

# THE CORNER SHELF



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## News and Alerts

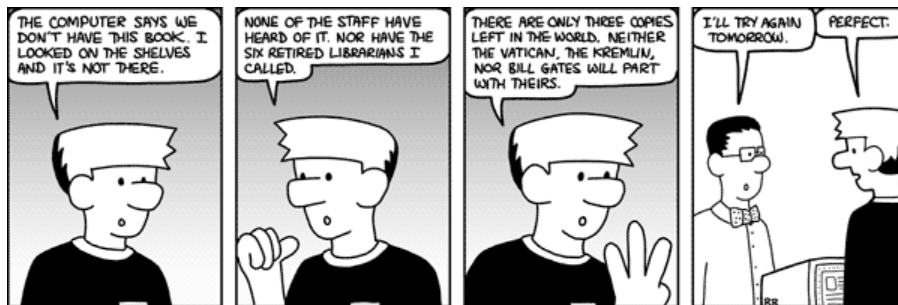
**Welcome back, everyone!**  
Returning faculty, staff and students - we're happy to see you again, and those who are new - we're happy to meet you. We look forward to a great year in 2009!

Check out the great new look in the **Curriculum Library**. New shelves with plenty of dividers means that it's much easier to find and shelve curriculum resources.

**Did you know....** students can recommend books, music, DVDs, etc. to the library for purchase? Fill out a Comment Box form (found on the main floor photocopy table), or just corral a library staff member to pass along your suggestion. Is there a book or DVD you think we should have? Just let us know.

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## LIBRARY TIPS AND TRICKS

### 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, 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 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, 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!**



## FOOD FOR FINES SUCCESS



Thank you to everyone who participated in the December Food for Fines campaign.

The amount of Concordia fines forgiven was over \$680. More

importantly, we sent 11 boxes of non-perishable food items to the Campus Food Bank which is run at the University of Alberta. Because of your generosity, students can feed their families in times of need. Thanks again to our Concordia Family!

## STAFF PICK



**The miraculous fever-tree : malaria, medicine and the cure that changed the world** by Fiammetta Rocco  
RA 644 M2 R633 2003

Malaria may not be a going concern for those of us living in the Great White North, but it is a significant health problem for those in warmer climates. According to the World Health Organization's website "About 40% of the world's population, mostly those living in the poorest countries, are at risk of malaria." Children living in Africa are particularly vulnerable as malaria causes 20% of childhood deaths on that continent. Every 15 seconds, someone in the world dies of malaria.

These statistics demonstrate the effect of the disease in 2008, but imagine how much more devastating it was before modern medicine. Having no understanding of how mosquitoes transmitted the malarial parasite, early methods to prevent the disease were useless. In Rome both paupers and popes died from this disease

and people across the world were literally plagued by its effects.

In the 17<sup>th</sup> century, Jesuit missionaries learned that locals in Peru used bark from the Cinchona tree to treat fevers. Quinine, the drug produced from that bark, was eventually available in Europe but many Protestants refused to take it, considering it a popish fraud. Bloodletting and other medieval treatments were still used, even when quinine was obviously effective in preventing and treating the disease.

Author Fiammetta Rocco knows first-hand the misery of malaria, having been raised in Africa where her family contracted the disease repeatedly. Her book, charting the history of quinine, is a quick read peppered with anecdotes of fascinating events such as the harrowing smuggling operation to bring cinchona seeds out of South Africa and the overwhelming loss of life during the building of the Panama Canal. Anyone interested in the history of science and medicine will find Rocco's book a worthwhile read.

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## 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

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



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

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## COOL WEB STUFF

- ☞ Are you looking for a good movie to watch? Check out **Clerk Dogs** <http://www.clerkdogs.com/> for recommendations based on a movie you liked. It's based on individual human recommendations from former video store clerks. They break down "Movie DNA" into categories like Action, Fast Pace, Suspense, Dry Humor, Character Depth, Violence, Complexity, Romance, Soundtrack, Cinematography, Upbeat/Downbeat, etc., etc. with a sliding scale rating for each movie. I got a list of 26 recommendations for *Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom*, ranging from the 1950 & 1985 versions of *King Solomon's Mines* to 2008's *City of Ember*.
- ☞ On a related entertainment front, there are a number of sites to find TV show episode guides, etc. **LocateTV** <http://www.locatetv.com/> will find info about a TV show, movie or actor - on TV, online or on DVD. **Wikipedia** has an episode guide [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Episode\\_guide](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Episode_guide). **Television Without Pity** <http://www.televisionwithoutpity.com/index.php> has loads of extras, like forums for shows, photos, blogs, videos, and lists like *Shows That Were Cancelled Too Soon* and *Shows That Weren't Cancelled Soon Enough*.
- ☞ Do you ever wonder if a website is actually down or is it just for you? **Down for everyone or just me?** <http://downforeveryoneorjustme.com/> will tell you - just paste the URL into the search box and click the link or just me? to find out. A companion website is **DING IT'S UP!** <http://www.dingitsup.com/>. It's a free service that will alert you via text, twitter or email when a website goes down or comes back up.

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

## FEATURED DATABASE/SEARCH TOOL



Did you know that you can use Google Scholar to search Concordia Library's e-resources?

This link takes you to the alphabetical list of Concordia's e-resources <http://library.concordia.ab.ca/eresources/title/>. Scroll down and click the link for Google Scholar, then search your topic. Google scholar connects to Concordia library resources,

allowing you to search for our e-resources using the simple Google search interface. You may see several links under the results: Cited by..., Related articles, Web Search, Free from Publisher, Where can I find this?, etc. If full-text is available there will be a specific link eg. EBSCOhost FullText. Clicking on Where can I find this? will direct you to search NEOS and COPPUL libraries to request the article if you wish.

Google Scholar may not run a complete

search of our library's resources so it's important that you also search each database relevant to your topic <http://library.concordia.ab.ca/>.

It's also important to use the Concordia link to Google Scholar so that you will be recognized as a member of Concordia Library and granted access to our resources.

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