All year we receive new books, DVDs, journal issues, and material samples in the Architecture Library and the Visual Resources Collection (VRC), and the summer issue of this newsletter is a great opportunity to look back and highlight some of our new acquisitions and old favorites. We continue to receive new items over the summer and they'll be on hand for you to peruse when you return in the fall. Or, if you’re on campus this summer, stop by and see what’s new!

Archives Research Award Winner Kayla Lutz

By Carol Street, Archivist for Architectural Records

The Drawings + Documents Archive congratulates Kayla Lutz on being awarded the first Archives Research Award for her thorough primary source research papers titled “Alva Kitselman’s Hazelwood: From House of Wealth to House of Worship” and “Towpaths and Tracks: An In-Depth Look at the History and Subsequent Impact of the Whitewater Canal and Whitewater Valley Railroad in Southeastern Indiana.” Her brief, two-page paper on Alva Kitselman’s Muncie home was notably striking for its 43 citations of archival sources from more than five different archival repositories, including the Drawings + Documents Archive. Kayla is graduating this spring with her bachelor’s degree in landscape architecture and minor degrees in historic preservation and sustainable land systems.

The Archives Research Award is open to any Ball State University undergraduate or graduate student studying Architecture, Landscape Architecture, Urban Planning, Urban Design, or Historic Preservation. The award acknowledges a student who has demonstrated distinction through an academic project (including, but not limited to, thesis, design projects, creative writing, artwork, websites, and exhibits) that is based substantially on Drawings + Documents Archive materials. Ms. Lutz certainly exemplifies the goals of the award and we wish her much success as she embarks on her career in landscape architecture.

**Staff Favorites in the Architecture Library, VRC, and D + D Archive**

- **BlingCrete: Light Reflecting Concrete.** 
  **Selected by:** Cindy Turner, Visual Resources Curator. 
  As the person who orders the samples, I have MANY favorites, but right now my newest favorite material sample is a product called BlingCrete. It is a concrete application that features round glass spheres embedded in the surface of the concrete. Its purpose is exactly what it is called….to add bling to the surface of the building. The glass spheres add texture & reflectivity to the surface of the concrete which makes it sparkle. I just wish I had thought of and produced this product! **Find it:** in the VRC (AB 117) at call number BLDG MAT 2015-001.

- **City Comforts: How to Build an Urban Village** by David Sucher, 2nd ed. 
  **Selected by:** Ellen Forthofer (‘15, Urban Planning), student assistant in the Architecture Library. If you’re looking for an easy and informative read, this is your book. Sucher uses several pictures and illustrative descriptions to analyze what works (and what doesn’t) in cities. You will never look at an urban area in the same way after reading this book. **Find it:** in the Architecture Library at call number NA9030.S88 2003.

- **Diamond Metal Plate** (Digital Material Sample). 
  **Selected by:** Joshua Ralph (‘16, Architecture), student assistant in the Visual Resources Collection. As the digital material fabricator, I chose from the 3D Object Library in Visual Resource Center the Diamond Metal Plate as one of my favorite digital material samples. I have many samples within the library that I like very much but this one really stands out to me. I think mostly due to how its texture seems so three dimensional when the sample is rendered. **Find it:** in the VRC (AB 117), 3D Object Library/Materials/Bldg Mat 2010-174 (Sheet Metals)/ Diamond Plate.

- **Tiny: a Story About Living Small (DVD).** 
  **Selected by:** Jackie Sciscoe, Architecture Library Coordinator. In a world where people tend to want more and more this film shows you that bigger isn’t always better. Not only do these people gain the pride and accomplishment of building their own home but it also goes to show that having the biggest and the best of everything isn’t always the answer to everyone’s happiness. **Find it:** in the Architecture Library, DVD 12246.

- **Detail in Contemporary Concrete Architecture.** 
  **Selected by:** Chandra Aylsworth (‘15, Architecture), student assistant in the Architecture Library. 
  Detail in Contemporary Concrete Architecture has become not only one of my favorites this term but also one of the most helpful in project development. It can be hard to understand just exactly how some concrete forms come together and this book is helpful in showing the structural detail, and it has an accompanying CD with drawings in Photoshop and CAD as well. Check out this book and many other “In Detail” books of this series and they will open your mind to how architecture really comes together through the details. **Find it:** in the Architecture Library at call number NA4125.P45 2012.

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