

THE CORNER SHELF



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News and Alerts

Welcome, Spring and Summer Students. Library staff are ready and willing to assist you - just ask!

Food for Fines Results. The amount of fines forgiven this term was over \$1000 and 13 boxes of food were sent to the Campus Food Bank at the University of Alberta. Combined with **Food for Fines** last December and **Read Away Your Fines** during Freedom to Read Week in February, the library has forgiven over \$2950 in Concordia fines for students!

Spring/Summer Hours are now in effect. The library is closed on weekends and open Monday to Friday from 7:45am-5pm.



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LIBRARY TIPS AND TRICKS - REVISITED

For the benefit of new students this is a reprint from the January 2009 issue .

At the Circulation Desk:

- ☞ Bring your student ID for ALL transactions - it's much 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, late notices, fines, assumed lost) are sent to your Concordia student email address. Make it a habit to check that 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 checked out on an extended loan, the person with the item will receive a recall notice to return the item in a week. 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, peer-reviewed articles or scholarly materials?

- ☞ 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!**



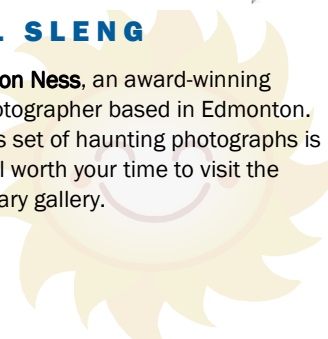
NEW LIBRARY GALLERY DISPLAY - TUOL SLENG



Tuol Sleng began as a school in Phnom Pehn, Cambodia. From 1975-79 the Khmer Rouge used Tuol Sleng as a

secret prison and interrogation centre, code named S-21. Only 7 out of 20,000 prisoners survived the horrors of this place. These black and white photographs of the memorial site were taken by

Jason Ness, an award-winning photographer based in Edmonton. This set of haunting photographs is well worth your time to visit the library gallery.



STAFF PICK



Bel Canto (FIC PAT) by Ann Patchett.

It is Mr Hosokawa's birthday. He is in the ballroom of the Vice President's house, in a South American country. He is a great lover of opera and has come to hear the world's greatest soprano. Her performance is bait to bring Mr. Hosokawa here and impress him. The government hopes that after this visit Mr. Hosokawa will open a factory and bring some much needed economic development to the poverty stricken nation. A large group of international VIPs are also present to hear the performance and participate in the economic discussions.

As soon as the soprano sings her final note, the doors burst open and a group of terrorists take the group hostage. Their intention is to kidnap the president. They

are surprised to discover that he is not at the event. He has stayed home to watch his favorite soap opera. Their plans ruined, the terrorists settle into the house and so begins a long siege.

The house contains a strange mix of people, thrown together in a very tense situation to create a fascinating psychological drama. Child soldiers and Japanese executives, stern generals and a stunning opera singer, all speaking different languages, all waiting to see if they will live or die. Ann Patchett was awarded both the *Orange Prize for Fiction* and the *PEN/Faulkner Award for Fiction* for this novel. Her other works include *Run*, *The Patron Saint of Liars*, *Taft*, and *The Magician's Assistant*.

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Spring/Summer Library Hours

Monday - Friday	7:45 am - 5 pm
Saturday	Closed
Sunday	Closed

Closed Statutory Holidays

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



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

- ☺ I built the **Wordle** graphic you see above and to the right as a Welcome to Spring and Summer students. I first mentioned Wordle in the September 2008 issue and thought it was worth repeating. It's so quick and easy to make your own, and there are so many variables in font, colour and layout that the possibilities are almost endless. Here's the website <http://www.wordle.net/> - go have fun making your own Wordle!
- ☺ Have you ever upgraded some software and realized that it's more complicated than the old version and you just want the old one back? If you purchased the software on disc (and kept the old disc!) you can easily go back but if you downloaded from a website, there's a good possibility the company no longer offers the old version. **OldApps** <http://www.oldapps.com/> to the rescue! They offer over 2800 old versions of over 190 programs, all for free. They assure users there is "careful and meticulous screening of each program and version listed on OldApps" and you won't end up with any malware, Trojans or viruses. It's easy to find what you're looking for - just search by name of the software or browse categories like Security Tools or Office and Editing. Sometimes newer is not necessarily better!
- ☺ There is so much doom and gloom in the news that it's time for some good news and positivity, right? Here are three sites to renew your faith in humanity. You can sign up for a free newsletter or subscribe to an RSS feed on all of these sites. You'll find legitimate news stories from around the world at **Good News Network** <http://www.goodnewsnetwork.org/>. If you're an optimist, you'll be right at home at **Optimist World** <http://optimistworld.com/>, and if you're not an optimist maybe visiting the site will help! At **Happy News** <http://www.happynews.com/> they "believe virtue, goodwill and heroism are hot news. That's why we bring you up-to-the-minute news, geared to lift spirits and inspire lives."

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

FEATURED E-RESOURCE

NAXOS MUSIC LIBRARY – AN E-RESOURCE LIKE NO OTHER!

Mention the word "e-resource" to most Concordia students or faculty and it usually brings to mind a database of journal articles or electronic books – not exactly the sort of thing that most people access for entertainment purposes. This month's feature e-resource, however, is one that you might actually want to look at – make that listen to – in your leisure time. **Naxos Music Library** can be found under the **Music** link http://library.concordia.ab.ca/catalogue/find_music.php on Concordia Library's homepage, and boldly

proclaims itself to be the world's largest online classical music library. With streaming access to the complete contents of more than 31,000 CDs, it's a claim that no one disputes. While classical music is the mainstay of Naxos Music Library, some contemporary rock, jazz, and world music is also available through this e-resource. Approximately 500 new CDs are added to Naxos Music Library every month, so the content is constantly expanding. Wonderful as all this streaming audio is, do keep in mind that you can't actually download any of it.

Due to licensing restrictions, only current Concordia students (and staff and faculty) can access Naxos Music Library through Concordia Library's website, but if you get hooked on it and want to continue using it in your "post-Concordia" life you'll be happy to know that anyone with a valid Edmonton Public Library card can access this great audio resource via the Edmonton Public Library website <http://www.epl.ca/>.

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