

THE CORNER SHELF



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News and Alerts

Although you may not be missing a leg (!), you might be missing a textbook, binder or piece of clothing. Check the **Lost and Found Bin** in the Campus Info area of the library (on the main floor by the photocopiers). Valuable items (cellphones, USB sticks, etc.) or student ID cards found in the library are kept at the Circulation Desk until they can be taken to Student and Enrolment Services (HA120).

The library will close on **Remembrance Day**, Tuesday, Nov. 11th.

Free Open House and Book Launch on Sunday, Nov. 23rd for **They Called Him Red: The Life and Times of Albert Schwermann** by Lutheran Historical Institute Historian, Norman Threinen. Open House from 2 - 6 pm. Book Launch and Program from 3 - 3:30 pm.



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LIBRARY STAFF PICKS

Dan: *The Remains of the Day* by Kazuo Ishiguro **PR 6059 S5 R46 1989**. "A story about the lies we tell ourselves to avoid following our hearts, and the enduring consequences. Brilliant novel."

Lynette: *The Shadow of the Sun* by Ryszard Kapuscinski **DT 30.5 K36 2001**. "This vivid account of his twenty-seven years as a correspondent in various African countries provides a fascinating glimpse into the post-colonial era. His sensitive treatment of African politics and society, blended with his superb prose make this book an absolute treat to read."

Renee: *Pride and Prejudice* by Jane Austen **PR 4034 P94 2003** "...is absolutely delightful to read and, of course, better than the movie, as all books are."

Jenna: *Among the Hidden* by Margaret Peterson Haddix **PZ H6614 A46 1998 (Curriculum)**. "Luke is an illegal third child in a world where he could be executed

if discovered by the population police. He uses the Internet to connect with other children like him but it's risky. Great story!"

Anna: *M is for Moose: a Charles Patcher Alphabet* **PE 1155 P32 2008 (Curriculum)** "is more than a children's book. The author's love of Canada, and his depth of understanding of our history is evident."

Eileen: *Silence of the Songbirds* by Bridget Stuchbury **QL 696 P2 S78 2007**. "It provides a look at the reasons for migratory birds' disappearance, the consequences for having fewer songbirds and advice on how to protect migratory bird populations."

Myrna: "One of my favourites is *Game of Thrones* by George R.R. Martin **FIC MAR**. It's an epic fantasy novel with characters I love & others I love to hate. I like the way it's written with each chapter from a different character's point of view."

Karen: *Darkly Dreaming Dexter* by Jeffery Lindsay **FIC LIN**. "I'm not

usually into suspense thrillers, especially one about a serial killer who only kills really bad/evil people but the author has made this character truly likeable in a creepy kind of way and it was great to read a well-written book that became a TV series."

Wilda: *Lois Hole Speaks : words that matter* **FC 3675.1 H64 A55 2008** "is a collection of speeches given by our past provincial Lieutenant Governor. The sub-title says it all, as everyone in our society, regardless of age or station, can learn what it takes to be a helpful person, good citizen, and do their part to make our world a better place."

Debbie: *Amelie* **PN 1997 A445 2002 (Media)** "is a wonderfully quirky French film that makes your heart smile! It's about a socially awkward young woman who finds joy in secretly helping others and finally, in falling in love."

To be continued next month.....

NEW CURRICULUM SHELVING!

Heads up, everyone - the Curriculum Library (on the 3rd floor) is getting a fresh look.

New shelving will arrive in early December to replace a somewhat hodgepodge set of shelves that has been in use for many years. We will experience some disruption until the new shelving is installed. Beginning around November 15th, the Curriculum Collection will be

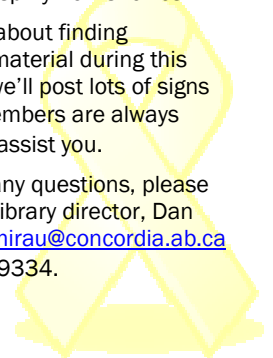
shifted to the main floor just before the Periodicals section, which is across from the Reference Collection.

Up on the third floor, the old shelving will be dismantled the first week of December and the new shelving installed the second or third week, depending on various factors. During this time there may be some noise coming from the third floor. We regret this

disruption but the end result will be worth it - spiffy new shelves!

Don't worry about finding Curriculum material during this transition - we'll post lots of signs and staff members are always available to assist you.

If you have any questions, please contact the library director, Dan Mirau: dan.mirau@concordia.ab.ca or 780-479-9334.



EVOLUTION OF CONCORDIA'S LIBRARY

When the library was located in upper-Guild Hall, or in "The Module", it was a place of card catalogues that took ages to browse, print journal indexes requiring the review of volume after volume, and books that were often signed out and therefore unavailable. Today's student can log in to the library's website 24/7, read from a huge selection of scholarly books and articles, integrate and document sources in their research papers, with helpful guidance along the way from online research assistance options, or a self-guided website and a growing assortment of self-paced tutorials.

