

Saint Ann's Library New Book List

Spring 2009

A complete list of the library's recent acquisitions

Including: A list of new books in the library written by members of the Saint Ann's community

New and Noteworthy Books by Saint Ann's Community Members

[come to the library and check one out]



BFF: Best Friends Forever

by Anna Ziegler, alum, English teacher, and assistant to assistant head of school

- Best friends are challenged by the onset of adulthood in this play about young women coming of age •



A Blue Hand: The Beats in India

by Deborah Baker, parent

- poet Allen Ginsberg's odyssey through India in search of peace, love, and the godhead •



Circa

by Hannah Zeavin, 2008 alum

- poetry on subjects from the Holocaust to *The X-Files* •



Girlfriend Material

by Melissa Kantor, English teacher

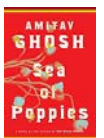
- Kate is asking herself a question she never thought she'd stoop to: Is she girlfriend material? •



The Other Side of Desire: Four Journeys in the Far Realms of Lust and Longing

by Dan Bergner, alum, former English teacher, parent, and board member

- an examination of erotic desire through profiles of four subjects with unusual sexual preferences •



Sea of Poppies

by Amitav Ghosh, parent

- an epic novel a of voyage across the Indian Ocean and the motley collection of characters aboard •



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by Melissa James Gibson, college office head

- a play about language and the intersecting lives of four neighbors •



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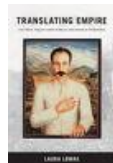
by Philip Gourevitch, parent

- the complete story of the horror and inhumanity inside Abu Ghraib prison in Iraq •



Strange Bedfellows: Surprising Text Pairs and Lessons for Reading and Writing Across Genres by Carol Rawlings Miller, English teacher

- intriguing short pieces by famous writers, speakers, artists, and politicians •



Translating Empire: José Martí, Migrant Latino Subjects, and American Modernities by Laura Lomas, wife of Spanish teacher Rubén Dávila

- the complete story of the horror and inhumanity inside Abu Ghraib prison in Iraq •

New Acquisitions

Literature

A Man of No Moon by Jenny McPhee

The Adventures of Pinocchio by Carlo Collodi

Altered Carbon by Richard K. Morgan

Art of Racing in the Rain by Garth Stein

BFF: Best Friends Forever, a Play by Anna Ziegler

The Bright Side of Disaster by Katherine Center

City of Thieves by David Benioff

Consider the Lobster, and Other Essays David Foster Wallace

De Niro's Game by Rawi Hage

The Diamond Age by Neal Stephenson

Ender in Exile by Orson Scott Card

Fathers and Sons by Ivan Sergeevich Turgenev

Fine Just the Way It Is by Annie Proulx

Goldengrove by Francine Prose

Good Omens: the Nice and Accurate Prophecies of Agnes Nutter, Witch by Neil Gaiman

The Grandmothers: Four Short Novels by Doris Lessing

Hold Tight by Coben Harlan

Home by Marilynne Robinson

The House at Riverton by Kate Morton

I See You Everywhere by Julia Glass

Icarus at the Edge of Time by Brian Greene

The Indian Clerk by David Leavitt

The Janissary Tree by Jason Goodwin

Lark and Termite by Jayne Anne Phillips

The Mousetrap and Other Plays by Agatha Christie.
Ms. Hempel Chronicles by Sarah Bynum
Netherland by Joseph O'Neill
Olive Kitteridge by Elizabeth Strout
One Fifth Avenue by Candace Bushnell
The Other Queen by Philippa Gregory
Paper Moon by Joe David Brown
Personal Days by Ed Park
Pesthouse by Jim Crace
Popular Music from Vittula by Mikael Niemi
Rebecca by Daphne Du Maurier
Revolutionary Road by Richard Yates
Rosemary's Baby by Ira Levin
Sam the Cat and Other Stories by Matthew Klam
Sea of Poppies by Amitav Ghosh
Selected Poetry by Johann Wolfgang von Goethe
[Sic]: A Play by Melissa James Gibson
Stars Are My Destination by Alfred Bested
Strange Bedfellows: Surprising Text Pairs and Lessons for Reading and Writing Across Genres by Carol Rawlings Miller
Translating Empire: José Martí, Migrant Latino Subjects, and American Modernities by Laura Lomas
The Traveler by Daren Simkin
True Grit by Charles Portis
Turnaround by George P. Pelecanos
Twenty-Seven Wagons Full of Cotton, and Other One-Act Plays by Tennessee Williams
Wait Until Dark by Frederick Knott
Western Canon: The Books and School of the Ages by Harold Bloom
When Will There Be Good News? by Kate Atkinson
The White Tiger by Aravind Adiga
Women Still Weep by Mary Orr
Yesterday's Weather by Anne Enright

