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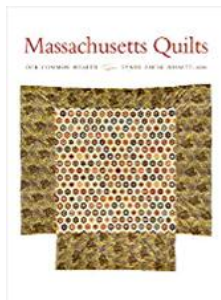
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This publication is created by the Freel Library Local History/Archives Division of the Reference Department to inform students, faculty, staff, administrators, and the general public about the ongoing Local History projects at MCLA. This newsletter covers new acquisitions (books , videos, artifacts, etc.) to the Local History/ College Archives collections that are beneficial for research and help to preserve the history of the College and the local community. It is also our wish to inform members of the MCLA community what our students or staff are doing on and off campus.

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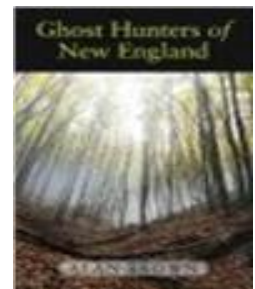
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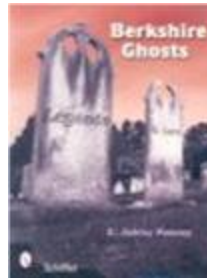
Massachusetts quilts : our common wealth / Lynne Zacek Bassett, editor. Lebanon, NH : University Press of New England, c2009. This beautifully arranged book presents and documents numerous historical quilts and their unique histories. There are several references to quilts made in Berkshire County during the 19th century. Published in Lebanon, NH by University Press of New England, c2009.

Ghost hunters of New England / Alan Brown.

Published Hanover, NH : University Press of New England, c2008. In this book are references to the Berkshire Paranormal Group that is based out of North Adams. References are made to the haunting of the former Houghton house (near the Masonic Lodge) on Church Street, not too far from campus.

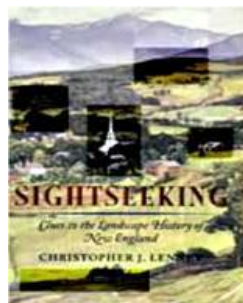
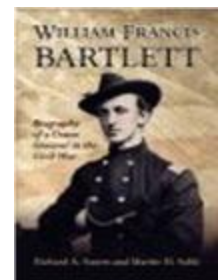


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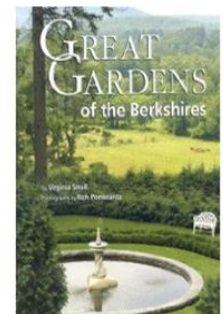
Berkshire ghosts, legends, and lore / E. Ashley Rooney ; photos by D. Peter Lund unless otherwise noted. Published Atglen, Pa.: Schiffer Pub., c2008. This book retells regional stories and local folklore about the various ghosts and hauntings throughout Berkshire County.

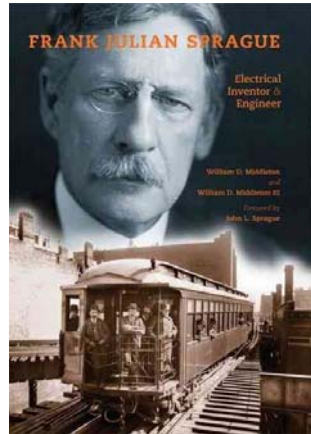
William Francis Bartlett : biography of a Union general in the Civil War / Richard A. Sauers and Martin H. Sable. Published Jefferson, N.C. : McFarland, c2009. For you Civil War history buffs, this Biography of a Civil War General was originally from Pittsfield, Ma. Bartlett was wounded three times resulting in the amputation of his leg but eventually died at the age of 36. There are numerous local historical photographs and many detailed notes & references.



Sightseeking : clues to the landscape history of New England / Christopher J. Lenney. Published Hanover [N.H.]: University Press of New England, c2003. This book discusses the ways to read and interpret the historical man-made landscape throughout New England.

