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## News and Alerts

In December there are several changes to library hours.

- Dec 3 & 4, 10am - 7pm
- Dec 10, 8am - 7pm
- Dec 11, 10am - 7pm
- Dec 17, 8am - 4pm
- Dec 18, Closed
- Dec 19 - 21, 7:45am - 4pm
- Dec 22 - Jan 4, Closed

We reopen Thursday, Jan 5th.

We will have one less library staff member in 2012. Wilda Campbell, our esteemed Interlibrary Loans Technician, is retiring after 11 years at Concordia. She will be greatly missed. Please join us in wishing her the best in her retirement.

All of us in the Library wish you and yours a Blessed Christmas and Happy New Year!



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## HUMAN RIGHTS DAY

"This year, millions of people decided the time had come to claim their rights. They took to the streets and demanded change. Many found their voices using the internet and instant messaging to inform, inspire and mobilize supporters to seek their basic human rights. Social media helped activists organize peaceful protest movements in cities across the globe - from Tunis to Madrid, from Cairo to New York - at times in the face of violent repression.

Human rights belong equally to each of us and bind us together as a global community with the same ideals and values. As a global community we all share a day in common: **Human Rights Day** on 10 December, when we remember the creation 63 years ago of the *Universal Declaration of Human Rights*.

On Human Rights Day 2011, we pay tribute to all human rights

defenders and ask you to get involved in the global human rights movement."

Quoted from the **United Nations Human Rights Day** website [www.un.org/en/events/humanrightsday/2011/](http://www.un.org/en/events/humanrightsday/2011/).

For those of you taking up the challenge to get involved in the human rights movement, here are some useful resources to get you started.

**Human Rights Watch** publishes a yearly World Report on the status of human rights in countries around the world. Their website also posts current news, photos, videos, and podcasts, which have always stunned me with their brutal honesty. You can explore the site by topic (such as Children's Rights, or Refugees), by country, or by region. [www.hrw.org/](http://www.hrw.org/)

**Amnesty International** brings public attention to human rights issues and encourages everyone to

protect and promote human rights. Their website provides information about human rights as well as the opportunity to get involved with various Amnesty International campaigns such as *Write for Rights*. 2011 is Amnesty International's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary so this year's Human Rights Day is particularly special.

[www.amnesty.ca/home.php](http://www.amnesty.ca/home.php)

Take a look at **We are all born free : the Universal Declaration of Human Rights in pictures**. Each page is a line from the Declaration illustrated by a talented Children's book artist such as Peter Sis, Satoshi Kitamura, and Chris Riddell. The book is available at Concordia Library. My favorite is Article 24 "We all have the right to rest from work and relax." I think all of us need to be reminded of that, especially in December as the term ends and the holidays begin.

Jenna Innes

Information Services Assistant

## FOOD FOR FINES IS BACK!



Food for Fines is back and once again all donated items will go to the **Concordia Student Food Bank**. You can reduce your fines and help your fellow students with the same donation.

The campaign runs **December 1st - 20th**. Fines on Concordia

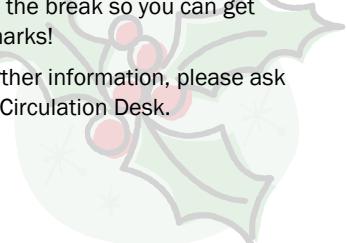
library items can be forgiven for a donation of 1 food bank item for each \$5.00 of fines, up to a maximum of \$20.00 forgiven (4 donated items). Fines on items from other libraries cannot be forgiven at Concordia.

**Preferred** non-perishable items include canned meats and fish, peanut butter, canned fruit or vegetables, juices, dry pasta, pickles, soy products, as well as

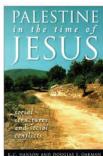
vegan alternatives.

Additional fines may be paid through CCMS with a valid credit card. Make sure to clear your fines before the break so you can get your marks!

For further information, please ask at the Circulation Desk.



