

# THE CORNER SHELF



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## News and Alerts

Oh those dreaded exams! To help you out with your studying the library has extended weekend hours. On April 10-11 and 17-18 the library is open 10am-7pm. Don't forget that the cafeteria also stays open until midnight during exams.

Happy Easter everyone! The library is closed on Easter Friday and Sunday but we are open Saturday and Monday from 10am to 5pm.



Other holidays of note in April:

- 7th - No Housework Day
- 14th - International Moment of Laughter Day
- 16th - Wear Your Pajamas to Work Day
- 17th - Blah Blah Blah Day

Celebrate!

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## POETRY MONTH

"Why does poetry need a month of its own? Isn't it enough that we have to study it in English class?" Poetry might not be everyone's bag but those who like it, like it a lot. Even if you weren't a big fan of poetry in school, you might stumble across a great poem that you really connect with. The next time you are in the Concordia library, you might notice one posted nearby while you're waiting for a web page to load or studying for a final exam. Maybe the words will bring you a much needed laugh. Don't believe me? Poetry can definitely be funny. Grab a book by **Shel Silverstein** or **Jack Prelutsky** and see for yourself.

A lot of poets were rebels and rule breakers, refusing to

conform to traditional forms of writing. The list of people who used poetry to defy expectations and express taboo points of view is endless. **Walt Whitman**, **e.e. cummings**, **Maya Angelou**, **Allen Ginsberg** are just a few examples.

Are Shakespeare's sonnets a little too old fashioned for your taste? Take a look at something more modern. Instead of cracking open a dusty old book, find some fresh words on the Internet. A great place to start is [www.poets.org](http://www.poets.org) - the homepage of the Academy of American Poets. Listen to poets read their work aloud, watch videos online, download the Poem Flow app for your iPhone, and sign up to receive a poem a day in your email. Reading a random poem is a good way to spark your own

creativity and think about the world in a new way. If you're already feeling inspired, play with magnetic poetry online at [www.magneticpoetry.com/play.html](http://www.magneticpoetry.com/play.html)

For more information about Poetry Month visit the **League of Canadian Poets** website at [www.poets.ca](http://www.poets.ca). Find out about local events, connect with authors, and explore how to get your own poetry published. Whether you produce poems or just enjoy reading them, spend a few minutes in April appreciating whatever poetry comes your way.

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## FOOD FOR FINES



**Food for Fines** is back and once again all donated items will go to the **Concordia Student Food Bank**. You can

reduce your fines and help your fellow students with the same donation.

The campaign runs **April 1st-27th**. Fines on **Concordia** library

items can be forgiven for a donation of 1 food bank item for each \$5.00 of fines, up to a maximum of \$20.00 forgiven (4 donated items). Fines on items from other libraries cannot be forgiven at Concordia.

**Preferred** non-perishable items include canned meats and fish, peanut butter, canned fruit or vegetables, juices, dry pasta, pickles, soy products, as well as vegan alternatives. We also

accept cash donations to the Food Bank.

For further information, please ask at the Circulation Desk.



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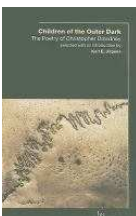
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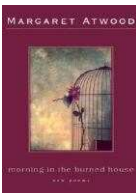
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## POETRY BOOK REVIEWS

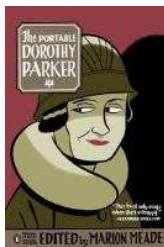
With the end of term coming up fast, it's tough to find any free time. So many papers & projects, exams & evaluations; so much to read! It may not be the time to pick up a novel but how about grabbing a book of poetry from the library's April book display. Here are a few of my favorites:



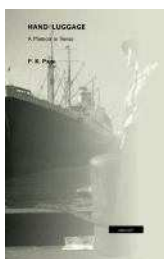
*Children of the Outer Dark: The Poetry of Christopher Dewdney* – describes his overall themes as science, madness, and elegance.



