



# Book Marks: The Library Newsletter



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## Library Instruction

By Lizah Ismail

Library instruction classes are, once again, being offered during the Spring semester. These classes are designed to meet the specific needs of both faculty and students. Faculty are encouraged to bring their classes to the library for an instructional session, particularly if their students

are required to undertake a research project or research paper. Topics covered in our instructional sessions include, but are not limited to, basic search techniques using the library catalog, research databases, advanced search techniques, and evaluating information sources in-

cluding websites. To schedule a library instruction session, or for additional information, please contact the Reference Department at 674-6352 or email [reference@misericordia.edu](mailto:reference@misericordia.edu).

## New Research Databases at the Library

By Lizah Ismail

The Library is pleased to announce the addition of the following new research databases

**CQ Researcher** offers in-depth, non-biased coverage of political and social issues, with regular reports on topics in health, international affairs, education, the environment, technology and the U.S. economy. Each 12,000-word *CQ Researcher* report is a unique work, investigated and written by a seasoned journalist. It can be read in its entirety or by sections, which include a background and chronology; an assessment of the current situation; tables and maps; pro/con statements from representatives of opposing positions; and bibliographies of key sources.

cles, book reviews, and essays in books about women, sexuality, and gender during the Middle Ages. Compiled by librarians and scholars, over 500 journals are represented. The time period covered is 450 C.E. to 1500 C.E. with Russia extending to 1613, the beginning of the Romanov dynasty. The geographic areas covered are Europe, North Africa, and the Middle East as well as areas in which Europeans traveled. Subject coverage for gender and sexuality means that articles on masculinity and male homosexuality are included.

level online history scholarship. Full-text articles of current as well as back issues are available from a number of journals including *American Historical Review*, *History of Education Quarterly* and *William and Mary Quarterly*. Most of these full-text journals are available through open access. Users may only access the table of contents of journals that do not follow the open-access model. The database is searchable by keyword, journal title, and article type.

**Feminae: Medieval Women and Gender Index** covers journal arti-

**History Cooperative** is a nonprofit humanities resource offering top-

For more information on these databases, please contact the Reference Department at 674-6352 or email [reference@misericordia.edu](mailto:reference@misericordia.edu).

## From The Director's Desk

By Barbara Burd

*"In the end, we will remember not the words of our enemies, but the silence of our friends."*

*Martin Luther King Jr*

Greetings and welcome back! As we begin a new semester, I'd like to invite you to visit the library and take advantage of our services and resources developed to support your learning experience. The library has been able to upgrade some of our computers recently and we hope that you find this makes your research easier. We have also added new full

text databases: *Academic Search Premier*, *Business Source Premier*, *CQ Researcher*, and *Campus Research*. We will soon add a feature that will improve off-campus access to library databases. The staff of the library is committed to providing assistance with research and access to materials.

Whether you need research help, assistance with obtaining materials, computing workspace, or just a quiet place to study and reflect, the library provides the perfect environment. We are also committed to improvement, so please contact me with your suggestions and comments. I look forward to hearing from you. Contact me at [bburd@misericordia.edu](mailto:bburd@misericordia.edu)

## 2nd Floor Study Room

By Peggy Leonhart



Looking for a place to study with your fellow students? Would you like to be able to talk and not disturb anyone else? Are you looking for a place where no one will disturb you? Then the library 2nd Floor Study Room is the place you want to be. It is located in the 2nd floor tower. You will find tables and comfortable chairs, space for up to ten. The room is well lit and warm. The magnificent windows allow you a view of Mercy Hall and the Bell Tower. Also available in the Study Room is a Television equipped with a VCR.

To reserve a time to utilize the study room, please come to the Reference desk on the 2nd floor and sign up for the day and time you would like to use the room. This is a great place to study, with resources right at your hand. You may also reserve your time by emailing: [reference@misericordia.edu](mailto:reference@misericordia.edu); you will receive a reply if the room is already reserved. If no one has reserved the room for group study, individuals are welcome.

## Information Literacy Subcommittee News

By Lizah Ismail

The Information Literacy Subcommittee held its first meeting of the Fall semester on Friday, October 28, 2005. The committee agreed that the next Information Literacy event will be a series of student focus group discussions on the college's new Academic Integrity policy. The focus group will serve as a forum to present the policy to students and to provide an avenue to address questions and concerns.

