

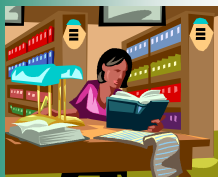
# THE CORNER SHELF



DECEMBER 1, 2009

## News and Alerts

**Extended Weekend Hours!** On Dec 5th, 6th, 12th & 13th the library will be open 10am-7pm. Get in some extra weekend studying at the library.



**Before the Christmas Break** we have reduced library hours during the week of Dec 14-18. **Monday** we're open until 6:30pm, **Tuesday to Thursday** to 5pm and **Friday** to 4pm. After the Christmas break we have reduced hours as well. **January 4-5** we close at 5pm with regular hours resuming on the first day of classes, **January 6th**. Check the Library website for details.

**New in the Library Gallery:** *Humanismo* by Jason Ness - an intimate look at everyday life in Havana. It's a wonderful photo display - come take a look!

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## NIPPON FOUNDATION DONATION

As you walk through the library this month, be sure to take a look at the book display cube on the main floor. As it is the Christmas season, you will find a variety of seasonal books and videos to get you in the Christmas Spirit. "But why," you might ask, "are there a bunch of books about Japan on display as well?"

The library is delighted to have been selected by the Nippon Foundation to receive a sizeable donation of books about Japanese history, culture, literature, and other areas. These brand new books arrived at the library in November and are now available for check out. Not only can Concordia borrowers use these resources but, through NEOS and other library consortium partners, they are also available to over 250

other libraries.

As a fan of manga, anime, video games and other Japanese media, I'm looking forward to picking up **Anime: From Akira to Howl's Moving Castle: Experiencing Contemporary Japanese Animation** by Susan J. Napier (NC 1766 J3 N36 2005). History buffs will be keen to read **From Mahan to Pearl Harbor: the Imperial Japanese Navy and the United States** by Sadao Asada (DS 839.7 A87 2006) or **The Atomic Bomb: Voices from Hiroshima and Nagasaki**, edited by Kyoko Selden and Mark Selden (D 767.25 H6 A87 1989).

From financial markets to technological developments, these materials promote the understanding of contemporary Japan and are applicable to a wide variety of disciplines. Business, sociology, politics, art - whatever your focus, you can find something

to satisfy your curiosity.

The library is grateful for this generous donation from the Nippon Foundation. Learn more about this organization by visiting [www.nippon-foundation.or.jp/eng](http://www.nippon-foundation.or.jp/eng).

Submitted by Jenna Innes  
Circulation and Information  
Services Assistant



## FOOD FOR FINES IS BACK!

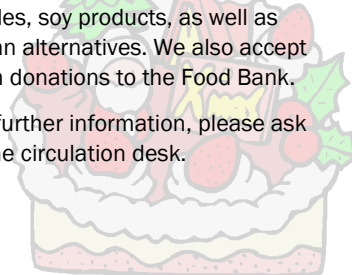


**Food for Fines** is back but with a twist! All donated items will go to the newly-formed **Concordia Student Food Bank**. You can reduce your fines and help your fellow students with the same donation.

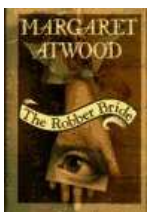
This campaign runs **December 1st to 16th**. Fines on **Concordia** library items can be forgiven for a donation of 1 food bank item for each \$5.00 of fines, up to a maximum of \$20.00 forgiven (4 donated items). Fines on items from other libraries cannot be forgiven at Concordia.

**Preferred** non-perishable items include canned meats and fish, peanut butter, canned fruit or vegetables, juices, dry pasta, pickles, soy products, as well as vegan alternatives. We also accept cash donations to the Food Bank.

For further information, please ask at the circulation desk.



## STAFF PICK



**The Robber Bride** by  
Margaret Atwood  
PS 8501 T86 R6 1993

Canadian author Margaret Atwood recently released "The Year of the Flood," a catastrophic vision of the future, adding to her already-impressive list of works. Atwood is certainly well-known for her sometimes disturbing futuristic imagery, but her literary scope stretches far beyond such works as "The Handmaid's Tale", which many of us were required to read in junior-level English Literature courses. Taking a break from her dystopian tales, Atwood set the focus of "The Robber Bride" on the past and present turmoil of three Toronto-based women.

