

Book Marks

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From the Director's Desk

By Martha Stevenson

Where did the semester go?

September 8th was my first day on the job as the director of the Mary Kintz Bevevino Library here at Misericordia. Now it is the start of spring semester. I look back and think: *Where did the days go!*

Getting to know the library staff and learning how each person contributes to our work was the first thing on my agenda. Next, I had many opportunities to meet with deans, department chairs, faculty and staff, as well as the President of the SGA and one of the editors of the *Highlander*. As a result of these conversations, I heard about concerns—as well as praises—for what the library does.

Since being on campus, I have come to see the care and concern the faculty, staff, and students have for

each other and for those in the community. There is Bagel Wednesday sponsored by Campus Ministry, support the campus gives to the Back Mountain Food Bank, the Star Tree, bringing to campus the AIDS quilt, etc. It is a good feeling being part of such a community.

In this issue of *Book Marks*, you will read about services the library has been developing to support teaching and learning. There are articles about signing up to receive text messages about interlibrary loan arrivals and overdues, a new interlibrary loan service called E-ZBorrow, how the Archives has a presence on Flickr, improvements to printing, and a Speaker Series sponsored by the Friends of the Library that is coming in the Spring. All of these have been developed with our users in mind—to serve each of you better

and make each visit a good one.

To continue to enhance customer satisfaction, we need to hear from you. What changes would you like to see? All suggestions are welcome; we may not be able to implement or act on every suggestion, yet we will review the information while planning for the future. And the only way I will know about your ideas is if I hear from you.

Please take a few minutes to participate in the survey below. I truly would like to hear from you. I appreciate your time!

Also, know my door is always open if you ever want to stop by and chat. Thanks in advance for responding to the survey.



SURVEY

1. What is the best way to communicate with you? (e.g. email, newsletter, library website, blog)
2. What would be your top priority for a new service that the library should provide?
3. Would you be interested in participating in a monthly book club?
4. If the library provided popular DVDs, would you check them out?
5. Would you be interested in a gaming night (both board games and computer games)?
6. Should the library have a presence on Facebook/MySpace?
7. How would you rate the library as a place to study and/or relax? (e.g.. furniture, layout, study rooms)
8. What would be your top priority for a change in the library?
9. Would you be interested in being part of the Friends of the Library group (attend a monthly meeting and assist in activities they do to support the library)?

10. **Comments:**

Please return to the Circulation Desk.

2009 Speaker Series

By Jennifer Luksa

The Friends of the Mary Kintz Bevevino Library will once again sponsor a Spring Speaker Series, which gives Misericordia University faculty the opportunity to discuss and share their research projects with the University community.

This year's speakers include Dr. Steven Tedford, Dr. David Wright and Dr. Angela Asirvatham.

Dr. Tedford, a new faculty member in the Math Department, will speak Wednesday, February 18, on the topic, "Polynomials of Graphs."



Dr. Steven Tedford



On Wednesday, March 25, Dr. Wright, History Department Chair, will present on "The History of Science and Fantasy Television."

Dr. David Wright

The series finale will take place Wednesday, April 15, during National Library Week, with guest speaker, Dr. Asirvatham. Her topic is "Support in the Nervous System: Conversations between Schwann Cells and Neurons."



Dr. Angela Asirvatham

All presentations are scheduled for 12:15 p.m. in the Catherine Evans McGowan Room on the library's third floor. Attendees are encouraged to bring a brown bag lunch. Light refreshments will be provided by the Friends. For more information, please contact the library at 674-6231.

Book Review: *Elsevier's Dictionary of Plant Lore* ^{author,}

Donald C. Watts Reviewed by Mark Stull

You've got a headache, and there's not an aspirin in sight. Not to worry, legendary plant lore has it that two freshly cut slices of raw potato held to the temples will fix that! Internet down and can't get the weather report? No problem, the ubiquitous marigold has the answer: If it hasn't opened its petals by 7 a.m., expect rain! Had a dream about almonds last night? You're soon going on a long journey. Got a four-leaved clover in your pocket for luck? Cool, but what of the rare five-leaved one? Let it be! It brings nothing but woe and misfortune to he who picks it!