## STAFF PICK



Too often theologians and biblical scholars alike have only looked at the New Testament from an historical or theological perspective. Yet recently many scholars have begun to see the value of applying social-science methods and models to understanding the New Testament world. Certainly the gospel writers and Jesus himself lived in a world with very real social, political, psychological, and economic struggles which informed how they viewed the world and the specific stories they used to speak about ethical and theological matters. Thus understanding the social, political, and economic institutions and structures in the time of Jesus can only lead to a deeper and richer understanding of the gospel narratives.

I have not read a better introduction to the social world of the New Testament than K. C. Hanson and Douglas E. Oakman's

**Palestine in the Time of Jesus: Social Structures and Social Conflicts (BS 2545 S55 H37 1998).** Although there are several books that treat this topic in more detail, Hanson and Oakman write clearly and concisely (160ish pages is definitely readable) in a way that anyone can understand. They also limit their focus on four major topics: (1) family as a social institution, (2) the power structure of patronage in the Agrarian world, (3) the economy of Roman Palestine, and finally (4) Political religion and the role of the Temple as a political and social center of life in the region.

I highly recommend this book to anyone wishing to gain a deeper insight into the gospel narratives, or anyone studying the New Testament.

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

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

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

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

## COOL WEB STUFF

⌚ Do you Google? Does it give you what you were looking for? There are several great resources out there if you're having trouble. Check out the infographic, **Get More Out of Google** here <http://goo.gl/yMvgX>. **Google Guide** [www.googleguide.com](http://www.googleguide.com) is an online interactive tutorial and reference for experienced users, novices, and everyone in between (not affiliated or endorsed by Google). You can also get help within Google at **Search Features** [www.google.com/help/features.html](http://www.google.com/help/features.html) or **Help** [www.google.com/support/websearch/?#topic=1221265](http://www.google.com/support/websearch/?#topic=1221265). Happy Googling!

⌚ Have you ever given a PowerPoint presentation and had to back up several slides? It's a pain for sure! There's an online cloud-based presentation tool called **Prezi** <http://prezi.com/index> that solves that problem and that's just one of the advantages of this tool. You can present online or offline, pan and zoom through your content, and import media like images, videos, YouTube videos, and PDFs. You can even collaborate with others in real time. A basic public account is free and you can sign up with Facebook or on your own. It's easy to learn - it took me about half an hour. Check out the Coca Cola Company example to see possibilities for your own presentations.

⌚ Game time! **The Game You Can't Stop** [www.gamesforthebrain.com/game/cantstop](http://www.gamesforthebrain.com/game/cantstop) is simple and hard at the same time. You move the bottom ball with your mouse to bump off falling balls. Connect 3 of the same colour to score. A spiky red ball will explode a group that it hits. It's tricky to get the right bumping angle and to keep up with the pace of the falling balls. Go ahead, I dare you to stop!

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

Ever wished you could download articles for your lab report right onto your smartphone or your tablet? It is hard to deny that the world is going mobile, and to stay relevant to a world of smartphones and tablets libraries are actively developing mobile resources. Access to all of the fulltext articles in our two largest science databases, Scopus and Science Direct, are now both available in a mobile app. The **Sciverse Scopus** and **ScienceDirect** apps are available for iPhone, iPad, Blackberry and Android devices.

You will need to validate your Concordia email address to prove you are a staff or student here with valid credentials. But once you have done that, you will have access to millions of scientific journal articles.

To find out more information about getting science articles right to your mobile device see their webpage: [www.info.sciverse.com/sciverse-mobile-applications?icn=mobile\\_application\\_campaign&ian=may2011](http://www.info.sciverse.com/sciverse-mobile-applications?icn=mobile_application_campaign&ian=may2011).

## CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY COLLEGE LIBRARY

### 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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Jenna is typically found at the Info Desk, providing energetic research help. She also creates displays and teaches library workshops. She is always on the lookout for great children's books and loves to hear your suggestions!

**Super Power**  
Finding hidden mountain trails to explore

**Sidekick**  
2 drinks at the same time – a hot chocolate and a cold mango smoothie

**Vulnerability**  
Caramel, cheesecake, and lasagna – but not all at once

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