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A Walk Through the Stacks Yields an Unexpected Discovery at Gratz's Tuttleman Library

At the end of the aisle, Nitzberg noticed some pamphlet boxes marked "National Socialism." Although the boxes and printed labels post-dated World War II, she wondered whether these containers could possibly include accounts contemporary with the rise of fascism in Germany. What she discovered was a trove of pamphlets from the 1930's and 40's on different subjects, most warning about the rise of fascism, but some describing Nazi atrocities, and others encouraging American neutrality. In fact, the collection includes some rare documents, even a few that are the only known copies.

"These pamphlets have been quietly residing in the library for more than half a century," says Nitzberg, "safely stored, but since they were not cataloged, they were unknown to most of our researchers in recent decades. That we have them at all is a tribute to my predecessors who collected and saved such important materials, which offer insight into what was actually known at the time."

Nitzberg explains that pamphlet collections are a tradition in many academic research libraries. They contain items not deemed fit at the time they were acquired for inclusion in the library's general book collection, and therefore, did not appear in the library's catalog. In addition to pamphlets, such collections often include ephemera, postcards, newsletters, offprints and newspaper clippings.

Nitzberg has begun the process of digitizing the newly discovered pamphlets so that they can be accessed through the [library's homepage](#) by our students and library users around the world. The pamphlets will also appear in the library's online catalog, providing another route for accessing the information.

"Since some of these materials are scarce or unique, I anticipate that this online resource will be highly consulted," says Nitzberg, who will also display some of the pamphlets in an exhibition in the library this month.

In addition, to coincide with the [Holocaust Teach-In](#), she is exhibiting the published works of keynote speaker Professor Deborah Lipstadt. These works include monographs, essays and introductions to compilations by other authors. In addition, the exhibition will feature an original bound printout of the decision by Mr. Justice Charles Gray in the famous libel case brought by historian David Irving against Dr. Lipstadt. On November 13, the day of the Teach-In, the library will also hold a used book sale of Holocaust material, with books being sold at very reasonable prices.

For more information about the newly discovered pamphlets, the Deborah Lipstadt exhibition, the used book sale or anything else related to Gratz College's Tuttleman Library, contact Nancy Nitzberg at nnitzberg@gratz.edu or at 215-635-7300, x159.