These and thousands of other fun, fascinating and delightful bits of fact and folklore are presented in this new, charmingly entertaining and painstakingly researched (the bibliography is 22 pages long) plant history dictionary from Elsevier. Both a fun-filled romp through the names, legends, recipes, uses, superstitions and geographical origins of 30,000+ plants, as well as a meticulous work of superior academic research, this posthumously published work by renowned British ethnobotanist Donald C. Watts is a lively, informative book of terms, titles and tidbits from the plant world. Formatted alphabetically by both individual plant name and topic, Watts presents a dizzying (and thoroughly engaging) array of topics, truths and tall plant-tales. We learn under MANDRAKE, for example, that in ancient times, in order to prevent the madness brought on by the dreadful shriek it emitted when harvested, one was to first trace circles around the plant with a sword, then cut it only while looking west. Or, under INVISIBLE INK we are told that the juice of the SPURGE LAUREL (when dissolved in water with alum) does indeed produce an ink which leaves no trace of writing on paper—until the paper is put under water where the writing will appear plain and legible. Further fun reading reveals that in some cultures in Sweden it's believed snakes lose their venom when touched by a wand made from a HAZEL tree, while in Africa a witch can evidently be captured if she smells burning TABASCO PEPPER. (Seems it renders her flightless.) Under INSOMNIA one learns that LIME-BLOSSOM

tea has for centuries been (rightly) regarded as one of the best-known natural remedies for sleeplessness, and about COCKLEBUR we read that its boiled leaves—as described by Dioscorides some 2000 years ago, "the fruit gathered, beaten and put in an earthen vessel, is of a force to make the hair yellow"—made what was apparently among the very first hair dyes. Another seemingly unusual concoction, lemon juice mixed with the boiled roots of WILD POND LILIES, is said in certain areas of America to remove freckles when applied topically, and while there is no explanation given as to just why, HOUSELEEKs are also known in some parts of the world as WELCOME-HOME-HUSBAND-THOUGH-NEVER-SO-DRUNK, it's a fun thing to read about anyway.

Beyond such humorous stuff, however, (and the rich commentary), Watts' attention to scientific detail is evident throughout. Each plant is listed by its common name, followed by its Latin botanical name, and it is here where we see examples of Watts' meticulous research: WATERCRESS' botanical name, until recently *Nasturtium officinale*, is correctly listed with its new designation *Rorippa nasturtium-aquaticum*, as is BLUEBELL (*Endymion non-scriptus* until a decade ago, now accurately identified as *Hyacinthoides non-scripta*). There are also more than 20 lovely—and wonderfully detailed—water color paintings of various plants and flowers included in the book.

A thoroughly enjoyable treat from A (ACORNS, the caps into which elves and fairies crawl to hide) to Z (ZINNIA, a leaf which when placed upon a patient's head cures madness), Donald C. Watts' *Dictionary of Plant Lore* is a must for anyone serious about their flora, their FENNEL (in tea a proven remedy for bronchitis and also used by dragons to restore their failed eyesight)—and their fun. Now, where was I? Oh yes, off to find a wreath made from HOPS. (Brings prosperity to those upon whose home it hangs.) Not that I believe it, of course. ☺

Reference @ your library

By David Marks

A new database called Ulrich's Web has been added to the General Databases section on the library's webpage. This database is an electronic version of the print edition that has been published since 1932. The value of this resource is equally beneficial for students and faculty.

Ulrich's is devoted to providing bibliographic and publisher information for more than 300,000 periodicals. These periodicals consist of popular, academic and scholarly journals. Each record, if applicable, contains the International Standard Serials Number or ISSN, the title, first year of publication, and frequency of publication. Other useful information is where the journal is abstracted or indexed in electronic or print format. For students and professors, this enables users to know if *Misericordia* will have the journal in one of our databases.

Another great benefit of Ulrich's Periodicals Directory is that each periodical is listed by document type, which includes whether or not a journal is scholarly or refereed. This benefits students with assignments that require their sources to be scholarly and based on original research. For professors, the requirement to use scholarly sources can be confusing for students. With Ulrich's Web, the search for whether or not a journal is considered a scholarly journal is now quite easy.

