

THE CORNER SHELF



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News and Alerts

Welcome back everyone, and a special welcome to those who are new to Concordia. Stop by the library and say Hello!

Food for Fines update: during the Fall Term campaign in December we forgave \$555.00 in fines in exchange for food bank items. Individuals and campus departments also donated cash and food bank items. Many thanks to all who contributed to the new Concordia Student Food Bank, which is located in the Peter Schiemann Student Centre.



Other than being National Hobby Month, there are other special days in January. The 16th is Appreciate a Dragon Day, 21st is National Hugging Day, 24th is Belly Laugh Day and the 29th is Fun at Work Day. Let's celebrate!

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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 Reference 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!**



HOBBY MONTH

January is here - hard to believe, isn't it? As well as being the month for starting (and perhaps dropping!) New Year's Resolutions, it is also National Hobby Month. Members of the Concordia Community have some surprising and fascinating hobbies and the library is putting samples on display for all to see.

Take a look at the coin & spoon collections, crocheted blankets, and complicated crosswords that show how much talent can be found all around us.

Are you interested in picking up a pastime to unwind at the end of the day? Look through this month's book display for ideas.

You might become a perfect puzzler or fabulous photographer in time for summer vacation!

Submitted by Jenna Innes
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STAFF PICK



Labyrinth by **Kate Mosse**

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If you like books about the Holy Grail and the Crusades I suggest you check out this book. It's a long one (over 700 pages!) but it's a page

turner - be prepared to read long past your bedtime!

In July 2005 Alice, a volunteer at an archaeological dig in the Pyrenees Mountains, stumbles into a cave and discovers two skeletons, mysterious writing on the walls, a stone ring, a small leather bag and a labyrinth.

Eight hundred years earlier Alais' father gives her a ring and book for safekeeping as he leaves to fight the Crusaders. The

book contains the secret of the true Grail and the ring, inscribed with a labyrinth, identifies a guardian of the Grail.

Both young women face dangers and must sacrifice to keep the secret safe. As we follow Alais in the medieval era and Alice in the present day, we learn about the history of the Cathars and the French region of Languedoc. The description of the French countryside is wonderful and makes you want to book that plane ticket!

Mystery, betrayal, the Grail, Cathars, magical realism, Ancient Egypt, labyrinths, mystical books and a bit of a love story - how could you not enjoy it?

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Reserves Technician

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

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

COOL WEB STUFF

☺ Are you a texter? No? Then do you have family/loved ones that text? That would be almost everyone I would think. Personally I rarely text on my cell phone because I have difficulty with the small keyboard, plus you know what happens when you get older... the old brain and fingers just don't communicate very well. So, I was happy to discover that there are many options to send a text message (SMS) from my computer to a cell phone. **FlexTXT** www.flextxt.com/index.html has a free trial and then pay as you go - it uses Outlook so this might be a good option at Concordia. There are free online options: **txtDrop** www.txtdrop.com asks for your email address to send replies, while at **SendSMSnow** www.sendsmsnow.com you need to register. As with other free online services, you have to put up with a few ads if you don't want to fork over any cash. Go here www.telusmobility.com/en/AB/send_message if your recipient has a **Telus** phone. You can send a message to a **Rogers** customer at their10digitphonenumber@pcs.rogers.com. No excuses not to stay in touch!

☺ Over the Christmas break I used some Air Miles to get myself an **iTouch** so now I'm on the lookout for apps. There is an app for everything from **101 Cookbooks** to **ZOLTAP the Insulting Fortune Teller!** Some that I've installed are **Dropbox** and **Evernote** to access files I have online, **Facebook** (of course!), a couple crossword games, **Stanza** and **Kindle** for reading books online, and **Google Earth**. I'm still learning how to use this new toy but it's fun for sure! If only there was an app to clean my house.... Check out web apps at www.apple.com/webapps/index.html.

☺ The helpful people at **MakeUseOf.com** have compiled a list of free PDF manuals to download. Subjects covered range from Photoshop, Twitter and BitTorrents to buying a laptop, building your own PC and building a media center for your home. Since I've acquired an iTouch (see above) I'm going to use 2 manuals right away: **The Underground Guide to the iPhone** and **The Big Book of iTunes**. Check it out at **15 Free Guides That Really Teach You USEFUL Stuff** www.makeuseof.com/tag/pdf-manuals-round-up.

☺ It has been said that every library needs a cat. Not everyone agrees with this statement but I certainly do. If you agree check out **Samantha** from Olds College Library www.ironfrog.com/librarycatsmap/ca-sam.html. Iron Frog Productions has compiled a map of Library Cats from around the world. Cute!

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 is one of the best places to start when researching a topic you know little about. It is a multi-disciplinary database with more than 6,100 full-text peer-reviewed journals and has PDF content going back to 1887! Academic Search Complete is provided to us on the EBSCOhost platform,

which gets better and easier to use every day. **New features** to EBSCOhost include **Image QuickView** which allows you to see all images associated with an article in the search results; **Notetaking**, where you can annotate your research online; and **EBSCOhost Mobile** allows you to access all EBSCO databases licensed by Concordia via your smart phone!

When you are starting your research this semester, don't forget to start with **Academic Search Complete**, available under **E-Resources** on the Library website! <http://library.concordia.ab.ca>

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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****



Hobby Month Display