

# THE CORNER SHELF



APRIL 1, 2009

## News and Alerts

The library will be closed on Good Friday April 10th and Easter Sunday April 12th. We are open Saturday April 11th from 11am–6pm and Monday April 13th from 1–8pm. Beginning on April 25th we will be open Monday to Friday, 7:45 am–5 pm and closed Saturday and Sunday.

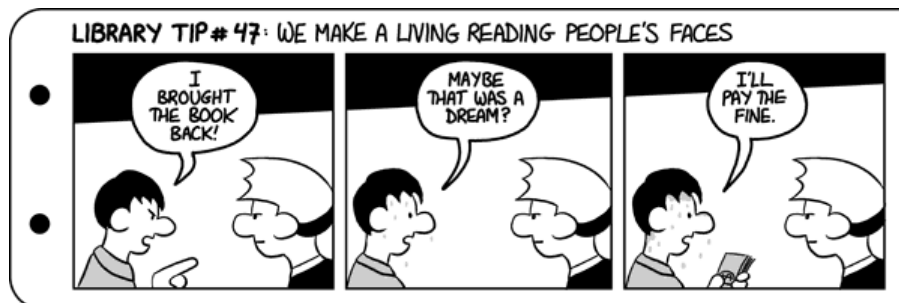
**Correction to the Open Source article in the last issue: open source Ubuntu and Debian/ GNU Linux are complete operating systems, not just browsers. Thanks to Dr. Guelzow for the correction.**

**Renee Morrissey, who has done a wonderful job filling in as Information Services Librarian while Erica Hebert is on maternity leave, has accepted a permanent librarian position at the Alberta Research Council. Her last day with us is April 3rd. Congratulations and Best Wishes, Renee!**

**Need to study for exams and the library is closed? The Cafeteria will stay open until midnight April 9-23.**

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## CANADA LIBRARY BOOK RATE PROGRAM

At the Concordia Library, library staff are always happy to bring in titles from other libraries that are not available here. This service is called **Interlibrary Loan** and is made possible, in part, through a program of the Government of Canada called the **Library Book Rate**. Originally funded directly by the Government of Canada, a 1997 ruling by the World Trade Organization requires the cost of the program to be incurred by Canada Post. This program mandates that Canada Post allows shipping between libraries to be billed at about one tenth of regular shipping rates.

In recent years Canada Post has threatened to discontinue this subsidized delivery program, in turn threatening our library's ability to bring in the materials you need to do your research. In fact, Canada Post has not guaranteed support past 2009.

The Concordia Library made changes to the way it ships materials to allow the Canadian Library Association to track usage of the program. While Canada Post recently became much more stringent in allowing only "book" materials, and not "DVD" or other non-book items to be shipped as part of the program, the use is still very high, evidence of its nature as an essential public service.

Recently, **Merv Tweed**, Member of Parliament for Brandon–Souris, Manitoba, reintroduced a **Private Member's Bill, C-322** (formerly Bill C-458), to amend the Canada Post Corporation Act to ensure the continuation of the Library Book Rate program. The proposed legislation would expand the program to include non-print materials such as CDs and DVDs. Tweed has been encouraged by the overwhelming, positive support the reintroduction of the Bill has received from all parties in the house. It is his belief that with

increased public visibility and the help of Canadians, this bill will receive widespread support from all Members of Parliament.

To sign a petition in support of this bill, just drop by the library Circulation Desk and ask. We'll compile the signatures and mail them in.

For further information, or if you wish to circulate the petition yourself, check his website. <http://www.mervtweed.com/Petitions.htm>

To send a personal letter of support to Merv Tweed, here is a sample suggested by the Canadian Library Association. [https://docs.google.com/Doc?id=dcfop44z\\_11d2xkkngx](https://docs.google.com/Doc?id=dcfop44z_11d2xkkngx)

If you have any questions about the Library Book Rate, or how it affects Concordia Library, please contact me directly.

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## FOOD FOR FINES IS BACK!



**Food for Fines**, which supports the **Campus Food Bank** housed at the University of Alberta, is back! This term the campaign runs from **April 1st - 23rd, 2009**. Fines on **Concordia** library items can be forgiven for a

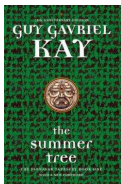
donation of 1 food bank item for each \$5.00 of fines, up to a maximum of \$20.00 forgiven (4 donated items). Fines on items from other libraries cannot be forgiven at Concordia.

**Preferred** non-perishable donations include canned meats and fish, peanut butter, canned

fruits, juices, pasta, soy products, as well as vegan alternatives. We also recommend items such as bar soap, shampoo and conditioner, shaving gel, and other toiletries. We will also accept cash donations to the Food Bank.

For further information, please ask at the Circulation Desk.