The ways to search for a journal title with Ulrich's Web are quite simple and intuitive. Periodicals and journals can be found by typing in the title of the journal, the subject or the ISSN. The record also provides other useful information. Each record displays the website of each periodical and the price for a subscription, and students are able to search the publisher's website for more information. Ulrich's Periodicals Directory can save time and effort because the student can immediately know if the source is scholarly and/or a refereed journal before requesting the journal article. For faculty, the price allows them to determine, based upon the department's budget and the library budget, whether a title should be added to the collection.

From the librarian's standpoint, Ulrich's is the definitive directory of periodicals. The subject listings, while not from the Library of Congress, are nonetheless easy to use and logical. The information contained in each record enables the library staff to only have to go to one spot for basic journal information regarding a journal's publication and pricing. Clearly, Ulrich's Periodicals Directory is a mutually beneficial resource for students and faculty. For more information about Ulrich's Periodicals Directory, please access this resource from the library's database page under the "General Databases" section.



National Library Week will be observed April 13-17, 2009 with the theme, "Worlds connect @ your library®." Great prizes, games, and giveaways everyday! Watch for upcoming announcements!

Social Networking: Micro-blogging

By Dani Vaughn-Tucker

Blogging is so 2006! Today, it's all about micro-blogging or telling everyone what you're doing in 140 characters or less. That doesn't mean that blogging is obsolete; it just means that more and more people are foregoing long posts for short ones that let friends, family and co-workers know what they're up to every minute of the day (or as often as they'd like to update).

Setting up a micro-blog is as easy as finding a platform that you're comfortable with, signing up and then answering the following question: "What are you doing?" Two of the biggest platforms are Twitter (<http://twitter.com/>) and Plurk (<http://www.plurk.com/>). Of the two, Twitter is probably the most popular and has even garnered attention for being one of the first social networking applications to break the news about the earthquakes in China a few months back and the earthquake in California a few weeks ago.

Librarians and other information specialists have been using Twitter and other services as a way of finding out what's going on at different conferences and workshops when they can't be there in person. And some companies have started using these platforms as a way of letting their customers know about new products. However, the biggest use has come from political candidates who want to let their followers know where they are and what they're doing. Posts range from the most mundane, (I'm drinking a glass of water.), to a cry for help (I've been arrested. Please help.), to the deep and philosophical, (If nothing's going right for me today. Can I consider it a cosmic sick day and go home?).

Printing Improves at the Library *By David Marks*

In the summer of 2008, the Mary Kintz Bevevino Library received two new Xerox high capacity printers, which were intended to meet the demands of the high volume of printing required by students at Misericordia. Although the printers arrived with great promise, they created frustration for both the staff and students as printing became difficult to navigate and solve.

According to IT staff member, Mike Hilstolsky, calls were being placed with Xerox almost on a daily basis for part of the fall semester. The Reference staff was spending a great deal of time clearing paper jams and attempting to complete printing jobs for students to retrieve their copies. The main problem appeared to be that the printing software that tracked and activated the print jobs was from 2006-2007. This printing software was not "talking" with the 2008 Xerox models. Consequently, print jobs would remain in the printing queue for hours or until the jobs were cleared by IT or Xerox.

Once the problem was diagnosed by Mike and Xerox, printing became much easier at the Database Search lab next to the reference area. The same printers and upgraded software are now available in the Science Lab and Mercy Hall.

The improvements for the Spring semester include the ability to create double-sided printing jobs and improved printing at the library. Printing jobs are stored in the printer's queue for four hours. After this time, the printing job is deleted. While there is still the occasional mechanical paper jam, the frustration of not obtaining hard copies has been greatly reduced.

For those students who want to conserve paper, please note the simple directions for double-sided printing posted next to the computers, and by the recycling bin.

As a side note, printing for non-students is available at a cost of .10 per page after a courtesy allotment of 10 free copies. This policy helps to ensure that the printing needs of Misericordia students are given first priority

What's in the Archives?