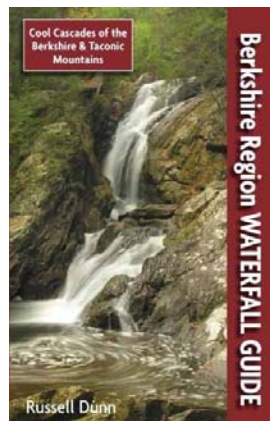
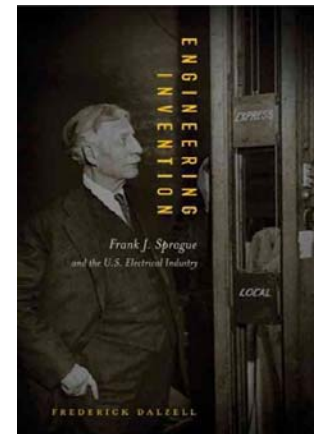
Great gardens of the Berkshires / by Virginia Small ; photographs by Rich Pomerantz. Published Camden, ME : Down East Books, 2008. This publication has beautiful photographs showing some of the private and public gardens that exist or have been restored on some of the historic estates throughout Berkshire County.





Frank Julian Sprague : electrical inventor & engineer / William D. Middleton & William D. Middleton III ; foreword by John L. Sprague. Published-Bloomington : Indiana University Press, c2009. This biography details the various inventions and patents that lead to changes in transportation through electrification during the late 19th & early 20th centuries. Some of these inventions played a role in the development of the former Sprague Electric Company here in North Adams.

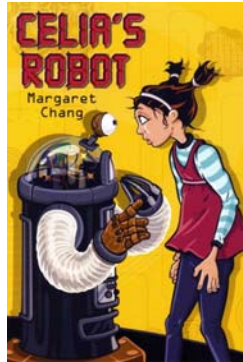
Engineering invention : Frank J. Sprague and the U.S. electrical industry 1880-1900/ Frederick Dazell. Published Cambridge, Mass. : MIT Press, c2010. This study discusses Frank Sprague's important contributions to electrical history.



Berkshire region waterfall guide : cool cascades of the Berkshire & Taconic Mountains / Russell Dunn. Published Hensonville, N.Y. : Black Dome Press Corp., 2008. This hiking guide will lead you to some beautiful waterfalls closer than you think.

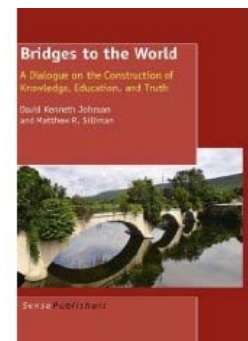
New Faculty Publications

As part of the College Archives, the library keeps copies of faculty publications from current and past professors. Some of these items do not circulate but can be accessed by asking someone in the Reference Department.



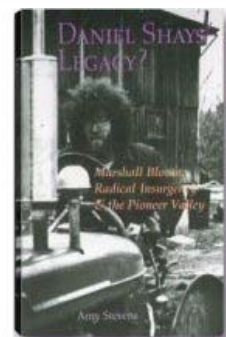
Margaret Chang 2009 Surprised by her scientist father's gift of a robot for her birthday, ten-year-old Celia comes to appreciate its help in organizing her chaotic day-to-day life until it suddenly and mysteriously disappears.

Bridges to the world : A dialogue on the construction of knowledge, education, and truth / **David Kenneth Johnson and Matthew R. Silliman.** 2009



Lea Bertani Vozar Newman. Growing up Italian in Chicago : a memoir. Published Bennington, Vt. : Bertani Books, 2003. A memoir of the first eighteen years in the life of a daughter of Italian immigrants growing up in a nurturing household in the Italian neighborhood on the near north side of Chicago through the depression years of the 1930s and into the 1940s.

Daniel Shays' legacy? : Marshall Bloom, radical insurgency & the Pioneer Valley / **Amy Stevens.** 2005



FYI Information



FYI ~ MCLA Local History, Special collections and College archives materials can only be used in the Library during the hours when Reference staff is present Mon.-Fri. 9-5 p.m. If you have any local history research questions feel free to contact Linda Kaufmann or Susan Denault in the Reference Dept. in Freel Library at 662-5325.

For MCLA faculty, if you need assistance to learn more about the type of resources we have in our local history and special collections, we can help. I'm available to come to your classes to talk about the wide variety of materials that we have to help your students with their projects. Contact Susan Denault in the Reference Dept. X5325 Mon.-Thurs. 1p.m.-6 p.m. to set up an appointment for me to come to your class.