Memoir and Biography

A Brush with Death: An Artist in the Death Camps
 by Morris Wyszogrod
A Man With No Talents: Memoirs of a Tokyo Day Laborer
 by Shiro Ōyama
Ancient Mathematicians by Rob Staeger
Benjamin Franklin by Edmund Sears
Born on a Blue Day: Inside the Extraordinary Mind of an Autistic Savant, a Memoir by Daniel Tammet
Jarhead: A Marine's Chronicle of the Gulf War and Other Battles
 by Anthony Swofford
Mississippi Sissy by Kevin Sessums
My Name is Number 4: A True Story From the Cultural Revolution
 by Ting-xing Ye

Scivias by Hildegard of Bingen

General Nonfiction

Active Liberty: Interpreting our Democratic Constitution

by Stephen Breyer

Apollo 13 by Jim Lovell

ASPCA Complete Dog Care Manual by Bruce Fogle

Audacity of Hope: Thoughts on Reclaiming the American Dream

by Barak Obama

Body Piercing and Tattoos edited by Tamara Roleff

Cross-X by Joe Miller

The Devil in the White City: Murder, Magic, and Madness at the Fair that Changed America by Eric Larson

Food: Ethical Debates on What We Eat by Jim Kerr

Good Girls and Wicked Witches: Women in Disney's Feature Animation by Amy M. Davis

Hot, Flat, and Crowded: Why We Need a Green Revolution— and How it Can Renew America by

Thomas L. Friedman

Magic Kingdom: Walt Disney and the American Way of Life by Steven Watts

No Choirboy: Murder, Violence, and Teenagers on Death Row

by Susan Kuklin

No God but God: the Origins, Evolution, and Future of Islam

by Reza Aslan

Oil by James Laxer

Opposing Viewpoints Series, Six Volumes (*Religion in Schools, Labor Unions, Coal, Military Draft, Pandemics, Television*)

The Other Side of Desire: Four Journeys in the Far Realms of Lust and Longing by Dan Bergner

Outliers: The Story of Success by Malcolm Gladwell

Speak out! Debate and Public Speaking in the Middle Grades by Kate Shuster

Standard Operating Procedure by Philip Gourevitch

Strange Bedfellow: Surprising Text Pairs and Lessons for Reading and Writing Across Genres by Carol Rawlings

Understanding Media the Extensions of Man (critical edition) by Marshall McLuhan

Video Games edited by David M. Haugen

Whatever It Takes: Geoffrey Canada's Quest to Change Harlem and America by Paul Tough

History

America's Constitution: A Biography by Akhil Reed Amar

Armada 1588: The Spanish Assault on England by John Barratt

Art of War by Sunzi

The Assassins: A Radical Sect in Islam by Bernard Lewis

The Atlantic Slave Trade by Don Nardo

The Civil War and Emancipation by Jams A. Corrick

A Concise History of the Russian Revolution by Richard Pipes

Comic Book Century: The History of American Comic Books by Stephen Krensky

Democracy in Modern Spain by Richard Gunther

The First World War by Robin Prior

Freedom Summer by David Aretha

The Front Lines of Social Change: Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade by Richard Bermack
Gay America: Struggle for Equality by Lina Alsenas
The Government and Politics of Spain by Paul Heywood
Hear Us Out! Lesbian and Gay Stories of Struggle, Progress and Hope, 1950 to the Present by Nancy Garden
Indian Chiefs by Russell Freedman
Kent State Tragedy by Rachel Koestler-Grack
Middle Ages (Primary Sources, Almanac, Biographies)
 by Judson Knight
The Middle East in the Middle Ages: The Early Mamluk Sultanate, 1250-1382 by Robert Irwin
The Odyssey of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade: Americans in the Spanish The Civil War by Peter N. Carroll
Our Lincoln: New Perspectives on Lincoln and his World edited by Eric Foner
Past Imperfect: History According to the Movies
Reconstruction by Michael V. Uschan
Reflections on the Revolution in France and on the Proceedings in Certain Societies in London Relative to that Event by Edmund Burke
Roman Battle Tactics by Ross Cowan
Routledge Atlas of Russian History by Martin Gilbert
The Spanish Armada by Colin Martin
The Spanish-American War by Kathlyn Gay
The Story of Mexico by Conrad R. Stein
The Crusades (Primary Sources, Almanac, Biographies)
 by Neil Schlager
The Trial of the Scottsboro Boys by David Aretha
The Wordy Shipmates by Sarah Vowell