By Dani Vaughn-Tucker

I've seen you walk by my office, poke your head in the door and quickly run off when you see me turning towards you; you're wondering; *What in the world is in there? And why is that girl just sitting there staring at the computer monitor?* The small office tucked away on the third floor of the library is the Sister Mary Carmel McGarigle Archives. The archives is named for the first University archivist and houses a variety of different materials, including photographs, books, letters, newspapers and other memorabilia. And—nine times out of ten—when I'm staring at the monitor, I'm trying to figure out the best way to identify a picture or other bit of memorabilia for the collection.

The University archives maintains one main collection, Misericordia University History, and three special collections: The Sisters of Mercy, Back Mountain Community (under the auspices of the Back Mountain Historical Association) and The Center for Nursing History.

Misericordia University History

History of the University from its inception as an institution of higher learning for women in 1924, to its transition to a co-ed college in the 1970s, to its present status as a liberal arts-based University. Material is collected from different departments within the University, and consists of photographs, written material, fliers from different institutional activities, as well as contracts from the founding of the

University. Portions of the collection are on display throughout the library.

The Sisters of Mercy

History of the Religious Sisters of Mercy, the founders of the University. Material is primarily gathered from sisters who served in some capacity at the University, and consists of scrapbooks, photographs, books and other documents. Pictures may be viewed on the third floor of the library.

Back Mountain Community

History of the Back Mountain community and its surrounds. Material is donated by members of the community who are actively engaged in the preservation of the local history, and consists of photographs and postcards. The pictures may be viewed at <http://www.backmountain.org/>.

The Center for Nursing History

History of nursing in Northeastern Pennsylvania. Material is donated by members of the nursing profession as well as local hospitals and nursing schools. The collection consists of photographs, brochures, nursing uniforms as well as text books and other memorabilia. Part of the collection is on display in the second floor study room in the library.

If you would like to view or donate material to the University archives, please contact Dani Vaughn-Tucker at dtucker@misericordia.edu

Smile! You May Be on Camera!

By Colleen Newhart

Thanks to monies raised from last year's Friends of the Library basket raffle during National Library week, the library was recently able to purchase a Nikon Cool Pix 80 digital camera with an 18x zoom and 10.1 megapixels, which will insure frame by frame clarity for deciding those really close book cart races during National Library Week, or capturing students gathering re-

sources or just reading a good book. We can also document the Friends Speaker Series, which will take place in the spring. In the library many good things happen, and we are ready to capture you for our next book mark or brochure.



What's New in Access Services @ the library

By Colleen Newhart

Did you ever forget to return a library book or find that the book you were waiting for on interlibrary loan had arrived at the library, and you could have picked it up before you left campus? Now if you would like, we can send you a text message in addition to an email notification. All that we require is your text address, which consists of your cell number and your carrier (i.e. 262-1234@verizon.net). Never forget to pick up a book or have major overdue fines again! Add this additional information to your patron profile at the Circulation Desk, and let us know you are interested in text message notices.

In addition to the ILLiad interlibrary loan system, this semester we are premiering our newest web gateway that allows you to search the catalogs of over 60 academic libraries in Pennsylvania, New Jersey and West Virginia, and to personally place a request for books on the spot. It's Called E-ZBorrow because it is easy! This system offers support for the Health Sciences, broad collections from liberal arts institutions, religious studies, and five ARL research libraries. Thanks to the recent Library Ser-



vices and Technologies Act (LSTA) grant, staff members received EZ-Borrow training, which enables them to provide patrons with an easy-access direct method of ordering books. All you need to get started is a student ID number and access to the internet. For more information, ask at the Circulation Desk or check out the service on the interlibrary loan web page.



As a member of Access PA, we now have VDX, an additional system available for borrowing materials. This system allows library staff to search the catalogs of several public as well as academic libraries similar to (E-ZBorrow) to secure materials for patrons without a charge.

Have you seen Big Brown parked outside the library? Interlibrary loan books are now shipped and received via UPS for Interlibrary Delivery Service (IDS) to assure the fastest delivery time possible. Most orders are filled and shipped within 48 hours of your placing the request.



Honor and Memorial Books@ the Bevevino Library

By Jennifer Luksa

The following memorial titles were added to the library collection:

Better IEPs: How to Develop Legally Correct and Educationally Useful Programs by Barbara D. Bateman, given in memory of John Spagnola by Dr. and Mrs. Ivar Berg.