In 2000, the library housed approximately 73,000 physical items, which represented 73 years of buying and acquiring donated materials. Compare this to 2008 at nearly 136,000 items. In 8 years the library has nearly doubled a collection that had taken 73 years to build! Many of the new items are e-books, requiring no shelf space, processing or binding, and are available to multiple users 24 hours a day. In 1995 the library subscribed to 740 print journals, magazines and newspapers. Over the next

ten years the library acquired an additional 17,400 journals through online publisher packages, bringing the number up from 740 to 17,700 - 23 times as many titles!

Through Concordia's complex and multi-layered network of local, provincial, regional, and national collaborative agreements an unprecedented level of access is possible. Whether you need rare print materials from across the country or instant online access to the latest in a particular field, library collaboration lets us get you what you need.

The library is a hub of campus activity with individual and group study spaces, faculty offices, the Computing Services department, a 35 seat classroom, and over 60 drop-in computer stations in three separate spaces. The library engages the Concordia community through revolving art and photography exhibits, special events, and open houses. We would be happy to tell you more about how we are changing to better serve the needs of our Concordia family. Just ask us!

Submitted by Dan Mirau
Library Director



Fall / Winter Library Hours

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| Monday - Thursday | 7:45 am - 9 pm |
| Friday | 7:45 am - 5 pm |
| Saturday | 11 am - 6 pm |
| Sunday | 1 - 8 pm |

Statutory Holiday Closure

November 11 Closed

****Check the website for details****



Lest We Forget

Weekly New Books List: <http://catalogue.library.ualberta.ca/newbooks/library/index.cfm?Libraryfilter=21>

Subscribe to New Books RSS feed: http://www.library.ualberta.ca/rss/newbooks/library/library_Concordia_University_College.xml

COOL WEB STUFF

☞ Do you have a family reunion/party/event coming up? Maybe you're lucky enough to go on a great European vacation and want to stay in touch with family back home. [Kinverge](#) is a free private website designed for sharing with people you trust. It's very easy to use - you can post messages and photos, keep up with schedules on a group calendar, and set up gift lists. Since it's invitation only it's perfect for planning a family event even if you're here in Edmonton and they're in Moose Jaw or Timbuktu or wherever! Another private sharing option on the web is [drop.io](#) - it even has a [Facebook](#) application. From the website: "Users send "in" files (documents, images, videos, audio files, archives, and more) via various methods (web, mms, email, phone and fax) into their "Drops." Once in the drops, users can view their content and move it "out" via the web, email, mms, fax, custom twitter messaging, and dropcasting (podcasting)". This would probably work as well as Kinverge for planning events but could be even more useful for collaborative assignments or projects.

☞ Everyone needs a time-waster now and then, right? Try some of these when you need a break from work or studying. Explore your creative side with [Design a Flower](#) or [Mr Picassohead](#). You never know what you'll get at [StumbleUpon](#) - it's great for finding weird and wacky sites in hundreds of categories. Who doesn't like to pop [Bubble Wrap](#)? If you like fractals as much as I do, check out the [Fractal World Gallery](#). Go for a beautiful snowscape tour on [Electric Oyster](#). You can build a [Fantastic Contraption](#) (I'm not very good at this one!). Careful - you can spend hours trying different games at [Addicting Games](#) or [Pogo](#). Finally, the game [Amanita](#) is strange and [Hoogerbrugge](#) is just plain weird. Have fun!

Any feedback or suggestions would be *mutch* [sic] appreciated. Contact me at 479-9335 or jan.mutch@concordia.ab.ca.

FEATURED DATABASE

This month we are highlighting our new e-book collection **MyLibrary**.



This collection spans a wide variety of subject areas and consists of three separate collections, offering nearly 20,000 titles:

- Cambridge University Press**
- Oxford University Press**

Taylor & Francis

For instance, under the subject **Philosophy, Psychology, Religion** there are 50 books on *Logic*, 130 books on *Doctrinal Theology*, 147 on *Christian Denominations*, and many other headings like *Parapsychology*, *Speculative Philosophy* and *The Bible*.

Similar to other databases, you can sign up for a free account that enables notetaking, bookmarks and saved searches. Advanced Search allows full-text search and you can

refine your search by keyword, publisher, subject, date, etc.

The collection is searchable through the NEOS catalogue (<http://library.concordia.ab.ca/catalogue/>), or you can search it directly under e-books (<http://library.concordia.ab.ca/catalogue/ebooks.php>).

Check it out today!

Submitted by Renee Morrissey
Information Services Librarian

