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Book Marks

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Mary Kintz Bebevino Library Welcomes New Archivist

Hello all. My name is Jessica Reeder, and I'm the new archivist. Most days I can be found on the third floor of the library in the Sister Mary Carmel McGarigle Archives, which contains the Misericordia University History Collection, as well as collections for the Back Mountain Historical Association and The Center for Nursing History. These collections contain some fantastic pieces of local history, including photographs, scrapbooks, flyers, programs, papers, memorabilia (including the mascot head I'm holding at right), and a host of other items. As archivist, I'm responsible for collecting, processing, cataloging, preserving, and providing reference assistance for materials that provide historical documentation of the community's cultural heritage.

When I'm not in the archives, you can often find me on the second floor at the reference desk. While there, I serve as a reference librarian, ready to help with all of your reference needs. I am excited by the array of resources available for students, faculty, and staff at the reference desk, including the new Text a Librarian service, which you can read about in this edition of Book Marks.

Prior to working at Misericordia, I worked as a casual employee in the Special Collections Department at the Harvard Law School Library. While there, I worked on processing, cataloging, and providing reference services for their collections. I am a

member of the Society of American Archivists and the American Library Association. I am a proud member of the Choctaw tribe, and I am a Gates Millennium Scholars Alumna. As a scholar, I obtained my bachelor's degree in English from Gettysburg College with a minor in education, and my master's degree in library and information science with a concentration in archival management from Simmons College.

When not on campus, I reside in nearby Forty Fort, where I live with my partner Megan and our array of antiques. I enjoy good food, good books, and a good laugh. I also collect vintage cookbooks from 1900–1950, as well as local or regional cookbooks.

I'm truly delighted to be at Misericordia University. In the past few weeks, I've met faculty, students, and staff around campus, and I can tell that this University has developed a nurturing environment, where ideas, cooperation, and community flourish. I hope to become part of that environment by bringing new ideas for promoting access, use, and continued growth of the archives. Through outreach, cooperation, and the use of many folders, I hope to make the archives a place where people can find a piece of their history. If you'd like to donate items to the archives or find a piece of your own history, don't hesitate to contact me at jreeder@misericordia.edu or by phone at 674-6420.



Friends of the Library Spring Speaker Series

By Jennifer Luksa

Each semester, the Friends of the Mary Kintz Bevevino Library proudly sponsor a speaker series. Three presentations are currently scheduled for this spring. In February, Dr. Cari Tellis from the Speech-Language Pathology Department will present.



In March, Dr. Michael Orleski from the Physics Department will speak on astronomy.

Finally, on April 22, Dr. Becky Steinberger, English Department, and local poet Iris Levy, along with a number of students, will do poetry readings.



Please watch e-MU and the library website for specific dates and times for these presentations. All presentations take place in the Catherine Evans McGowan Room, third floor of the library, and are open to the University and local community.

*Books to the ceiling,
Books to the sky,
My pile of books is a mile high.
How I love them! How I need them!
I'll have a long beard by the time I
read them.*

Arnold Lobel

Mom's Advice

By Martha Stevenson

Do you remember your mom telling you:

- ⇒ Keep your elbows off the dinner table when eating?
- ⇒ Place your napkin on your lap?
- ⇒ Say please and thank you?
- ⇒ Address your elders with Sir or Ma'am?
- ⇒ Hold open the door for the person following you?
- ⇒ Cover your mouth when coughing?
- ⇒ Do not interrupt when someone is speaking?
- ⇒ Look a person in the eye when talking to them?

And the biggest one I think of today is: **If you can't say something nice, don't say anything!**

Why do these words of advice from Mom resonate so loudly today? It is because social networking has put us in a position to forget our good manners! I know that online communication is a way of life now, but does that give us permission to throw out all that we learned from Mom? Once we get on Facebook or Twitter, we don't think before posting or tweeting. Some people don't care how they come across online. If you are one of those people, just think what your mom would say to you. Mind your "Ps & Qs."

Without the benefit of body language, eye con-

tact and context, it is much harder to know what people mean when they are tweeting or blogging. All the more reason to remember some basic rules of etiquette when online:

- ⇒ If you won't say it to me in person in a public venue, then don't say it online. Being harmful hurts.
- ⇒ Using all CAPS is still considered yelling.
- ⇒ It is always nice to say goodbye when you go offline.
- ⇒ Do you provide your "friends" with fact or fiction to read when they are online with you?
- ⇒ Since you can be anonymous when online, do you think this changes the way you act?
- ⇒ To friend or not to friend? Maybe keep work/friend groups separate?
- ⇒ In an article by Pamela Podger, she states that you should "be human and allow your personality to be apparent on social networks. Cleverness, casualness, humility, humor and openness are key."
- ⇒ Lastly, you do have friends/family outside your virtual life. Don't forget about them!

