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## Jewish Literature Discussion Series Continues Tuesday, May 2

Everyone is invited to participate in this spring's series of library-sponsored book discussions on the topic "Between Two Worlds: Stories of Estrangement and Homecoming." The series explores Jewish literature and culture through scholar-led discussions of contemporary and classic books on a common theme.

The next book to be discussed is Saul Bellow's *Mr. Sammler's Planet*. The discussion session will be held Tuesday, May 2, at 7:30 p.m. in the Browsing Room of Knight Library on the UO campus. Martha Ravits, a local expert on Jewish literature, will be present to give background on the books and facilitate the discussions.

Other books to be discussed in the coming weeks include:

- Moacyr Scliar's *The Centaur in the Garden*, Tuesday, May 9
- André Aciman's *Out of Egypt*, Tuesday, May 23
- Allegra Goodman's *Kaaterskill Falls*, Tuesday, June 6

The UO Libraries is one of 200 libraries nationwide receiving grants to host the series developed by Nextbook and the American Library Association (ALA). Local support is also provided by the UO Libraries Diversity Committee, UO Judaic Studies Program, UO EMU Cultural Forum, Eugene Public Library, and Temple Beth Israel.

For more information on the Let's Talk About It series, call or e-mail Leslie Bennett at the UO Libraries, (541) 346-1930, [lbennett@uoregon.edu](mailto:lbennett@uoregon.edu).

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## IM Reference Service Now Available

A new instant messaging (IM) reference service has just been added to the ever-growing array of reference services offered by the [University of Oregon Libraries](#). UO students, faculty, and staff can now use IM to get their questions answered by reference staff at Knight Library and the Science Library.

IM is a means of using either software or a web page to exchange typed conversations in real time with another person. Complete information on procedures and screen names for contacting a reference desk staff member via IM can be found on the library's [Instant Messaging web page](#).

IM service is typically offered at the Knight Library reference desk whenever a staff member is present. Visit Knight Library's [Reference Desk Hours page](#) for staffing hours.

For reference services outside these hours, try the [L-net virtual reference service](#), an online service provided by member libraries throughout the state of Oregon.

In-person, e-mail, and telephone reference services will continue to be offered at all campus libraries: Knight, Science, AAA, Law, and Math. For more information on IM and other reference services, contact [Paul Frantz](#), assistant head, Reference Services, 346-1880.

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## Trial Databases

The UO Library has trial access to the databases listed below. As part of the evaluation process, we would like to receive comments from library patrons about the usefulness of these databases. Comments can be submitted in the box at the bottom of the page. When you select the link for the database, the database will open in a new window, allowing you to easily return to this window to submit comments.

Access to the electronic indexes listed on this page from off-campus is limited to current University of Oregon faculty, students and staff who connect to the Internet through the UO Computing Center.

[China Academic Journals](#)

[Historical Statistics of the US](#)

[Physiological Genomics](#)

[Safari Tech Books](#)

### ◆ [China Academic Journals](#)

China Academic Journals provides the full text of articles on science and engineering, agriculture, medicine/hygiene, literature/history/philosophy, economics/politics/law, education/social science, and electronics/information science from 1994 to the present.

Trial expires on May 31, 2006.

### ◆ [Historical Statistics of the United States](#)

NOTE: Trial provides access only to A: Population

Historical Statistics of the U.S. will be a compendium of statistics from over 1,000 sources, covering such topics as migration, health, crime and the Confederate States of America.

Trial expires on June 15, 2006.

### ◆ [Physiological Genomics](#)

Physiological Genomics publishes results of a wide variety of studies from human and from informative model systems with techniques linking genes and pathways to physiology, from prokaryotes to eukaryotes. The Journal encourages the submission of research that links genes to cell replication, development, metabolic function, cell signal transduction and intracellular signaling pathways, tissue and organ function, and whole organism function.

Trial expires on December 31, 2006.

### ◆ [Safari Tech Books Online](#) [A [password](#) is required.]

Safari Tech Books Online is a subscription service for IT reference books. The UO Libraries will be subscribing to approximately 100 titles, which will be available campuswide. During the trial, all titles in the Safari Tech Book collection are accessible. If you would like to recommend specific titles

for the UO's collection, please use the Comments box below.

Trial expires on May 25, 2006.

## Comments about the Trial Databases

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## Longer Loan Period Announced

Beginning spring term, UO undergraduates and classified staff members will enjoy the convenience of longer loan periods for general circulation materials in the library's collections.

Loan periods have been extended from 14 days to 21 days, with one 21-day renewal period allowed. Items in the Juvenile and Curriculum Collections will continue to have a 14-day loan period.

Complete information on loan privileges for the UO Libraries can be found at [http://libweb.uoregon.edu/acs\\_svc/circplcy.html#loan](http://libweb.uoregon.edu/acs_svc/circplcy.html#loan).

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## Exhibit Reflects Themes in Jewish Literature

“Jewish Literature—Identity and Imagination,” an exhibit on display through August in the east and west entryway corridors of Knight Library, was mounted in conjunction with a series of book discussions scheduled at the UO this spring on the theme *Between Two Worlds: Stories of Estrangement and Homecoming*, as reflected in five works of Jewish literature. The exhibit profiles the books and their respective authors, and features a world map illustrating the winding paths the book characters take as they make their sometimes global journeys toward homecoming. The concept of “diaspora” as a common cultural phenomenon is explored, and an awareness-raising timeline of the Jewish Diaspora is provided. For Knight Library hours when the exhibit can be viewed, visit [http://libweb.uoregon.edu/acs\\_svc/knighthours.html](http://libweb.uoregon.edu/acs_svc/knighthours.html). The first book discussion session in the series is scheduled for April 18. For complete information on the discussion sessions, visit <http://libweb.uoregon.edu/news/stories/letstalk.htm>.

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## Exhibit Opportunities in Knight Library

For more than 60 years Knight Library has been home to exhibits that promote campus programs and events, celebrate university milestones and accomplishments, recognize significant donations to the university, and highlight the strength and diversity of the library's collections.

Here's your chance to contribute to the library's exhibit program. The Library Exhibits Committee is accepting proposals for exhibits to be displayed beginning spring 2007 and beyond. *Proposals received by August 1, 2006, will receive priority consideration.*

Guidelines for submission can be found at <http://libweb.uoregon.edu/exhibits/>.

UO faculty and staff, as well as staff of organizations affiliated with the UO, are eligible as exhibitors. UO affiliates include campus, regional, national, or international organizations, and associations such as the Peace Corps, the Women's Law Forum, or the Ecological Design Center. UO students and individuals not affiliated with the university are ineligible to propose exhibits for the UO Libraries but may be included as a member of an exhibit team.

An online proposal form is available at [http://libweb.uoregon.edu/exhibits/exhibit\\_proposal.html](http://libweb.uoregon.edu/exhibits/exhibit_proposal.html). Proposals can also be submitted on paper using the form accessible at [http://libweb.uoregon.edu/exhibits/exhibit\\_proposal.pdf](http://libweb.uoregon.edu/exhibits/exhibit_proposal.pdf).

For more information, contact [Ed Teague](mailto:ehteague@uoregon.edu) <ehteague@uoregon.edu>, Chair, Exhibits Committee, UO Libraries.

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