What’s Ahead…

- Dec. 21 – Library Holiday Luncheon
- Dec. 24, 25 – University Holidays
- Dec. 31, Jan. 1 – University Holidays

Blogging Around

Graphic Arts Collection
(http://graphicarts.princeton.edu/)

Sino-Japanese War Triptychs

An uncatalogued box of Japanese prints was requested recently and we found two dozen sensō-e or war pictures. The majority are triptychs or diptychs from the Sino-Japanese War (August 1894 to April 1895) between the Qing Empire of China and the Empire of Japan, primarily over control of Korea.

A number were designed by Mizuno Toshikata (1866-1908, born Mizuno Kumejiro). In the late 1890s, the war stimulated a short-lived revival of ukiyo printmaking and hundreds of designs were made and quickly sold. Toshikata was among the best of the artists who sold their designs during this short time period.


“Artists and publishers also benefited from the repeal of Japan’s strict censorship laws in 1872. With these laws no longer in place, prints could be more lavish than ever before, and artists were free to depict current events—a practice that had been forbidden under censorship legislation.” Pain’s Pyrotechnic Spectacle, Mead Art Museum.

The prints are from the collection of Marius Berthus Jansen (Class of 1944, 1922-2000), a world-renown scholar and Emeritus Professor of Japanese History at Princeton University. “At Princeton, where he received the Howard Behrman Award for excellence in teaching in the humanities, Jansen was a devoted member of the history department, as well as the director of the Program in East Asian Studies (1962-68), and the first chairman of the newly formed Department of East Asian Studies (1969-72). He was a stimulating undergraduate teacher and a demanding, incisive advisor for generations of graduate students in East Asian history. Upon his retirement from Princeton University in 1992, Jansen was named Emeritus Professor of Japanese History.”
This Week in Princeton History for December 14-20
(April C. Armstrong - http://blogs.princeton.edu/mudd/)

In this week’s installment of our ongoing series bringing you the history of Princeton University and its faculty, students, and alumni, the campus rallies around a professor targeted by a racist screed, a new library draws patrons despite a broken furnace, and more.

December 14, 1757—The College of New Jersey (Princeton) Board of Trustees vote to send a representative to meet with the ecclesiastical council that will decide whether Jonathan Edwards may be released from his ministerial duties in Stockbridge, Massachusetts to assume the responsibilities of President of the College...

December 17, 1873—College of New Jersey (Princeton) President James McCosh reports that Chancellor Green Library is complete, with the exception of a non-functional furnace; the cold does not prevent the library’s use, as 26 people per day borrow books.

December 20, 1946—it’s a Wonderful Life, starring Jimmy Stewart ‘32, premieres at the Globe Theatre in New York. The Daily Princetonian will give it a positive review despite the film’s “excessive sentimentality and overwrought tension.”
Committee members
Dina Conte, Carol Houghton, Thomas Keen, Angela Knox, Vicki Principi, Audrey Welber

Training and Development Programs at Princeton University Library (excerpted from the PULA Contract)
Supervisors are strongly encouraged to support employee attendance at training. Particular emphasis should be placed on attendance at those training activities which enhance the employee’s job skills in their current position or which help the employee to advance his or her career at the library. Bargaining unit staff shall be allowed to attend at least one training activity per month provided the training activity is directly related to enhancing job skills, provides orientation to a facilities or area that is directly related to the employee’s work or furthers their career.

Training opportunities
Training at your desktop 24 hours a day: http://lynda.princeton.edu. Lynda.com offers a comprehensive list of online training courses on both technical and soft skill topics you can take right at your desk. These courses are free to all University staff, students and faculty with a valid Princeton NetID.

Other Training Opportunities at PU
There are lots of other training opportunities available from the Office of Information Technology, University Human Resources, Carebridge, and more.

If you have questions, comments, or suggestions, please fill out our form at: http://library.princeton.edu/committee/letc/suggest

Holiday Party
You’re Invited

Join your friends and coworkers for the
Library Staff Holiday Luncheon

Monday, December 21, 2015
12:00pm – 2:00pm
Whitman College Dining Room
Insurance. Other obstacles are the already heavily scheduled use of the pool and inadequate locker facilities.

The Personnel Committee has decided that a soup dispenser unit in the kitchen would be impractical because the profits would be too small to warrant buying equipment, purchasing enough cases of soup to provide variety and choice, and finding someone to take charge of dispensing the soup and collecting money for it.

The University’s decision to enter the New Jersey Blue Cross Plan has deferred further study by the Committee of various hospitalization plans.

Suggestion Box

Remember our announcement in the October issue of a suggestion box in the Staff Lounge? The Lord High Keeper of the Key of the Box, Mrs. Servis, reports, that a clock was installed in the Staff Lounge for the convenience of those who lunch there.

As soon as the garbage disposal unit in the Staff Kitchen has been repaired, Mr. Bell will demonstrate its use to staff members. It is planned that Mr. Bell will be in the staff lounge on several days, at lunch times, to answer any questions and demonstrate proper use of the disposal unit.

There was a suggestion made that the spring controlling the inner door into the women’s locker room on B floor be repaired so that that door might be kept closed, giving additional privacy in the locker room. The repair has been made, but staff members have repeatedly opened the door and put a wedge under it. Now that there is no mechanical problem, it is up to the staff members to decide – whether or not that door should be kept closed.