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News and Alerts

Wondering where you can put in some late hours studying for your finals? The cafeteria will remain open until midnight from December 5th to 13th .



**Food For Fines** runs from December 1st - 17th this term. Help someone in need and yourself at the same time! If you have questions we'd be happy to help you at the Circulation Desk.

**Merry Christmas and Happy New Year** to all of you from all of us here in the Library. We wish everyone blessings and joy during this holiday season and hope you have a restful, rejuvenating break. See you in 2009!



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NEW WRITING AND THE WEB

I recently attended **Pages**, a wonderful conference on reading. Liz Fulton Lyne, a librarian from The Yellowhead Tribal College Library, presented **Beyond the Printed Page: New Writing and the Web**. Some highlights are:

**Digital fiction, or is it New Media Fiction, or Electronic Literature...**

**Inanimate Alice** is a multimedia novel in self-contained episodes. <http://www.inanimatealice.com/>

**Flight Paths** is a networked novel, open to contributions from anyone, anywhere, using stories, texts, videos, photos, sounds, and animations to tell the story of Yacub, the man who fell from the sky, and Harriet, the woman who witnesses his fall. <http://www.netvibes.com/flightpaths#Prologue>

**Interactive Fiction** is similar to print 'choose-your-own-adventure' stories. **We Tell Stories**, a recent project sponsored by Penguin Books, has 6 examples of this evolving genre. <http://www.wetellstories.co.uk/>

**Fan Fiction** is based on an original or pre-existing work from popular culture such as television shows, films, books, comics and games. It's rooted in sci-fi or fantasy 'fanzines' and is often collaborative writing by amateur authors. Copyright infringement or tarnishment problems have occurred. A well-established site is <http://www.fanfiction.net/> - the "world's largest archive" of fan fiction.

**Collaborative Fiction** is created by more than one author, media developer or digital artist. The term often used for this genre of writing is 'Adventure'. This collective storytelling often involves gaming and Web 2.0 social applications. **Infinite Story** <http://www.infinite-story.com/> offers users with accounts various options such as writing clans, public/private stories, approval systems, private messaging, and room linking. **Protagonize** <http://www.protagonize.com/> invites users to participate in associated community blogs, subscribe to stories using RSS, and stay connected with other

participants via Facebook and Twitter. Wikinovels such as **A Million Penguins** <http://www.amillionpenguins.com> haven't taken hold as well as other collaborations.

**Email Fictions** have existed for some time, usually for a fee. **The Daughters of Freya** and **Suzanne** are available at <http://www.emailmystery.com/>.

**Keitai Fiction**, or cellphone novels, first appeared in Japan seven years ago and have become wildly popular, even surpassing print sales. Keitai authors sometimes change the story based on input from their readers. The stories, which are simply written, are mostly based on comic books and themes of love and friendship.

**Maho i-Land** is the website (if you can read Japanese!) <http://company.maho.jp/>

Happy Reading - and Writing!

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FOOD FOR FINES IS BACK!



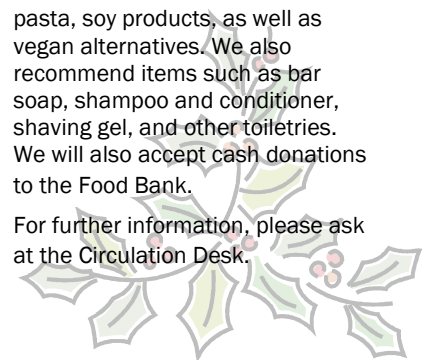
Once again, we are pleased to support the **Campus Food Bank**, housed at the University of Alberta, with our **Food for Fines** campaign. This term the campaign runs from **December 1st to 17th**.

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.



## LIBRARY STAFF PICKS CONT.

**Nelson: *Robocop*** by Frank Miller **PN 1995.9 S26 R632 2007**. "This previously unavailable reprint of the original nine comics from the 80's in one graphic novel format 'kicks donkey'. Cops are on strike and evil is afoot in this surprisingly psychologically based thriller, and to quote the movie 'I'd buy that for a dollar'."

**Lindsay:** "I recently Read ***Breakfast of Champions*** by Kurt Vonnegut **FIC VON** and loved it. Mind you, the book is a little crude and might not be suitable for "sensitive" audience members, but I thought it was incredibly random, unique and addictive."