Science, Math and Health

A History of Mathematics by Carl B. Boyer
Deal With It! A Whole New Approach to Your Body, Brain, and Life as a Gurl by Esther Drill
Diseases and Disorders Series, Seven Volumes (Sickle Cell Disease, Lupus, Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder, Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, Skin Cancer, Lung Cancer, Postpartum Depression)
Extraordinary Knowing: Science, Skepticism, and the Inexplicable Powers of the Human Mind by Elizabeth Lloyd Mayer
Freaks, Geeks and Asperger Syndrome: A User Guide to Adolescence by Luke Jackson
Hildegard Von Bingen's Physica: The Complete English Translation of her Classic Work on Health and Healing
Journey Through Genius: The Great Theorems of Mathematics
 by William Dunham
New Theories of Everything: The Quest for Ultimate Explanation
 by John D. Barrow
Smithsonian Ocean: Our Water, Our World by Deborah Cramer
States of Matter: Gases, Liquids, and Solids by Krista West
The Care & Keeping of You: The Body Book for Girls
 by Valerie Schaefer

The Prehistoric Earth Series, Volumes 1-10 (Early Life, The First Vertebrates, March Onto Land, Dawn of the Dinosaur Age, Time of the Giants, Last of the Dinosaurs, The Rise of Mammals, The Age of Mammals, Primates and Human Ancestors, Early Humans) by Thom Holmes
The Rhino with Glue-On Shoes and Other Surprising True Stories of Zoo Vets and their Patients edited by Lucy H. Spelman and Ted Y. Mashima
The Stuff of Life: A Graphic Guide to Genetics and DNA by Mark Schultz
Trick or Treatment: The Undeniable Facts About Alternative Medicine by Simon Singh by Simon Singh

Food and Cooking

The 1997 Joy of Cooking by Irma Rombauer
An Amateur's Adventures as Kitchen Slave, Line Cook, Pasta Maker, and Apprentice to a Dante-Quoting Butcher in Tuscany by Bill Buford
The Art of Simple Food: Notes, Lessons, and Recipes from a Delicious Revolution by Alice Waters
Molecular Gastronomy: Exploring the Science of Flavor by Hervé This
Organic Foods by Debra A. Miller
The Secret Life of Food by Clare Crespo
The Wild, Wild East: Recipes & Stories From Vietnam by Bobby Chinn
The Zen of Fish: the Story of Sushi, from Samurai to Supermarket by Trevor Corson

Art

©*Murakami* by Takashi Murakami
The Andy Warhol Diaries
The Essential Joseph Cornell by Ingrid Schaffner
In the American West, 1979-1984 by Richard Avedon
Photographs, 1947-1977 by Richard Avedon
Richard Avedon: An Autobiography
Tiny Yarn Animals: Amigurumi Friends to Make and Enjoy by Tamie Snow

New York City

New York City Zoos and Aquarium by Joan Scheier
Six Bridges: The Legacy of Othmar H. Ammann by Darl Rastorfer
Top Cats: The Life and Times of the New York Public Library Lions by Susan G. Larkin
Triangle Shirtwaist Factory Fire by Donna Getzinger
Brooklyn: A State of Mind edited by Michael W. Robbins

Reference

Encyclopedia of Outdoor & Wilderness Skills by Chris Townsend
Constitutional Amendments: From Freedom of Speech to Flag Burning, Two Volumes, by Tom Pendergast
Forensic Science, Four Volumes
Magill's Medical Guide, Five Volumes
Infectious Diseases In Context, Two Volumes
Schirmer Encyclopedia of Film, Four Volumes
Elizabethan World, Four Volumes
The Guinness World Records, 2009

The World Almanac and Book of Facts, 2009

Music

The History of the Blues by Francis Davis

The Rest is Noise: Listening to the Twentieth Century by Alex Ross

Online Databases

Artstor

Magill's Medical Guide

Facts on File's Ancient and Medieval History Online

DVDs

Adventures of Robin Hood

Alex Rider: Operation Stormbreaker

Babbleonia: A Documentary

Chinese Coffee

Harriet the Spy

Howl's Moving Castle

The Last Unicorn

Lemony Snicket's A Series of Unfortunate Events

Local Stigmatic

Looking for Richard

Melies The Magician: The Magic of Georges Melies.