Remember, just follow your Mom's guidance: Be respectful, be kind and be safe—good advice no matter how you communicate!



Broadway Ticket Discounts!

If you are headed to New York City and plan to see a play or musical, stop by the Library and pick up some discount coupons! Discount coupons are provided by the School Theatre Ticket Program. Also available are coupons for opera and ballet performances at Lincoln Center.

The coupons are located on the desk in the center of the third floor. There are 12 different events to choose from, and the selection changes almost weekly. Stop by and plan your trip today!

Text a Librarian

By David Marks

The library has a new service available to everyone who has a cell phone. The service, from a company named Mosio, is called Text a Librarian. This service enables a person to simply send a question to the library reference staff by means of a text message service. The question is received at the reference desk and answered with another text message that replies to the original text. The cell phone user will receive a text response that is delivered to their cell phone.

Library patrons can text a question by creating a text message and sending it to 66746 (spelled out as MOSIO) with the specified library keyword. The library keyword for the Mary Kintz Bevevino Library is Miserilib. Once a text message is sent to 66746 with the library keyword of Miserilib, a message appears on a password protected microboard site that is accessed from the reference desk computer. The staff at the reference desk is notified of an incoming text question, either by the microboard notification or by an email that has been converted from a cell phone text. The text does not accompany a telephone number. The reference staff member does not know or see the telephone number or name of the person sending the text, but Text a Librarian automatically generates a patron number. The library staff

responds by typing in a text box from the microboard that is accessed from a computer. The reply can consist of a maximum of 320 characters. While this answer length is not very long, the intention of the service is to provide ready reference responses in a quick and efficient manner. For questions requiring longer responses, the patron will be directed to call, email, or visit the library for a reference consultation.

The purpose of this service is to provide students, faculty, staff and the rest of the Misericordia community with an alternative to calling or visiting the library. This service fits in well with the "grab 'n go" lifestyle of people who want and need information quickly answered. The proliferation of cell phones makes this reference service quite attractive to many users. Text a Librarian works with any cell phone that can send a text message. Mosio has worked with major cell phone carriers AT&T, Sprint, Verizon and many others to make sure that the service is compatible with almost all carriers. Please take a few minutes to use this wonderful new service and see how easy and reassuring it is to obtain reference assistance quickly and conveniently. The service is free and available during all the hours that the library is open.

The Embedded Librarian

By Christopher Mahoney

As part of an exciting pilot program this spring semester, I will be acting as an *embedded librarian* in three classes: General Zoology, Religion in America, and Environmental Philosophy.

First, I plan to actively collaborate with faculty members to create assignments that will integrate information literacy skills into the course objectives. Another goal of the program is to offer library services and resources to students directly at their point of need. This could take the form of a variety of activities, all of which increase the regular contact between

students and library staff. We will, of course, provide our standard library instruction sessions. In addition, the embedded librarian could offer research assistance during regular office hours. If an instructor uses Blackboard, I may participate in online discussions, email and IM students, and even provide feedback on assignments. I envision the program as a means of removing a degree of separation that often stops students and faculty from taking advantage of the range of expertise the library staff has to offer. Look for a librarian to be lurking in one of your classes soon!

Useful Websites for Students

By Amanda Undersinger, Junior



Scheduling classes each semester is just about as stressful as finals week. Everyone is going crazy trying to find a schedule that fits together the right way, and at the same time, they want to have a professor whom they like. But how do you know if you will like an instructor?

Ratemyprofessors.com is a great resource for finding out what students think about their former professor. On the website you can search either by professor or by school. If you search by school, the website will list professors who teach there. Once you find a specific instructor's last name, click on it to come to a page where you can read comments about him/her. Included will be the date the comments were submitted, what class the student took, easiness, helpfulness, clarity, rater interest, overall rating key (symbolized by smiley face for quality), and any comments listed about the professor. An average tally of all categories is listed.

Personally, comments provided by previous students have helped me a lot in my decision-making process. I recommend this site to all students. It is beneficial to others when, after your class is over, you also post comments about the professor.



Wikipedia is a site that we are all familiar with, and we have been told by professors over and over again that it is not a reliable source. But Wikipedia can give you a quick way to find information on just about any topic. Wikipedia is a great starting place to explore a topic of research or for narrowing down your topic. Just make sure that you confirm any information you get from Wikipedia with a reliable source before using the material in your paper.

Barnes & Noble Fundraiser

By Sue Lazur



On November 7, Friends of the Mary Kintz Bevevino Library gathered at Barnes & Noble at the Arena Plaza to participate in a day full of events to raise money for the library. The Misericordia Players performed skits based on children's stories with a modern twist. For instance, *The Three Little Pigs* was rewritten from the wolf's perspective. Several children sang along and enjoyed the performance, which was followed by an appearance by Tony the Great, magician from the Back Mountain.