Tony, a historian, Charis, a free spirit, and Roz, a high-powered business woman, are

unlikely friends brought together by the manipulation of Zenia, the epitome of "the other woman". Over the span of twenty years Zenia the seductress manages to systematically taint and tear away the three heroines' lovers. Tony, Charis, and Roz are left helpless against Zenia's charm, and only find peace-of-mind upon her sudden death. Where resolution fails, however, lurks fear and resentment. These hidden emotions reemerge when Zenia mysteriously returns from the grave and resumes her old ways.

What will this resurrection bring? Will there be a fight to the death, or an unwanted epiphany and long-awaited resolution? To find out, check out **The Robber Bride** at Concordia's library. You won't be disappointed.

Submitted by Lindsay Holman  
Circulation Assistant

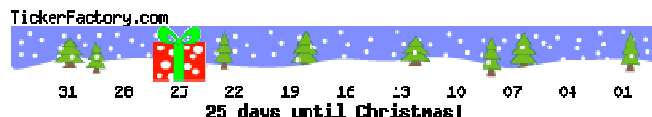
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**Concordia Library on Facebook:** <http://www.facebook.com/home.php#/group.php?gid=13518893391>

## COOL WEB STUFF

This 'Countdown to Christmas' graphic was made at the **Ticker Factory** [http://tickerfactory.com/ezticker/ticker\\_designer.php](http://tickerfactory.com/ezticker/ticker_designer.php). You can also create tickers to track weight loss, fundraising targets, books read, count down to an upcoming vacation, etc. Tickers can be embedded in blogs or web pages and added to Facebook or your iGoogle page. You don't have to create an account, just enter a password if manual updates are necessary (books read, for example). Otherwise just check into Facebook or iGoogle everyday to see how many days are left.... Yikes, it's time to go shopping!



Speaking of countdowns, check out **WorldClock** [www.shambles.net/worldclock/worldclock.swf](http://www.shambles.net/worldclock/worldclock.swf). Watch the counters tick away showing births, deaths, species extinct, oil produced, etc. You can change the view for year, month, week, day and now. Approximately 61,364 cars are produced every day, every week 120 species become extinct, prison population grows by 8,672 every month, and every year there are 122,512,208 births and 52,133,908 deaths. All figures are approximations based on US and world figures obtained from many sources. The vast scope of our planet really hits home if you select 'now' and watch the numbers start at zero and then turn over at a rapid pace.

Do you send out Christmas cards? Instead of snail mail check out **Elf Yourself** by Office Max [http://elfyourself.jibjab.com/?cmpid=om\\_ey\\_hp](http://elfyourself.jibjab.com/?cmpid=om_ey_hp). Upload up to 5 photos for the elf characters, choose from Singing, Hip Hop, Disco, Classic or Country and there you go - you've got your Christmas card. As you probably know there are multitudes of sites for sending ecards. Another site to add your own photos to an animated card is **Cardfunk** [www.cardfunk.com/en/create/card/animated](http://www.cardfunk.com/en/create/card/animated). You can personalize an animated card with poems, recipes and music at **Free Web Cards** <http://www.freewebcards.com/cards/flashchristmas/index.shtml>.

Merry Christmas Everyone! Check out my **Elf Yourself** card <http://elfyourself.jibjab.com/view/u19k2l5mJ1EQBbB>.

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



INTELEX  
PAST MASTERS

The collected letters of *William Wordsworth*, *Nietzsches' Werke*, and the correspondence of *John Locke* are just a few of the amazing resources found in **Intelix Past Masters**.

This collection uses search and reference tools to provide you with enhanced and easy access to classic texts of prominent figures in the humanities and social sciences. You can search the content of this resource by title or subject, and then even read certain texts in other languages such as French, German or Dutch.

Access this resource from the library website (<http://library.concordia.ab.ca>) today!

Submitted by Erica Hebert  
Information Services Librarian

## 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\*\***