Richard III

Troy

William Shakespeare's Romeo & Juliet

Comics, Manga, and Graphic Novels

Biker Girl by Misako Rocks

Bleach by Tite Kubo (three new volumes)

Chiggers by Hope Larson

Days Like This by J. Torres

Draw Your Own Manga: All the Basics by Haruno Nagatomo

Emma by Kaoru Mori (Volumes 1-7)

Into the Volcano: A Graphic Novel by Don Wood

Iron Wok by Shinji Saijyo (six new volumes)

Little Lulu by John Stanley

Louis Riel: A Comic-Strip Biography by Chester Brown

Manga Moods: Forty Faces + Eighty Phrases Saori Takari

Naruto by Masahi Kishimoto (Nine New Volumes)

Negima! by Ken Akamatsu (Five New Volumes)

New Alice in Wonderland by Rod Espinosa

One Piece by Oda Eiichiro (One New Volume)

Pitch Black by Youme Landowne and Anthony Horton

Pyongyang: A Journey in North Korea by Guy Delisle

Sgt. Frog by Mine Yoshizaki (Volumes 1-15)

Strawberry Marshmallow by Barasui (Four New Volumes)

Strawberry Marshmallow by Barasui (One New Volume)
The Golem's Mighty Swing by James Sturm
What It Is by Lynda Barry
xxxHolic by Clamp (Two New Volumes)

Kids' Fiction

A La Carte by Tanita S. Davis
Angel Factory by Terence Blacker
Annie Finkle's Rules for Girls, Two Volumes (*Moving Day*, *The New Girl*)
Antsy Does Time by Neal Shusterman
The Astonishing Life of Octavian Nothing, Traitor to the Nation by M.T. Anderson
Beacon Street Girls Series by Annie Bryant, Five Volumes (*Bad News/Good News*; *Letters from the Heart*; *Out of Bounds*; *Promises, Promises*; *Worst Enemies, Best Friends*)
A Billion for Boris by Mary Rodgers
Bliss by Lauren Myracle
Blood Beast by Darren Shan
Bloodline Cipher by Stephen Cole
Bog Child by Siobhan Dowd
Bonechiller by Graham McNamee
Brave Deeds: How One Family Saved Many from the Nazis by Ann Alma
Brisingr by Christopher Paolini
Bronte's Book Club by Kristiana Gregory
Burger Wuss by M..T. Anderson
By Royal Command: A James Bond Adventure by Charlie Higson
The Calder Game by Blue Balliet
Camel Rider by Mason Pine
Charlie Bone and the Beast by Jenny Nimmo
City of Bones by Cassandra Clare
Confessions of Georgia Nicholson Series by Louise Rennison, Two Volumes (*Startled by His Furry Shorts*, *Stop in the Name of Pants!*)
Crystal Doors by Rebecca Moesta
The Diamond of Darkhold by Jeanne DuPrau
Diary of a Wimpy Lid: The Last Straw by Jeff Kinney
The Disreputable History of Frankie Landau-Banks by E. Lockhart
Everlost by Neal Shusterman
Flight by Elizabeth Stow Ellison
Frostbite by Richelle Mead
Game by Walter Dean Myers
The General by Robert Muchamore
Genius Squad by Catherine Jinks
The Giggler Treatment by Roddy Doyle
The Girl Who Saw Lions by Berlie Doherty
Girls for Breakfast by David Yoo
Goblins! An UnderEarth Adventure by Royce Buckingham
Gothic Lolita by Dakota Lane
Graceling by Kristin Cashore
The Graveyard Book by Neil Gaiman

