

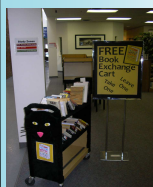
# THE CORNER SHELF



MARCH 1, 2010

## News and Alerts

You can still take advantage of the Book Exchange Cat Cart.



Come and trade one of your books - if you don't have one to trade, help yourself to a great read.

Daylight Savings Time goes into effect March 14th. Don't forget to set those clocks ahead on Sunday or you might be late for your Monday morning classes!



Of course we can't forget St. Patrick's Day on March 17th. Don't forget to wear green that day even if you're not Irish!

**Happy St. Patrick's Day**

Other days of note in March: the 2nd is Dr. Seuss' birthday, the 20th is the Spring Equinox (also International Earth Day), and the 26th is Make Your Own Holiday Day!

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## READ AN E-BOOK WEEK

Many people enjoy the experience of reading traditional print. The people behind **Read an E-book Week** would like to point out that electronic books have their advantages too. For example, what if your whole class is doing an essay on the same topic? The one who gets to the library first checks out the relevant books and everyone else is stressed out. Have you ever been in this predicament? Fear not - there is an antidote - Electronic Books! Instead of racing to the shelves you can sit comfortably at a computer and get the same information. You don't need a special reader or mobile device to access one of the Concordia Library's 86,000 e-books, any computer will do. Visit the library website at <http://library.concordia.ab.ca> and click on the "E-books" link on the left side of the screen.

The library's 8 collections of e-books contain an amazing array of resources, just click on one to get started. As with our online databases, you will need to log-in with your barcode and PIN# if you are off-campus. Library staff would be happy to walk you through that process and answer any questions you may have.

Whenever you have access to the Internet, you have access to Concordia's collection of e-books. No need to strain your shoulders with a backpack full of heavy volumes. No need to spend time or gas traveling to the library building; e-books are an environmentally friendly option. Instead of flipping through the table of contents or index pages of each book you can type in your keywords and search the full-text, narrowing in on the exact sections you are seeking. Create a personalized account, highlight relevant text, or write

notes about what you are reading and save everything to re-visit as often as you wish.

Interested in Business or Technology? Try **Books 24x7** or **Safari Tech** - many of the titles published here are so recent that they have not even come out in print yet. Psychology students can use **PsycBOOKS** to locate resources in their field. Not sure where to start? Use **Ebrary**, **Mylibrary** or **Netlibrary** - they contain material on a wide variety of topics. Take an e-book for a test drive and see just what's available in your subject area.

In 2004, the second week in March was officially declared **Read an E-book Week**. Visit the official website at <http://ebookweek.com> for more about digital literature.

Submitted by Jenna Innes  
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## ADULT LEARNERS' WEEK

**International Adult Learners' Week (IALW)** 2010 in Canada will be held from March 1st through March 7th. The Week celebrates adult learners across the country and the joy of learning throughout life. It is a UNESCO initiative - learn more here: [www.unesco.ca/en/activity/education/AdultLearners.aspx](http://www.unesco.ca/en/activity/education/AdultLearners.aspx).

The Alberta Government is supporting this week celebrating "the achievements of adult learners and to promote the importance of lifelong learning"

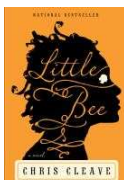
[www.advancededucation.gov.ab.ca/community/activities/learnersweek.aspx](http://www.advancededucation.gov.ab.ca/community/activities/learnersweek.aspx)

The library is highlighting Concordia's Continuing Education programs (**UCEP**, **Aboriginal UCEP** and **Learning Foundations**) with a book display, bulletin board and display of photographs & objects from Continuing Ed.



## NEW RECREATIONAL READING

There are some great new books in our Recreational Reading collection. Come check them out!



**Little Bee** by Chris Cleave

"A very special book indeed. Profound, deeply moving and yet light in touch, it explores the nature of loss, hope, love and identity with atrocity its backdrop. Read it and think deeply." -*The Bookseller* (UK)



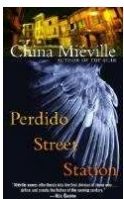
**The Book of Lost Things** by John Connolly

Taking refuge in fairy tales after the loss of his mother, twelve-year-old David finds himself violently propelled into an imaginary land in which the boundaries of fantasy and reality are disturbingly melded. *Publishers Weekly* says "Enchanting... Connolly echoes many great fairy tales and legends but cleverly twists them to his own purposes..."



**Sarah's Key** by Tatiana de Rosnay

On the sixtieth anniversary of the 1942 roundup of Jews by the French police in the Vel d'Hiv section of Paris, American journalist Julia Jarmond is asked to write an article on this dark episode during World War II and embarks on an investigation that leads her to long-hidden family secrets and to the ordeal of Sarah, a young girl caught up in the raid. Highly recommended.



**Perdido Street Station** by China Miéville

In the squalid, gothic city of New Crobuzon, a mysterious half-human, half-bird stranger comes to Isaac, a gifted but eccentric scientist, with a request to help him fly, but Isaac's obsessive experiments and attempts to grant the request unleash a terrifying dark force on the entire city.

## 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\*\***



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## COOL WEB STUFF

☞ The graphic above was created at *Peter Blaškovič's* site **Escape Motions** [www.escapemotions.com/experiments/flame/index.html#top](http://www.escapemotions.com/experiments/flame/index.html#top). This extraordinary 3D animator/designer has shared his Experiments, including Flame (which I used), Fluid Painter, Magnetic Fields, etc., etc. I just played around with colors and all the other options. You can save to your computer, upload to the online gallery or just have fun!

☞ Ever had a song melody stuck in your head and you can't remember what song it is? There's a **wikiHow** that walks you through ways to find it [www.wikihow.com/Identify-Songs-Using-Melody](http://www.wikihow.com/Identify-Songs-Using-Melody), or you can try *The Open Music Encyclopedia* at **musipedia** [www.musipedia.org](http://www.musipedia.org). How about a song lyric that you want to identify? Go to **ChartLyrics** [www.chartlyrics.com](http://www.chartlyrics.com). You can search by a phrase, band name or song title. Want to play piano online? Try a *virtual piano* at [www.cmagics.com/beta/piano](http://www.cmagics.com/beta/piano) or [www.thevirtualpiano.com](http://www.thevirtualpiano.com). **Drumbot** [www.drumbot.com](http://www.drumbot.com) has a guitar tuner, metronome, pattern sequencer, beat tapper and yes, a *drumbot* to jam with. So to all you musicians out there, play on!

☞ Do you have a nostalgia itch? Scratch it at **What Happened in My Birth Year?** <http://whathappenedinmybirthyear.com>. Enter the year - the screen fades to black while counting down the years, then types out text one letter at a time. If you get impatient and try to close the tab/window this message pops up "Are you sure you want to navigate away from this page? Page typing too slow? OK, let's show all at once." You get trivia like top movies, books, Academy Awards, Nobel Prizes, world events, etc., etc., as well as what was going on in your birth decade and when you were 15. There are links to research some of the trivia. Refresh the page to check out another year. Remember when....?

☞ The featured game this month is **Blosics 2** [www.freewebarcade.com/game/blosics-2](http://www.freewebarcade.com/game/blosics-2). Beware the red blocks!

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



**ebrary** is our featured E-Resource for February 2010! You may not have clicked on "**ebrary**" as a resource in the E-Resources page on the library website, but you may have used one of the 30,000+ e-books from it that are in the NEOS Library Catalogue. We have access to a multitude of e-books through **ebrary** covering all subjects: business, humanities, sciences, social sciences and education.

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Submitted by Erica Hebert  
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