**Linda: *The five love languages : how to express heartfelt commitment to your mate*** by Gary Chapman **HQ 734 C466 2004** "is an excellent book for any couple to get to know how to respond to one another. The

five languages are Quality Time, Affirmation, Touch, Service and Gifts, and there are tests to determine what your Love Languages are. I feel that if all married couples read the book there would be fewer problems."

**Jodie: *A Handful of Time*** by Kit Pearson **PS 8581 E389 H36 1988 (Curriculum)** "This is a fantastic book by a local author. Anyone who spent their childhood summers at a lake or cabin will fall in love with it. A great mix of realism and fantasy."

**Jan: *The Summer Tree*** by Guy Gavriel Kay **FIC KAY** "is the first of three volumes of ***The Fionavar Tapestry***. If you liked Lord of the Rings you will love this series. Five young men and women are transported from the present day to Fionavar where they become part of an epic war between good and evil. It's truly a classic!"

**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](http://www.library.ualberta.ca/rss/newbooks/library/library_Concordia_University_College.xml)

## COOL WEB STUFF

There are some really cool websites out there - here are a few of my favorites and some I've recently found.

- ☞ I absolutely couldn't live without **Last.fm** <http://www.last.fm/>. I don't download music but I do have their radio station playing any time I'm working online. My preference is a station with music like Stevie Ray Vaughn or John Mayer, but the possibilities are endless.
- ☞ **Print What You Like** <http://www.printwhatyoulike.com/> is a great way to save on paper and ink when you want to print from the web.
- ☞ **CopyPasteCharacter** <http://www.copypastecharacter.com/> is simply a page of special characters (eg. ½) you may need from time to time.
- ☞ Have you ever wondered why songs get stuck in your head, why the price of food rises so rapidly, or how to set up a home computer network? At **How Stuff Works** <http://www.howstuffworks.com/> you'll find answers, sometimes to questions you never thought to ask..
- ☞ **Webphemera** <http://webphemera.blogspot.com/> is a blog that brings together all kinds of weird and crazy stuff. Great photos.
- ☞ **COLOURLovers** <http://www.colourlovers.com/> and **Kuler** <http://kuler.adobe.com/> Colour is an integral part of design so I consult these sites every time I have a project - like The Corner Shelf!
- ☞ **Garfield minus Garfield** <http://garfieldminusgarfield.net/> is just like it says - the Garfield comic strip, minus Garfield. Poor Jon is so full of loneliness and angst as it is, but without Garfield he's even more so.
- ☞ **New Fiction** <http://www.newfiction.com> is a site for free episodic audio books via browser, email or podcast. They're looking for writers too if you want to write an isoap "an audio drama typically performed as a serial on the internet, a cell phone or MP3 player."

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

This month we're featuring **Credo Reference (formerly Xreferplus)**. It's a digital reference library containing a selection from 240 reference books. Offering access to over 2 million entries, Credo Reference covers all subjects and contains all types of reference books: dictionaries, encyclopedias, thesauri, and books of quotations. For instance:

**The Hutchinson Unabridged Encyclopedia with Atlas and Weather guide** is a comprehensive encyclopedia providing an authoritative insight into the worlds of science and technology, history, geography,

politics, and the arts. It includes images, an integrated atlas, animations, video, and sound clips, quotations, and links to Web sites.

**Holidays, Festivals, and Celebrations of the World Dictionary** describes holidays, festivals, commemorations, holy days, feasts and fasts, and other observances from all parts of the world.

**A Dictionary of Literary Symbols** clearly explains and illustrates the literary symbols that we all encounter (such as swan, rose, moon, gold), along with hundreds of cross-

## Fall / 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

## Special Hours December 14 - 19

Monday - Thursday	7:45 am - 5 pm
Friday	7:45 am - 4 pm

## Christmas/New Year Closure

December 20 - January 4 Closed

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



references and quotations. It concentrates on English literature, but entries range widely from the Bible and classical authors to the twentieth century, taking in American and European literatures.

You can access this collection at "All E-Resources" <http://library.concordia.ab.ca/eresources/title/index.php>. Remember if you are off-campus you need to sign in using some e-resources.

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