Halloween Night: Books I and II by R.L. Stine
Harlem Hustle by Janet McDonald
Hate that Cat by Sharon Creech
How to Build a House by Dana Reinhardt
The Hunger Games by Suzanne Collins
I Put A Spell On You: From the Files of Chrissie Woodward, Spelling Bee Detective by Adam Selzer
Inkdeath by Cornelia Funke
Jane Austen Diaries by Amanda Grange, Three Volumes (*Captain Wentworth's Diary, Edmund Bertram's Diary, Mr. Darcy's Diary, Mr. Knightley's Diary*)
Jellicoe Road by Melina Marchetta
Jerk, California by Jonathan Friesen
Jump the Cracks by Stacy Keyser
A Lantern in Her Hand by Bess Streeter Aldrich
The Last Exit to Normal by Michael B. Harmon
Life is Fine by Allison Whittenberg
The Lightning Key by Jon Berkeley
Lionboy Series by Zizou Corder, Two Volumes (*Lionboy and Lionboy: The Chase*)
Little Leap Forward: A Boy in Beijing by Guo Yue
Looks by Madeline George
Lost Island of Tamarind by Nadia Aguiar
Lucky Ones Stephanie Greene
Lump of Coal by Lemony Snicket
Maze of Bones by Rick Riordan
The Meanwhile Adventures by Roddy Doyle
Mexican Whiteboy by Matt de la Peña
Miracle Wimp by Erik Kraft
Miranda and Starlight by Janet Muirhead Hill
Monsoon Summer by Mitali Perkins
Moribito: Guardian of the Spirit by Nahoko Uehashi
My Most Excellent Year: A Novel of Love, Mary Poppins, & Fenway Park by Steve Kluger
Nation by Terry Pratchett
The Night I Freed John Brown by John Michael Cummings
Nixie's Song by Tony DiTerlizzi
Obi, Gerbil On the Loose! by M.C. Delaney
Once Upon a Time in the North by Philip Pullman
One False Note by Gordon Korman
Order of Odd-Fish by James Kennedy
P.S., I Loathe You: A Clique Novel by Lisi Harrison
Parrotfish by Ellen Wittlinger
Rover Saves Christmas by Roddy Doyle
Runaway Dolls Ann M. Martin
Savvy by Ingrid Law
Scat by Carl Hiaasen
Secrets of the Immortal Nicholas Flamel Series by Michael Scott, Two Volumes (*The Alchemist and The Magician*)
The Shakespeare Stealer by Gary L. Blackwood
Shift by Jennifer Bradbury

The Sisters Grimm Series by Michael Buckley, Six Volumes (*The Fairy-Tale Detectives, Magic and other Misdemeanors, Once Upon a Crime, The Problem Child, Tales From the Hood, The Unusual Suspects*)

Slipping by Cathleen Davitt Bell

Sorcerer of the North by John Flanagan

Speak by Laurie Halse Anderson

Spellbound by Janet McDonald

Spiderwick Chronicles by Tony DiTerlizzi, Three Volumes (*Nixie's Song, Care and Feeding of Sprites, A Giant Problem*)

Starclimber by Kenneth Opper

Starlight Series by Janet Muirhead, Six Volumes (*Miranda and Starlight, Starlight Comes Home, Starlight Shines for Miranda, Starlight, Star Bright, Starlight's Courage, Starlight's Shooting Star*)

Sucks to Be Me: The All-True Confessions of Mina Hamilton, Teen Vampire (Maybe) by Kimberly Pauley

Sweep Series by Cate Tiernan, Six Volumes (*The Calling, Eclipse, Full Circle, Night's Child, Origins, Reckoning*)

Sweet Thang by Allison Whittenberg

Sweethearts by Sara Zarr

Ten Kids, No Pets by Ann M. Martin

Tender Morsels by Margo Lanagan

The Surrender Tree: Poems of Cuba's Struggle for Freedom
by Margarita Engle

Things Hoped For by Andrew Clements

This is What I Did by Ann Dee Ellis

3 Willows: The Sisterhood Grows by Ann Brashares

Under the Persimmon Tree by Suzanne Fisher Staples

Up and Down the Scratchy Mountains, or, The Search for a Suitable Princess by Laurel Snyder

Violet on the Runway by Melissa Walker

Waiting for Normal by Leslie Connor

Warriors, Power of Three Series by Erin Hunter, Two Volumes (*Eclipse and Long Shadows*)

Wild Girls by Pat Murphy

The Witches of Dredmoore Hollow by Riford McKenzie

Nonfiction for Kids

50 Awesome Ways Kids Can Help Animals: Fun and Easy Ways to Be a Kind Kid by Ingrid Newkirk

Ain't Nothing But a Man: My Quest to Find the Real John Henry
by Scott Reynolds

Anime by Hal Marcovitz

Atlas of World Faiths Series, Six Volumes (*Christianity, Buddhism, Hinduism, Sikhism, Judaism, Islam*)

