DARRIN FRESHWATER INSTITUTE COLLECTIONS AT RPI

Every year, millions of people participate in Earth Day activities making it the largest civic observance in the world. This year, Earth Day takes place on April 22nd and CNY is showcasing digital collections from the Darrin Freshwater Institute at Rensselaer Libraries.

Founded in 1824, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute is the oldest technological university in the English-speaking world, and the first technological research university in the United States. Rensselaer is preparing to celebrate its bicentennial in 2024. As a founding member, Rensselaer Libraries is thrilled to be celebrating 20 years of ConnectNY.

More information on the Darrin Freshwater Institute digital collections can be found on page 3 or in DSpace@RPI.
One of the strengths of ConnectNY is the diversity of collections. Early studies of the collective holdings of member libraries proved that 70% are unique titles, providing patrons with a wealth of resources outside their own library. But traditional print collections aren’t the only strength of the consortium.

This year, the Digitization Committee is showcasing the richness of the special collections across ConnectNY. To date, there are four digital collections online:

- USMA at West Point: West Point and the Civil War
- Vassar College: Ilse Schreiber-Noll: Nature, And Nature Defile
- Pratt Institute: Archives Negatives Collection
- Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute: Darrin Freshwater Institute Collections (featured in this newsletter)

If you haven’t done so already, take a few minutes to enjoy these collections!

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CALL FOR PANEL PARTICIPANTS

COLLABORATION DAY

Monday, June 13, 2022, 10:00am - 12:00pm and 1:00pm - 3:00pm ET

The Community Engagement Committee is recruiting participants for a panel discussion about their instruction programs encompassing these questions:

- What has changed in your instruction during the pandemic?
- What has changed with the learning styles of students and how have librarians responded?
- How do you think your instruction style will have changed once the pandemic has ended?
- What have you learned?

Panelists will have 15 minutes to speak, with time for questions and discussion after. Please email Pam Jones at pjones@connectny.org if you are interested.
About the Darrin Freshwater Institute Collections in DSpace@RPI

Darrin Freshwater Institute (DFWI) is a multidisciplinary environmental research center of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute dedicated to understanding the structure and function of aquatic, terrestrial and atmospheric systems. DFWI’s publications prior to 2015 are housed by Rensselaer Libraries in a DSpace@RPI sub-community and organized into various collections. Theses and the online lecture series continue to be added up to the present. These digitized and born-digital collections capture research conducted by the Institute for the last fifty-five years. It is a significant body of research both because of the breadth of years of recorded data and because of the richness of the research focused on Lake George and freshwater ecosystems. These materials are organized into the following collections: DFWI scientific papers, DFWI reports, DFWI theses and dissertations, DFWI media, and records for the DFWI summer lecture series.

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COLLABORATION DAY
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Information Literacy Instruction: Past Lessons, Future Plans