For this issue of the newsletter, we are highlighting some of the items in the collections that have most captured our attention. Of course it’s tough to pick favorites when the library has so many great books, DVDs, and journals and the VRC is brimming with interesting samples! Visit the library, the VRC, and the archive to see the selected items and more. Unless you’ll be off campus this summer, in which case be sure to review the list of research resources available to Ball State students and faculty members below.

Best wishes for your summer pursuits!

Summer is a great time to pick your own favorites in the archives, whether they’re for personal research or for classes next fall. We’ve helped you get started by selecting a few of our own in this newsletter, but there are thousands more from which to choose.

If you stop in this summer, you’ll find me processing our recent donations from architect Ewing Miller, FAIA, and landscape architect Eric Fulford, FASLA. Expect these new collections to be available in the fall.

Hope you have a wonderful summer!

You can still access University Libraries resources even if you’ll be away from campus this summer! To get started, visit the University Libraries online at http://cms.bsu.edu/academics/libraries. Resources available to Ball State students and faculty members off campus include:

- The Avery Index
- BuildingGreen.com
- Business Source Premier
- CardCat
- Drawings + Documents Archive online collections
- JSTOR
- MADCAD (includes IBC 2012)
- OneSearch

Looking for a great community art project that makes people stop and think about what is important to them? Before I Die by Candy Chang is a thought provoking book full of inspiring images and quotes of what people around the world want to do before they die. This is a worldwide phenomenon and this book is a great community art project that makes people stop and think about what is important to them.

Indianapolis. Whether a post-WWII housing developing west of downtown, business blocks in Broad Ripple, or mansions along Meridian Street, Alvin Meranda has left a well-documented legacy over their 40+ year tenure. Find it: in the Drawings + Documents Archive, AB 120.

**The Geography of Nowhere: the Rise and Decline of America’s Man-Made Landscape** by James Howard Kunstler.

Selected by: Ellen Forthofer ('15, Urban Planning), student assistant in the Architecture Library.

Kunstler’s sarcastic and witty writing will entertain you throughout the book, though he reports on serious issues in America’s current development patterns. This book makes you think about potential consequences in the built environment caused by the decisions made by designers, politicians, and others who shape the environment around us. A great, quick read. Find it: in the Architecture Library at call number N72.A76 C53 20103.

**Postcard Collection**

Selected by: Mary Delach ('14, MSHP), student assistant in the Drawings + Documents Archive.

My favorite item is the post card collection! I find it interesting to see what was important or significant enough for a community to print on a post card. Find it: in the Drawings + Documents Archive, AB 120.

**Samples Related to Stormwater**

Selected by: James Bohan ('14, Landscape Architecture), student assistant in the Visual Resources Collection.

These samples are favorites because they are great alternatives to retention ponds and runoff water. Find it: in the VRC, AB 117, at call numbers BLDG MAT 2010-127, BLDG MAT 2012-038, BLDG MAT 2012-042, and BLDG MAT 2013-017.

**Vitamin Green.**

Selected by: Chandra Aylsworth ('15, Architecture), student assistant in the Architecture Library.

This book provides a look into the many facets of sustainability and how far reaching green products are today. One of the things I am most passionate about is the future of green/sustainable products not just in Architecture, which I am partial to, but in the everyday things as well. The sustainable products in this book show just how many things have been re-thought and produced green along with many other innovative green and sustainable solutions. I recommend this book as an inspiration for any designer interested in "sustainable design" to show just how limitless this way of design thinking truly is. Find it: in the Architecture Library at call number NA2542.36.V58 2012.