*Morning in the Burned House* by Margaret Atwood – includes poems that explore the death of a parent, as well as Atwood's other inspirations of myth and history.



*The Portable Dorothy Parker*, edited by Marion Meade – The wry and sly Ms. Parker has an opinion about everything and expresses it in short teasing rhymes that poke fun at her subjects.



*Hand Luggage: A Memoir in Verse* by P. K. Page – From Dorset, England in the 20s, to Montreal, Calgary, Winnipeg, New York, (even Brazil!), all the way to Victoria BC in 2005. This famous Canadian poet shares her incredible life's journey.

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## Library Hours

Monday - Thursday	7:45 am - 9 pm
Friday	7:45 am - 5 pm
Saturday	10 am - 5 pm
Sunday	12 Noon - 7 pm

**Closed Statutory Holidays**

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



Wordle created at [www.wordle.net](http://www.wordle.net) using text of the poem **Spring Song II** by Jean Garrigue

**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](http://www.library.ualberta.ca/rss/newbooks/library/library_Concordia_University_College.xml)

**Concordia Library on Facebook:** <http://www.facebook.com/home.php#/group.php?gid=13518893391>



## COOL WEB STUFF

🔗 Poetry Month! When inspiration strikes what you need is a rhyming dictionary. **WriteExpress** [www.writeexpress.com/online2.html](http://www.writeexpress.com/online2.html) has a drop-down menu to choose end, last syllable, double, beginning and beginning syllable rhymes. At **RhymeZone** [www.rhymezone.com/r/rhyme.cgi](http://www.rhymezone.com/r/rhyme.cgi) you can choose rhymes, similar sounding words, etc. and you have the option to include phrases in your results. At **Rhymes.net** [www.rhymes.net](http://www.rhymes.net) you can also translate your word. Go to **B-Rhymes** [www.b-rhymes.com](http://www.b-rhymes.com) if you want a near-rhyme (when close is good enough!).

🔗 Want to read a free poem every day during Poetry Month? Sign up at **Knopf Doubleday Publishing** <http://poem-a-day.knopfdoubleday.com>. If you sign up for the poem-a-day at **DailyLit** [www.dailylit.com/books/poem-a-day-collection](http://www.dailylit.com/books/poem-a-day-collection) you can receive the poem by email or RSS, decide what time you get the message and whether you want daily, weekdays or Monday/Wednesday/Friday delivery. The **Wordle** graphic (shown above) was created using the poem-a-day selection from April 12, 2009.

🔗 Mythbusting - no I'm not talking about the guys on Discovery Channel. You know those emails that show up in your mailbox that seem too absurd, wacky or out there? Sometimes these urban legends involve missing children, terrorism or computer viruses. Some of them are outright scams trying to get you to send money. You don't want to respond to or forward an email with false information so it's important to verify the facts. The one I use is **Snopes** [www.snopes.com](http://www.snopes.com). Other mythbusting websites are out there. There's an Urban Legends section on **About.com** <http://urbanlegends.about.com>. **Truth or Fiction** [www.truthorfiction.com](http://www.truthorfiction.com) and **Fact Check** [www.factcheck.org](http://www.factcheck.org) are two others. Whatever you do, don't get taken in!

🔗 **Sushi Cat!** <http://armorgames.com/play/5379/sushi-cat>. This is a cute game to while away a few minutes - or more! It can be quite addictive helping this kitty get his sushi.

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

## FEATURED E-RESOURCE



**Literary Reference Center** is your source for poems and short stories! This amazing resource is full of over 70,000 classic and contemporary poems, in addition to short stories, literary criticism and book reviews. To find a poem, search by author or

title while limiting the document type to "poem". The result is a great listing of entries about the poem searched.

This resource also has plot summaries, encyclopedia entries, and author biographies and interviews. It is the place to go when you need poetry, short stories, or a multitude of literary criticism. Check out **Literary**

**Reference Center** today on **Concordia Library's** website under E-Resources!

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

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