Library, doing research for a paper, citations or

where to get good coffee in the neighborhood, Gina's door is always open.

Medaline Philbert is now Head of Library Assessment for the Pace Libraries. She is excited about this new challenge. It is important to know as an institution, department or unit that we have impacted students positively. Success is beyond the number of students taught, books checked out or door counts. Are students more knowledgeable, aware and confident to apply principles taught to their personal, professional and social lives? That is what we want to achieve, but need you to join hands in partnership. Keep an eye out for requests to see how we can make it happen. By the way, Medaline still [manages streaming](#) and addresses copyright issues.

For a complete [staff listing](#), visit the library's website.

WELCOME OUR NEW STAFF MEMBERS

INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES

Jessica Kiebler joins the Mortola Library with a BA in Elementary Education from Hunter College and an MLS from Rutgers University. At her last position at Berkeley College, she started as a Reference Instruction Librarian and became director of the White Plains campus in 2017, which provided a new perspective on library management and the

library as part of the campus community. Jessica's research interests include the disinformation landscape, effective source evaluation, and library outreach and marketing. She loves listening to podcasts and audiobooks and is a self-taught nutrition nerd. Originally from Queens, she now lives in Brewster, NY with her husband and 2 year old son.

Jakyung (Jackie) Planey joins the Birnbaum Library with a BBA in International Business and Marketing from Baruch College and MLS from Queens College. She came from the Anita & Newman Library, Baruch College where she was an adjunct reference librarian and a lecturer since 2016. Previously she worked as an adjunct reference and instruction services librarian at SUNY Rockland Community College and an access service coordinator at St. Francis College Library. Prior to earning her MLS degree, Jackie worked as a health care analyst at Revere Data (nka Factset Research Systems) and library assistant at the Center for Marketing Intelligence, Interpublic Group.

CIRCULATION

Berte Schachter joined the Birnbaum Library staff in August as a Part-Time Circulation Assistant. She retired a number of years ago as a business librarian, having worked in advertising, marketing and publishing firms. She loves being back in a library and knows nothing at all about cataloging.

Emilee Taxman comes to the Birnbaum Library as a Part-Time

Circulation Assistant recently having graduated from Oberlin College in Ohio with a BA in Studio Art. While there, they worked at Oberlin's art library as a Circulation Assistant and Social Media Coordinator. Within the art world, they specialized in bookmaking, watercolor painting, and relief printmaking. They are thrilled to be able to continue working in a college library. Make sure to stop by and say hello if you see the blue hair behind the desk!

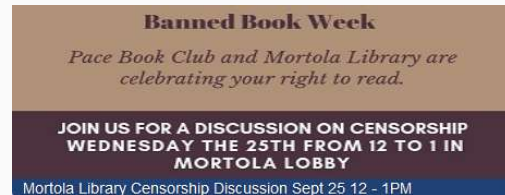
MORTOLA LIBRARY EVENTS

Banned Books Week

Wednesday, September 25

12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

The Pace Book Club and Mortola Library are celebrating your right to read. Join us in the Mortola Library lobby for a discussion on censorship.



ORAL HISTORY

University Archives and Pace University Libraries recently announced a collaborative oral history project called **Pace Voices Past and Present: An Oral History of Pace University**. We would like to hear from faculty, staff and alumni about their experiences at Pace. If you would like to

participate, contact University Archivist [Ellen Sowchek](#). The resulting oral histories will be available in audio and written formats in the [Digital Commons](#), our institutional repository.

BIRNBAUM LIBRARY MURALS

Made possible by the generosity of Terrence Ma (Class of 1981) and Helen Ma, the Birnbaum Library has unveiled three murals completed by current Pace students. The murals are on the first and second floors of the library. Special thanks to Nicole Cohen of the Art Department and our own David Almodovar.



Jamel Louis Carroll "The Pace Path," 2019.

BIRNBAUM LIBRARY POPULAR COLLECTION

The Birnbaum Library is establishing a Popular Reading collection for students as well as staff and faculty. The books in this collection will encourage reading for pleasure, fun, and personal and intellectual growth. We want to create a stimulating browsing experience, like being in a bookstore, where current and popular books can be quickly grabbed

off the shelf. Help us build the collection! We will be tabling to find out what you like to read; also, you can always email titles to [Susan Thomas](#). We imagine focusing a lot on popular fiction, including genre fiction; books by young people (Millennials, Gen Z); books about NYC; books about current affairs and timely issues; and graphic novels and comics.

For now, find the books on the 1st floor of the library just past the computers under the NEW BOOKS banner.



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