



BUNTING VISUAL RESOURCES LIBRARY

Bunting Visual Resources Library Newsletter Volume 3, Spring Semester 2011 ***BVRL - VR to go! Educational Use Images for UNM Faculty and Students***

We have two very important announcements which we hope you will take time to read.

First, the good news -- the most recent update of digital images cataloged and processed by the Bunting Visual Resources Library (BVRL) was published to ARTstor in November 2010. This includes approximately 4,100 images selected to specifically to support curriculum and unique programs at UNM, and brings the total of BVRL generated material to 47,600 digital images. (While our current digital image total is 51,550, there is a count discrepancy created with the time lag in exporting and ingesting BVRL images into the ARTstor interface.)

Next, the other news -- this was our final update of Bunting Library material through the ARTstor interface. Since 2007, the University Libraries and BVRL have jointly licensed the ARTstor digital library. Additionally, ever-increasing BVRL digital image collections have been available to the UNM community through ARTstor during a limited term pilot project called "Institutional Hosting." This pilot concluded at the end of 2010, and at the end of 2012, current Bunting Library digital collections (and licensed Archivision modules) will no longer be available through the ARTstor interface, due to budget constraints.

To re-iterate, UNM will continue indefinitely to license ARTstor; but as of 12/31/2012, BVRL generated and licensed image collections will not be available through ARTstor.

Beginning June 2011, the Bunting Library will be transitioning to another image delivery system, most likely, the Madison Digital Image Database (MDID.) MDID is an open source solution developed at James Madison University in 2001, and now in use at many of UNM's peer institutions. BVRL staff have carefully considered how Bunting images are used in the ARTstor interface, and feel MDID will best continue to meet UNM faculty and student need for secure and reliable access to images for instruction, study and research.

Should you have questions during this transition period, staff at the Bunting Library are available to address your concerns; and as always, we welcome your comments. While the transition will not be invisible, we do believe the necessary change is reasonable and manageable. BVRL staff will be offering demonstration, and later, training sessions for MDID. In addition, information and support is offered on-line through the MDID wiki site: http://mdid.org/mdidwiki/index.php?title=Main_Page. Additional information specific to this transition will be addressed directly to UNM's ARTstor community as it is available.

Thank you for your time. We look forward to continuing to providing visual resources to support faculty and students at UNM.

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