Children also enjoyed having their faces or hands painted by Misericordia students Eleni Konstas, Aubrey French, Courtney Moran and library staff member, Sue Lazur. Throughout the day, Friends members wrapped gifts, and they also distributed vouchers to customers so that the library would receive a percentage of the day's purchases. One lucky shopper took home a raffle basket from Ah! Some Chocolates.



National Library Week

By Colleen Newhart

Celebrate National Library Week April 11–17, 2010

National Library Week is the annual celebration of the contributions of our nation's libraries and librarians in all types of public, private and academic libraries. First sponsored in 1958, National Library Week is a national observance sponsored by the American Library Association (ALA) and libraries across the country each April.

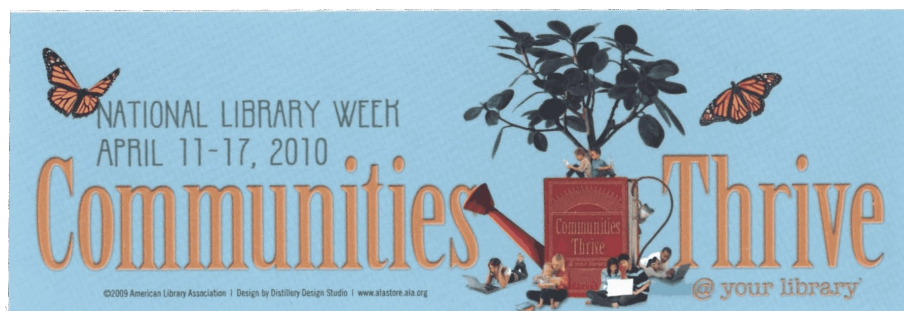
Libraries are the heart of every academic community, and our library helps the Misericordia community thrive. Here, students of diverse backgrounds come together to do research with the assistance of trained professionals, work on class projects, participate in study groups, attend lectures and relax between classes.

This year, the staff of the Mary Kintz Bevevino Library invites you to explore, dream, learn, and celebrate Communities Thrive @ your library® with us during National Library Week, April 11–17!

In addition to daily prize giveaways donated by several local merchants, and a fantastic array of baskets to be raffled, we will be highlighting the many ways our students, staff and faculty give back to the community through a

variety of non-profit organizations. We are also extending an invitation to all clubs on campus to enter the Trick My Bookcart contest to earn monetary prizes for their club while having a great time. The paper airplane contest will be back, as will the library golf contest—with an interesting variation. In response to popular demand, we will be hosting the first library Gaming Day, so dust off those board games, plug in that Xbox 360 and practice your Wii skills! The week will once again culminate with a two-day book sale, offering something for everyone. We also invite everyone to become a "Friend of the Mary Kintz Bevevino Library" at this time to become eligible for additional prizes and privileges.

For more information on the activities planned for National Library Week, stay tuned to e-MU, call the Circulation Desk at 674-6231 or just stop in to talk with the friendly staff @ your library!



New Staff @ Your Library

By Jennifer Luksa

In October 2008, Gail Wyberski officially became a part of the library staff when she accepted the position of cataloging specialist in the Technical Services Department. Gail came to the library from the Registrar's Office in the summer of 2008 in order to help out in the Director of Library Services' office. Gail has been employed at Misericordia for over eleven years.

Gail's primary responsibilities include copy cataloging and physical processing of new library materials, managing the library's work-study students, and processing withdrawn

materials. You will also periodically see Gail at the Circulation Desk, assisting students with reserves and checking materials out to patrons.

Currently, Gail resides in Dallas with her husband and two sons. She also has a daughter and a one-year-old grandson named Joey. In her spare time, Gail enjoys cooking and spending as much time as possible with her grandson.



"With the right teacher, simplified techniques, and step-by-step photo tutorials to guide the way, everyone can make freshly baked loaves, crisp flatbreads, savory tarts, and rich desserts – in record time. Written by Baking Hall of Famer Nick Malgieri, this collection of 150 straightforward recipes with gourmet appeal strives to bring success to even the busiest of bakers, with the bulk of the preparation taking under one hour."

Retrieved 12/18/2009 from Netlibrary

BOOK FACTS

By Beth Spaciano

Did you know that...

