

THE CORNER SHELF



SPRING/SUMMER 2011

News and Alerts

Welcome to the Spring/Summer issue of the Corner Shelf! Watch for our next issue in September when the Fall 2011 Term begins.

Thanks to everyone who contributed to another successful Food For Fines campaign. Over \$760.00 in library fines were forgiven in exchange for much-needed food for the Concordia Student Food Bank.



The library will be closed on the following days:

- May 23rd (Victoria Day)
- July 1st (Canada Day)
- August 1st (Heritage Day)

You can also celebrate World Juggler's Day on June 18th, Independence Day on July 4th with our US neighbors, Global Forgiveness Day on August 27th and don't forget the Summer Solstice on June 21st!



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LIBRARY TIPS AND TRICKS

At the Circulation Desk:

Bring your student ID for ALL transactions - it's quicker than using a piece of picture ID to find your record and then complete the transaction.

All library notices (heads up that items are due, recalls, fines, assumed lost) are sent to your Concordia student email address. Make it a habit to check that email account regularly.

Interlibrary Loans:

Interlibrary loans for books or articles are not processed on the weekend. For example, if you place a hold on a book Friday afternoon, processing will begin the next Monday.

Items that come from NEOS libraries where the catalogue record says it's on the shelf generally arrive within a week. However, it can take longer if the item is hard to locate at the owning library - it may be

missing, misfiled, or being bound or repaired.

When you place a hold on an item that is already checked out, the person with the item will not be able to renew the book. However, you may be in a long list of people who've requested the book so it might be wise to look for another resource.

When requesting articles, make sure the citation is correct and complete or your request will be cancelled. Articles from non-NEOS libraries may cost from \$2.50 up to \$20.00. It can take up to 3 weeks to locate and have the article shipped here.

At the Information Desk:

Ask a specific question - if you're not sure what you really need, ask staff for help to narrow your topic.

Decide what type of material you need: books, articles, e-resources, websites, etc. Do you need primary sources, scholarly material or peer-reviewed articles?

Allow enough time to complete all stages of your research: using databases and other search tools, ordering material from other libraries, writing, revising, and perfecting your citations.

On the Website:

Login to My Account <http://library.concordia.ab.ca/services/myaccount.php> to find out when your items are due or where you are in a holds queue, as well as renew or view fines. Your pin number is the last 4 digits of your student ID #.

You can do so much more on the website than just access the library catalogue and databases. View that library instruction session you missed, use an assignment calculator or citation guides, use RefWorks, etc., etc.

We are here to help you navigate through the library. If you have any questions or need help, **Just Ask!**



LOOKING FOR...?



The main floor of the library has several displays of material to tempt you.

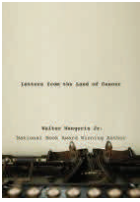
The first one you see when you walk in is **New Books** - check this one for the latest! Other themed book displays change periodically - watch for changes!

Are you looking for something to watch? Two towers across from the Circulation Desk hold **DVDs**.

Do you want some vacation/break-from-work reading? Check the **Recreational Reading** displays.

We've got something for everyone!

STAFF PICK



Letters from the Land of Cancer by Walter Wangerin
BV 4910.33 W36 2010
(Parish Services Collection)

Every one of us has known and loved, or will know, someone with cancer. How do we handle the shock, the sorrow, the uncomfortable dilemma of what to say and how to help? Award winning author Walter Wangerin has published 22 of his letters to family and friends chronicling his journey of living with a diagnosis of lung cancer—a “kind of cancer that doesn’t go away”—and facing death with equanimity. The honesty and vulnerability in his accounts are also pervaded by a sure hope: faith in Christ. Wangerin writes, “A patient thinks she will be afraid to die—but then she finds herself (astonishingly!) peaceful at the prospect, simply because there has never been such

an opportunity to test, to prove, to discover the real quality of her faith, which is the presence of the Holy Spirit in her. Let my story become your story too.”

I have read and loved many of Wangerin’s writings since meeting him years ago when my husband was a colleague of his at Valparaiso University. I was startled at the title, not knowing that the author had cancer, and was eager to read his personal story.

Concordians may know that Wangerin’s father was president here at Concordia during the author’s early years and will find amusing the description of his icy childhood bedroom in Edmonton and references to Virginia Park School among his reminiscences.

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

Concordia Library on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Concordia-Library/155004017870032>

Concordia Library News and Events Blog: <http://cucalibrarynews.blogspot.com/>

Concordia Library on Flickr: <http://www.flickr.com/photos/concordialibrary/>

COOL WEB STUFF

☞ Word Clouds - I love ‘em! If you love ‘em too I have three sites to recommend (there’s many more out there - just do a Google search!). The graphic above was created with **Word It Out** <http://worditout.com/>. The other two I’ve used are **Wordle** <http://www.wordle.net/> and **Tagxedo** <http://www.tagxedo.com/>. Which one do you like?

☞ **E-books** - they’re everywhere. You can read e-books on your Kindle, iPad, iTouch, smartphone, etc. You can also read them online on your computer. You can access tens of thousands of titles via the Concordia Library website <http://library.concordia.ab.ca/catalogue/ebooks.php>. There are many other places online to get free e-books. - just do a Google search and see how many results you get! If you like comics try **Graphic.ly** <http://chrome.graphicly.com/>. It’s the “big comfy couch in the middle of your favorite comic store”. Recent bestsellers cost money to download to a Kindle, etc. Read them online for free at **Read Free Books Online** <http://freebooksread.blogspot.com/>. The interface isn’t as pretty but it’s free! Want to submit your writing and read what others have written? Try **Scribd** <http://www.scribd.com/>. It’s “the world’s largest social reading and publishing company”, which means Facebook and Twitter integration.

☞ Do you like word games? How about donating to charity? You can do both! **Free Rice** <http://www.freerice.com/> donates 10 grains of rice for each correct answer to the United Nations World Food Program. You can join if you want to track your totals but it’s not necessary to play the game. At **Charitii** <http://www.charitii.com/index.php> you choose from 5 charities. For example, if you choose the Nature Conservancy, correct answers to a crossword puzzle clue will donate 10 square inches of rainforest. Satisfy your word puzzle cravings and contribute to worthy causes at the same time!

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

FEATURED E-RESOURCE



Academic Search Complete has something for everyone! It is a database where you can find research articles on topics that range from **climate change** to

Frankenstein to **aquatic plants**. It doesn’t matter if you know very little or a lot about a topic, **Academic Search Complete** can help you find what you are looking for in one of the **8,500 full-text journals**. If you can’t find the

full-text for what you are looking for right in Academic Search Complete, then there are over **12,500 journals** indexed. Click on the “**Where can I find this?**” button and you will be able to get the full-text from another database that Concordia Library licenses.

This is a great one-stop database to help fulfill your research needs. Don’t forget to make use of easy exporting to **RefWorks**, **EBSCO Mobile** (using it on your iPhone, etc.), and the new **Text-to-Speech** feature that

Library Hours

Monday - Friday 8:30 am - 4:30 pm

Saturday Closed

Sunday Closed

Closed Statutory Holidays

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



Graphic created at <http://worditout.com/>

allows you to download an article in MP3 format for listening at a later time.

Check it out on the library website!

<http://library.concordia.ab.ca/eresources/title/>

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