## STAFF PICK



**The Summer Tree (FIC KAY)** by Guy Gavriel Kay is the first book in a classic fantasy trilogy called **The Fionavar Tapestry**. If you like *The Lord of The Rings*, you will like this trilogy. In fact, this Canadian author was

assisted by the estate of J.R.R. Tolkien to assist with editing *The Silmarillion*, one of Tolkien's posthumously published works, so Kay's fantasy credentials are stellar.

The story begins with five U of T students at a conference on Celtic lore and mythology. They are approached by a mysterious scholar (Wizard Loren Silvercloak) and his assistant, who transport them to the magical land of Fionavar where they are soon caught up in a war between the dark and the light.

Kimberley, Kevin, Jennifer, Dave, and Paul each discover they have a role to play in the struggle against the Unraveller, Rakoth

Maugrim. They join mages, wizards, elves, dwarves, forest spirits, resurrected heroes of legend and the forces of The High King of Brennin to do battle, in the process discovering who they were truly meant to be. The world of Fionavar is richly imagined and well-developed. Kay weaves Arthurian legends with Celtic, Nordic and Teutonic elements to make this a captivating, epic story.

I definitely recommend **The Summer Tree** - I first read it several years ago and have looked forward to a time when I could finish the trilogy. We have the other two volumes of the trilogy, **The Wandering Fire** and **The Darkest Road** in our Recreational Reading Collection, located close to the Circulation Desk. If you haven't browsed this collection in a while, come check it out!

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

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## COOL WEB STUFF

☞ After graduation and going out into the big bad world, it's important to have a business card. If you want to make your own paper cards to hand out, there are free templates at **Businesscardland** [www.businesscardland.com/home/create-business-cards.html](http://www.businesscardland.com/home/create-business-cards.html). If you want to share your profile and keep track of contacts online, here are some options: **Pulse** [www.plaxo.com/](http://www.plaxo.com/); **Dropcard** [www.mydropcard.com/](http://www.mydropcard.com/); and **Retaggr** [www.retaggr.com/](http://www.retaggr.com/).

☞ Have you ever had a bunch of tabs open from an internet search and wanted to send it off to someone by email or to their cellphone? **ShareTabs** <http://sharetabs.com/> is an easy way - just add your links to the form, submit and you instantly have a link to send by IM, email or SMS (text message). You can also save it to your bookmarks or post it on Facebook, Twitter, FriendFeed and many other social networks.

☞ Is your computer desktop messy and cluttered with icons? Do you have to scan up, down and across to find the one you need? Maybe **Fences** [www.stardock.com/products/fences/index.asp](http://www.stardock.com/products/fences/index.asp) is for you. It's a free program to easily organize your desktop by setting up containers for your icons. Mac users - this is only for Windows but I think in the Leopard OS you already have a great system using the dock, stacks and spaces. I'm jealous actually!

☞ Have you ever come across a website that's so loaded up with colors, graphics, ads, widgets, etc. that you can't read the text? Try **TidyRead** [www.tidyread.com/](http://www.tidyread.com/). It's a browser bookmarklet to put on your toolbar that will strip away all the extra stuff, leaving nicely formatted text to read. You can even install it on your iPhone or iPod!

☞ At this stage of the year, don't we all need a laugh or two? **StupidVideos** [www.stupidvideos.com/](http://www.stupidvideos.com/), **Funny Hub** [www.funnyhub.com/](http://www.funnyhub.com/), and **Funny Junk** [www.funnyjunk.com/](http://www.funnyjunk.com/) each have videos, pictures, games and other fun stuff. **Stupid Signs** [www.stupidsigns.com/default.asp](http://www.stupidsigns.com/default.asp) is updated weekly and has some videos. I get daily updates to the **FAIL Blog** <http://failblog.org/> in Google Reader and sometimes my co-workers wonder why I'm laughing so hard. These sites are guaranteed to tickle your funny bone - enjoy!

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

These days, it's becoming easier and easier to find information online. With that in mind, we have compiled a list of resources that have online, streaming videos. From the library's website, click on the link in the left sidebar **How do I find...DVD's or Videos?** [http://library.concordia.ab.ca/catalogue/find\\_videos.php](http://library.concordia.ab.ca/catalogue/find_videos.php)

⇒ **Theatre in Video** is licensed by the Concordia library. This resource contains

original productions of plays and video documentaries online in streaming video.

⇒ **Pangea Day Videos** - This website hosts videos freely available from Pangea Day, May 10, 2008. The videos are a mix of fiction and non-fiction and were created by film-makers from around the world.

⇒ **NFB (National Film Board)** - Watch

## Winter Library Hours

Monday - Thursday	7:45 am - 9 pm
Friday	7:45 am - 5 pm
Saturday	11 am - 6 pm
Sunday	1 - 8 pm

## Closed Statutory Holidays

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

