

THE CORNER SHELF



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News and Alerts

Welcome back everyone!

Welcome also to our new Information Services Librarian, Dana Ouellette. Come in to say Hi! and be sure to look for his trading card!

Half-Breed Mythology is a new travelling art exhibition from the Art Gallery of Alberta in the Library Gallery. The artist, Aaron Paquette, is a descendant of the Cree & Cherokee nations, and Metis leader Gabriel Dumont. Aaron is working to ensure the continuation of Native Culture. Come check it out!

We are Going Green! Out of concern for the environment we will no longer offer free plastic bags to carry your checkout items. Please consider bringing in your own bag, or reusable Concordia bags are available for purchase from the Circulation Desk for \$1.00.

September 24th - October 1st is **Banned Books Week**, an international campaign that celebrates freedom to read. Do your part - read a banned book!



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10 THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT THE LIBRARY

Besides the Fact That We're Really Great People..... 😊

1. The Library catalogue and e-resources are available on and off campus 24/7 at <http://library.concordia.ab.ca/>.
2. You can find out when your books are due and renew them online through **My Account**. (Your pin number is the last 4 digits of your student #)
3. Find out what your instructor has put on reserve by visiting the online **Reserve Room**. <http://library.concordia.ab.ca/services/reserveroom.php>
4. Your student ID card is your library card. It gives you access to Concordia's library materials and other NEOS libraries'

materials. Your card can also be used in person at those libraries. You can also get a TAL card - ask us what that means!

5. Students get **free Inter-Library Loan** articles.
6. Go to the **Information Desk** for research and citation assistance, and password and printer help.
7. Go to the **Circulation Desk** to sign out or return materials, book library study rooms, purchase additional printing or photocopy pages, pay library fines, or add money to your declining balance to use for cafeteria purchases.
8. Library notices (reminders that books are due, recalls, fines owing) are sent to your Concordia student email account. Check it often!

9. The library not only has academic books for your research needs, but also CD's, DVD's, and fiction for those times you need a little mental break.

10. Two computer labs are located within the library and are maintained by Information Technology Services. Their office is located on the 2nd floor of the library in L356.

We are here to help you navigate through the library during your time here at Concordia - **Just Ask!**



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Dan Mirau
Library Director



Dan Mirau
Library Director
Dan "Rhymes with Hero" Mirau courageously fronts the amazing and spectacular work of Concordia's league of misfit library superheroes.

Super Power
Astonishingly uncanny
Neil Diamond karaoke

Sidekick
Concordia's trusty team
of library superstars!

Vulnerability
Addicted to geeky gadgets
and committee work

<http://concordialibrary.ab.ca>
Like: Concordia Library Page
cucalibrarynews.blogspot.com

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Have you ever wanted to know more about some of your Library Staff?

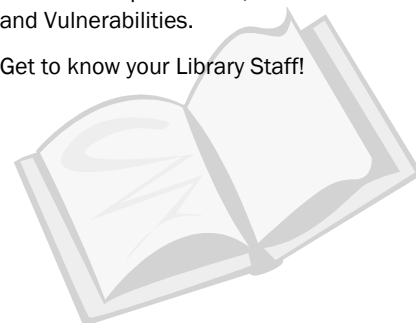
What do we do, exactly?

Who are we when we're not in the Library?

Now is your chance to get to know us better, and we hope to get to know you better in the process!

Library trading cards will be available in all sorts of ways. Ask us how you can get them. Collect them. Trade them. Ask questions about our Super Powers, Sidekicks and Vulnerabilities.

Get to know your Library Staff!



NEW TO U?

For many students university means big changes and new responsibilities. It's not easy to pay the rent, tuition, books, food, and have something left at the end of the month. Between classes, studying, work, family and friends you may need to plan your time more than you used to. How do you stay healthy and energized enough to meet all of the increased demands?

Where can you get information on the new skills you need to succeed in this environment? I bet you already know what I'm going to suggest.

Since you're reading **The Corner Shelf** Newsletter, you probably already know about the **Concordia Library**. You already know that we have all sorts of information to support your studies but did you know that we have information to support YOU? We have resources to help you learn more

about budgeting, study skills, stress, health, exercise, faith, food, communicating, time management, planning, and pretty much anything else you can think of.

E-resources are available as well. Here is a list of e-resources available from the Library website: <http://concordia.worldcat.org/profiles/jinnes/lists/2808581>.

Stop by the library and look at our **New to U** display, meet some of our friendly staff, and test out our comfy reading chairs. We're looking forward to getting to know you this year. Hopefully it will be the start of a great relationship.

Submitted by Jenna Innes
Information Services Assistant

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

Concordia Library on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Concordia-Library/155004017870032>

Concordia Library News and Events Blog: <http://cucalibrarynews.blogspot.com/>

Concordia Library on Flickr: <http://www.flickr.com/photos/concordialibrary/>

Concordia Library on Twitter <https://twitter.com/#!/libraryCUCA>

COOL WEB STUFF

☞ You know that saying "You learn something new every day"? I'm sure you already have many ways to make that happen but here are a couple of suggestions for daily email subscriptions to satisfy that curiosity itch. **English Wikipedia Article of the Day** includes anniversaries of events, a word of the day and a daily quote <https://lists.wikimedia.org/mailman/listinfo/daily-article-1>. **Now I Know** is compiled by Dan Lewis. Ever heard of 'horsemanning'? Check it out in the archives here: <http://dlewis.net/now-i-know-learn-something-new-every-day-by-email-archives/>.

☞ Some creative people have developed online tools to do inventive things with text or a web page. If you're a number fan, give **Binary** a try <http://nickciske.com/tools/binary.php>. Copy some text into the box, click Encode and there you go - a bunch of 1s and 0s in Binary that you can share on Facebook (you can also encode into Octal or Hex). **Upsidedowntext** www.upsidedowntext.com flips your text backwards, upside down or both. Share on Facebook, Twitter or Google+. **Random Poem Generator** <http://webermartin.net/poem.php> poemizes (sic) a URL into Haiku, A-B-A-B or A-A-B-B rhyme schemes. Here's a Haiku from our library website: "Articles is or DVDs library, or science mobile NEOS library books collection! by videos environmental library is". What use are these tools? Who cares - they're just fun!

☞ Sometimes you have a few minutes to kill or you just need a break from studying. That means it's game time! Do you like Tetris? **Torus** www.benjoffe.com/code/games/torus is a 3D Tetris-like game in the round. Use arrow keys or the A, W, S & D keys to control the blocks as they fall. Word games are my favourite - here's a good one: **Herd a Word** www.herdaword.com/?action=demo. You have 3 minutes to click on letter bubbles to make words. This one is available for iPhone or iTouch as well.

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

FEATURED E-RESOURCE



Are you learning a new language as part of your degree requirements? Or preparing for a foreign vacation? Try out **Mango Languages**. Mango language software offers conversational lessons in 36 languages including German, French, Italian and Spanish.

If English is your second language, Mango Languages offers English lessons and

pronunciation help to speakers of Arabic, Mandarin, Cantonese, French, German, Greek, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Polish, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish, Turkish, and Vietnamese.

This is a great tool to help build not only vocabulary but also pronunciation. It requires speakers and a microphone and can compare your voice to a native speaker. All students and staff have 24 hour a day 7 day a week access to this resource, so you can

practice privately in the comfort of your own home.

Check out Mango Languages on the library website or go directly to: <http://cufts2.lib.sfu.ca/CRDB/AEC/resource/11560/goto>

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