The committee set the following dates and times for these discussions:

Mon Mar 20, Wed Mar 22, Fri Mar 24

From 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM

Mon Mar 20, Tues Mar 21, Wed Mar 22

From 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Mon Mar 27, Wed Mar 29, Fri Mar 31

From 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM

Mon Mar 27, Tues Mar 28, Wed Mar 29

From 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

The focus groups will meet in the Heritage Room located on the third floor of the library. Refreshments will be served. For each group, there will be two faculty members present, with one acting as facilitator.

For more information, please contact Lizah Ismail at 674-6353 or email [lismail@misericordia.edu](mailto:lismail@misericordia.edu).



## Amusements of the Back Mountain

By Harrison Wick

Home of Pennsylvania's largest natural lake, Harvey's Lake thrived as an exclusive resort town in the late 1800s and early 1900s. For fifty years, a fleet of steamboats ushered passengers to different attractions around the lake. Among the longest serving steamboats on the lake were the *Natoma* and *Acoma*, which catered to guests at the Oneonta and Rhoades Hotels. On June 9, 1900, the Lake Transit Company launched the *Natoma*, the only double-decked steamboat to run on Harvey's Lake. The most significant loss to the lake's tourist trade was the destruction of the Hotel Oneonta. The Oneonta burned to the ground on February 2, 1919. The 1919 season was a record breaking year for the steamboats at Harvey's Lake, on July 4<sup>th</sup> 15,876 passengers were carried by the steamboats. Steamboat traffic on the lake declined in the

1920s, and in 1932, the Lake Transit Company sold its assets for \$4,000. The *Acoma* and other steamboats were sold for scrap, but the *Natoma* was spared, as it was purchased by Oscar Roth and Bob Roberts. The *Natoma* saw service on Harvey's Lake for five more seasons and made its final voyage in August 1938.

To learn more about Harvey's Lake, come to the Back Mountain Historical Association's presentation by Charles Petrillo on *Back Mountain Amusements* at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 26, 2006 in the Kennedy Room of College Misericordia's Banks Student Center. Visit his Harvey's Lake website at <http://www.harveyslake.org/>.

You can see photographs and post cards of Harvey's Lake on the Back Mountain Historical Association website, [www.backmountain.org](http://www.backmountain.org). This photo database is available for everyone to enjoy and learn more about the Back Mountain. The database also includes images from Kingston Township, Trucksville, Shavertown, Dallas, and Lehman. College Misericordia works in collaboration with the Luzerne County Historical Society to collect Back Mountain history, photographs, and oral history interviews. For more information, contact Archivist Harrison Wick at (570) 674-6420 or [archives@misericordia.edu](mailto:archives@misericordia.edu). The CM Archives is located on the third floor of the Bevevino Library.



## Staff Highlights - Peggy Leonhart

By Connie Fleegar

Peggy Leonhart has been with the library since this past November. Peggy earned her Associate Degree in Liberal Arts from Keystone College.

Peggy's duties are to provide assistance in the Reference department. These responsibilities include, but are not limited to the following: helping students at the Data Search Lab, updating computer records, and compiling and maintaining reference statistics. Peggy is a very enthusiastic member of the library newsletter committee, and the past winner of December Kudos Award.

Peggy resides at Lake Winola, with her husband, Bob and their two daughters, Wendy and Amanda, and their niece, Hayley.

Peggy likes to read, crochet, and swim in the lake with her girls. Peggy has a positive and cheerful personality, and she is always willing to help. Peggy would view the glass as half full, not half empty. We are very pleased to have Peggy as a co-worker in the library.



*"Being at College Misericordia is a great and exciting experience for me. The library team is wonderful, giving me the opportunity to grow and learn through others."*

## Friends of the Library

By Calli Berg

The friends of the Mary Kintz Bevevino Library at College Misericordia will introduce our **Spring Speakers Series**, featuring current Misericordia Faculty. The purpose of our speaker series is to invite the community to share in Misericordia's resources, to learn more about our faculty and a Misericordia education, and to provide information regarding the library resources available to the community. The Spring Speakers Series is free and open to the public.

### March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7PM Professor Mark Tursi (English) "Researching Your Imagination: Finding an Innovative Voice Through Literature".

In his own research Professor Tursi explores how imagination and innovation interplay during the writing of poetry and fiction. He will speak about different philosophies related to imagination and how these influence his own poetics. Additionally, Professor Tursi will address the issue of career opportunities for students majoring in English.