Baseball Team Series, Five Volumes (*The Story of the New York Mets, The Story of the New York Yankees, The Story of the Philadelphia Phillies, The Story of the Detroit Tigers*)

Belly-Busting Worm Invasions! Parasites that Love Your Insides! By Thomasine E. Lewis

Bioterror: Deadly Invisible Weapons by Lisa Jo Rudy

Blood Suckers Deadly Mosquito by John DiConsiglio

Bullet Proof! The Evidence That Guns Leave Behind by Jaime Joyce

Charles and Emma: The Darwins' Leap of Faith by Deborah Heiligman
Christo and Jeanne-Claude: Through the Gates and Beyond
by Jan Greenberg
Cloning Dolly the Sheep by Teresa Wimmer
Computer Animation by Hal Marcovitz
Dusted and Busted! The Science of Fingerprinting by D.B. Beres
Enchantment of the World Series, Eight Volumes (*Cuba, Iran, Italy, Libya, North Korea, South Korea, United Arab Emirates, Afghanistan*)
Encyclopedia of Dog Breeds by Caroline D. Coile
First Kids: The True Stories of All the Presidents' Children by Noah McCullough
Guilty by a Hair: Real-life DNA Matches by Anna Prokos
Knucklehead: Tall Tales and Mostly True Stories of Growing Up by Jon Scieszka
Lincoln Shot: A President's Life Remembered by Barry Denenberg
Medical Technology by Robert Snedden
Mind Readers: Science Examines ESP by Thomasine E. Lewis Tilden
Onward: A Photobiography of African-American Polar Explorer Matthew Henson by Dolores Johnson
The Lincolns: A Scrapbook Look at Abraham and Mary
by Candace Fleming
The Right Bite: Dentists as Detectives by Elizabeth Winchester
The Way We Work: Getting to Know the Amazing Human Body
by David Macaulay
Three Cups of Tea: Young Readers' Edition by Sarah L. Thompson
Wicked Histories, Six Volumes (*Hannibal: Rome's Worst Nightmare; Henry VIII: Royal Beheader; Ivan the Terrible: Tsar of Death; Mary Tudor: Courageous Queen or Bloody Mary?; Robespierre: Master of the Guillotine; Vlad the Impaler: The Real Count Dracula*)
Winston Churchill: Soldier, Statesman, Artist by John B. Severance

Read any good books lately?

Tell us about them.

Please submit a recommendation for the **High School/Faculty Summer Reading List!**

E-mail your recommendation and brief book description to
romalley@saintannsny.org

New acquisition unboxing! Summa Universae Theologiae. De Colonia and Manthen, 1475. The Museum of Modern Art, New York. Acquisition confirmed in 1999 by agreement with the Estate of Kazimir Malevich and made possible with funds from the Mrs. John Hay Whitney Bequest (by exchange)]. moma. Follow. Fragonard Events. NEW ACQUISITIONS. Permanent collection. Since it opened its doors in 2011, the Musée Jean-Honoré Fragonard focused mainly on the design of its temporary exhibitions, while the rooms devoted to its permanent collection have changed little. Some recent acquisitions that are now finally on exhibit have provided an opportunity to reconfigure the museum's layout.

The latest Tweets from New Acquisitions (@NewAcquisitions). We are an acquisitional company that performs outsourced sales and marketing, including corporate promotions on behalf of our clients. Atlanta, GA. So happy to announce our newest Assistant Director, REGENIA! Regenia, has worked so hard for this and we couldn't be more proud of what all she has been able to accomplish here. Way to go Regenia!

New acquisitions make their way into the collection by many routes: purchases are carried out with funds from our own budget or support from foundations or private persons. In keeping with longstanding tradition, the StÄdelscher Museums-Verein also buys works for the StÄdel. What is more â entirely in the spirit of Johann Friedrich StÄdel â we are frequently the recipients of generous gifts from private persons and artists. An acquisition is a corporate action in which one company purchases most or all of another company's shares to gain control of that company.Â The vision was that the new entity, AOL Time Warner, would become a dominant force in the news, publishing, music, entertainment, cable, and Internet industries. After the merger, AOL became the largest technology company in America. However, the joint phase lasted less than a decade.