The first public library in America was opened in Charleston, South Carolina, in 1698. (source: Book Trivia - FactMonster.com)

The world's oldest book (2.5 thousand years) in the history of mankind, written in Etruscan, the language that is now lost, can be seen in Bulgaria's National Museum of History. (source: World's Oldest Book - antique-antiques.com)

Dr. Seuss wrote *Green Eggs and Ham* after his editor dared him to write a book using fewer than 50 different words. (source: Trivia - corsinet.com)

The first novel ever written on a typewriter is *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer*. (source: Facts - dumbfacts.com)

There are an estimated 117,467 libraries nationwide, representing public, private, academic and specialized libraries. (source: Book Facts - parapublishing.com)



By Sameera Redkar

Don't know what to read during your spare time? Don't worry, the Mary Kintz Bevevino Library has a solution for you. The library subscribes to a database named *NoveList Plus*, which works like a readers' advisory service. It allows readers to search for a book by author, title, series, or plot. It also allows limiting searches to fiction or nonfiction and, further, to different reading levels.

The *NoveList Plus* database is a handy tool in finding books similar to others that you've enjoyed. Here is how it works: Conduct a title search for a book that you've enjoyed; click on the title from the results list to display full record; click on the "Find Similar Books" option. With just one click, the list of books similar to one you liked will be displayed. Content of *NoveList Plus* is not limited to the Bevevino library, and you will need to check your local library or MU library catalog to see the availability of the items.

If you don't want to go the library to check out the books and don't mind online reading, try *Netlibrary*. It provides access to more than 12,000 e-books that you can read using a computer — without leaving home.

The *NoveList* and *Netlibrary* databases are very user friendly. If you need more information, you can call us at 674-6352. If you need help when the library is closed, please check the "Help" section available on these databases.

For your convenience, our virtual branch at http://misericordia.edu/mu_library is open 24/7 (even during the holidays), which means that even when our library is closed you will still have access to an e-book.

Library Hours

Monday–Thursday

8:00 a.m.–11:00 p.m.

Friday

8:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

Saturday

10:00 a.m.–7:00 p.m.

Weekend U

10:00 a.m.–9:00 p.m.

Sunday

11:00 a.m.–11:00 p.m.

Contact Numbers

Access Services 674-6231

circulation_desk@misericordia.edu

Reference 674-6352

reference@misericordia.edu



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 and recycle containers available throughout the building. Please be considerate and help keep our building clean.

Honor and Memorial Books @ the Mary Kintz Bevevino Library

By Jennifer Luksa

The following honor and memorial titles were added to the library collection:

Elizabeth Cady Stanton: An American Life by Lori D. Ginzberg, given in memory of Terry McGinty by Dr. and Mrs. Ivar Berg.

My Word!: Plagiarism and College Culture by Susan D. Blum, given in memory of Rosalie Thomas by Tila Fragale.

World War One by Norman Stone, given in memory of Terry McGinty by Joyce H. Berrettini.

Masters and Commanders: How Four Titans Won the War in the West, 1941-1945 by Andrew Roberts, given in memory of Rosalie Thomas by Tila Fragale.

My Prison, My Home: One Woman's Story of Captivity in Iran by Haleh Esfandiari, given in memory of Terry McGinty by Dr. and Mrs. Ivar Berg.

Abigail and John: Portrait of a Marriage by Edith B. Gelles, given in memory of Terry McGinty by Dr. and Mrs. Ivar Berg.

The Hemingses of Monticello: An American Family by Annette Gordon-Reed, given in memory of Terry McGinty by Joyce H. Berrettini.

Civil War Wives: The Lives and Times of Angelina Grimke Weld, Varina Howell Davis, and Julia Dent Grant by Carol Berkin, given in memory of Rosalie Thomas by Tila Fragale.

Children's Folklore: A Handbook by Elizabeth Tucker, given in memory of Rosalie Thomas by Tila Fragale.

The Cambridge Companion to the Irish Novel edited by John Wilson Foster in memory of Rosalie Thomas by Tila Fragale.

New Books on the Reference Shelf

By Peggy Leonhart

Encyclopedia of Industrial and Organizational Psychology/edited by Steven G. Rogelberg Two Volumes REF 158.703 EN1

JRR Tolkien Encyclopedia-Scholarship and Critical Assessment/edited by Micahel D.C. Drout REF 838.91209 J61

The Cambridge Companion to the Irish Novel/edited by John Witson Foster REF 823.914 C14

Children's Folklore: A Handbook/Elizabeth Tucker REF 398.2083 T79

Historical Dictionary of French Cinema/Dayna Oscherwitz and Maryellen Higgins REF 791.430944 OS1

Atlas of Anatomy/edited by Anne M. Gilroy REF 611.00223 G42

Diversity in Mind and in Action/edited by Jean Lau Chin Three volumes REF 305 D64

African American National Biography/edited by Henry Louis Gates Jr., Evelyn Brooks Higginbotham Eight volumes REF 920 AF8

Great Events from History. Modern Scandals 1904-2008/ edited by Carl L. Bankston III Two volumes REF 909.82 G79