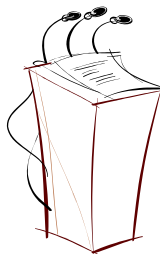
### March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7PM Professor Saladino (Chemistry) "The Role of Lipids in Causing Arterial Plaque".

Professor Saladino will discuss his research involving plasma lipids (fats) and their role in the formation of atherosclerotic plaques in the arteries. Additionally, Professor Saladino will speak regarding career opportunities for students majoring in Chemistry.

### April 5<sup>th</sup> at 7PM Professor Francesca Bavuso (Fine Arts) "The History of Celestial Cartography".

Professor Bavuso will discuss her research on the history of star maps. She will also discuss library resources for students of art history,

Additionally Professor Bavuso will address career opportunities for individuals majoring in art history.



### April 26<sup>th</sup> at 7PM Professor Alicia Nordstrom (Psychology) "Ethnic Differences in Parenting and Their Influence on Participation in Parenting Groups".

Professor Nordstrom will discuss her research into the relationship between ethnicity and the willingness of parents to participate in parenting programs. Additionally, Professor Nordstrom will highlight the significant ethnic differences that emerged in the parenting styles and beliefs, home atmosphere, and participation patterns between African American and European American mothers, and discuss their implications and possible causes.

This series of talks will feature Misericordia faculty from across the disciplines. They will speak about their current research, the resources available at the Bevevino library, and additionally will describe what students can expect in terms of course work relative to a particular field and along with various career opportunities within specific fields.

There will be an opportunity for questions and discussion at the close of each presentation.

Hope to see you there.

## Websites Dedicated to Black History

By Joan Pastorelli

<http://www.Kn.pacbell.com/wired/BHM/AfroAm.html>

From the Knowledge Network Explorer, "Patchwork of African American Life"

contains a wealth of information on Black History in America. The website contains links to biographies of African American Leaders, photographic images of the civil rights movement taken by the famous photojournalist, Charles Moore, and links to webpages which explore issues and aspects of African American history.

<http://www.infoplease.com/spot/bhm1.html>

From INFOPLEASE, the "Black History Month" website provides links to information related to African American, historical and contemporary issues.

<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/aia/home.html>

From PBS, "Africans in America", chronicles America's journey through slavery. This website contains historical narratives, a resource bank of images, documents, stories, biographies, and commentaries.



For additional online resources related to African American history and other topics, follow the "Research" link on the Bevevino Library's homepage to "Internet Searching" to access the Library's Webliography.



## New on the Reference Shelves

By Peggy Leonhart

*Developing Research & Communication Skills: Guidelines for Information Literacy in the Curriculum*/Middle States Commission on Higher Education

**REF 028.7 D49**

*Chiral Reagents for Asymmetric Synthesis*/edited by Leo A. Paquette

**REF 547.203 C44**

*Historical Atlas of the World*/Rand McNally

**REF 911H62**

*The Enzyme Reference: A comprehensive Guidebook to Enzyme Nomenclature, Reactions, and Methods*/Daniel L. Purich, R. Donald Allison

**REF 572.7 997**

*Henderson's Dictionary of Biological Terms*/Eleanor Lawrence

**REF 574.03 H38 1989**

*World History Atlas*./Magellan Geographic

**REF 911W89**

*A Dictionary of Genetics*/by Robert C. King

**REF 575.010321 K58 1990**

*The 2001 Sports Market Place Directory*

**REF 796.069 SP 6**

*Gardner's Art Through the Ages*/Fred S Kleiner, Christin J. Mamiya

**REF 709 G17**

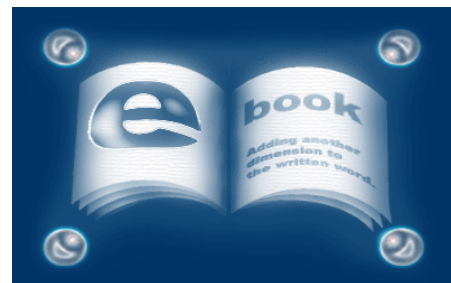


## An Autobiography The Story of My Life and Work: Electronic Edition.

Booker T. Washington, 1856-1915

<http://docsouth.unc.edu/washstory/washinml>

*"Success is to be measured not so much by the position that one has reached in life as by the obstacles which he has overcome while trying to succeed."*  
Booker T. Washington





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