Neurorehabilitation in Parkinson's Disease: An Evidence-Based Treatment Model edited by Marilyn Train, Elizabeth Protas, and Eugene C. Lai, given in memory of John Spagnola by the staff of the Mary Kintz Bevevino Library.

Taming Democracy: "The People," the Founders, and The Troubled Ending of the American Revolution by Terry Bouton, given in memory of Stanley Marcinek by Megan and William Horan.

Native Plants of the Northeast: A Guide for Gardening & Conservation by Donald J. Leopold, given in memory of Robert Rave by Mr. & Mrs. Clinton Lehman, Jr.

Freedom for Themselves: North Carolina's Black Soldiers in the Civil War Era by Richard M. Reid, given in memory of Robert Rave by Jim & Shelia Flaherty

If you are interested in purchasing a title in memory or in honor of someone, please contact Jennifer Luksa at 674-6325.

What's New in the Archives

By Dani Vaughn-Tucker

There are many exciting changes taking place in the Sister Mary Carmel McGarigle Archives. One of the biggest is our entry into the world of Web 2.0 by creating a presence on Flickr. Flickr is a photo management and sharing application that allows users to browse, view and tag photos from many different users, creating a more "social" aspect to photo viewing. While this may seem like an unorthodox approach to photo sharing for an academic institution, precedence was set for institutional usage by the Library of Congress http://flickr.com/photos/library_of_congress/.

Last month, I began adding photographs from the Misericordia University History Collection to Flickr at <http://flickr.com/photos/sistermarycarmelmccariglearchives/> with the hopes of creating greater access to the beautiful photographic treasures in the archives. Flickr also provides an opportunity for alumni, current and potential students and other members of the Misericordia community to share their memories in a much more interactive format. Currently, there are about 115 images, with more being added daily.

Please take the opportunity to check out our site. I invite you to tag photos, "favorite" them and add comments; this site is for you and can only be made better

through your participation. If you have any suggestions, comments or criticisms please do not hesitate to contact me at dtucker@misericordia.edu or 6420.



Library Hours

Monday - Thursday

8:00 am - 11:00 pm

Friday

8:00 am - 5:00 pm

Saturday

10:00 am - 7:00 pm

Weekend U

10:00 am - 9:00 pm

Sunday

11:00 am - 11:00 pm

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Food and Drink in the Library

The library facilities are here for the use of students. The staff works hard to make the library a hospitable place where students can study, work together, or just relax. Our housekeeping staff is tireless in their upkeep of the building. Please be responsible when disposing of food packaging and drink containers, as well as chewing gum. There are wastebaskets available throughout the building. Please be considerate and help keep our building clean.



Staff Highlights

By Joan Pastorelli

Elizabeth Spaciano joined the staff of the Bevevino Library in May of 2006, in the Technical Services area as the Acquisitions Specialist. In September of 2008, Beth assumed added responsibilities as she began her position as Acquisitions and Budget Specialist. Beth had previously been employed, from September of 2000, in the University's Purchasing Department. Before coming to Misericordia, Beth was employed in the commercial lending office at First Eastern Bank, and in the Dallas School District as an administrative secretary.

Beth lives in Trucksville with her husband, Mark, and their children, Samantha, a student in the Speech/Language Pathology masters program at Misericordia, and Ally, a junior in the Interior Architecture major at Marywood. Besides Beth's recent travels to Las Vegas and the Caribbean, she made a trip to Florence and Rome last spring to visit her daughter, Ally, who spent a semester studying art

history in Italy.

Beth enjoys her role as the Acquisitions/Budget Specialist, as it allows her to indulge in her "great love of books," and she especially enjoys the creative aspects of working in the library during preparations for the annual celebration of National Library Week.



Beth, a.k.a. Lois Lane, during "Superhero Week," Library open house, Fall 2007.

In addition to traveling, in her spare time Beth is an avid collector of antiques, enjoys genealogy research, and is a local history enthusiast.



November Veterans Day display honoring family members of library staff and all veterans.