Honoring Student Assistants: The Student Library Service Bookplate Program at Dartmouth College

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How many of you employ student assistants at your libraries?
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Selection:
a new edition of
*The Sun Also Rises*
by Ernest Hemingway
2007: Planning the Pilot

- graduating student assistants
- eligible if they had worked two terms, including senior year
- our best guess: fiction, popular non-fiction, memoir, humor, graphic novels
- any item (book, DVD, score) not in holdings
- three choices
- $1000 budget, volunteered by English bibliographer
The Process

- 100 eligible students emailed in early April
- deadline: end of April
- selections checked against holdings and for availability from vendors (Amazon)
- entered in spreadsheet
- rush ordered when possible
- average price ~$20
- most items arrived in time for photo of students with Dean of Libraries Jeffrey Horrell
Class of 2007
Class of 2012
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What did we learn?

- Start early
- Ask for help
- Be flexible
- Welcome the unexpected
- Look ahead
Questions?

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