

THE CORNER SHELF



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News and Alerts

October is Canadian Library Month and Friday, October 16th is National Library Workers' Day. Feel free to show your appreciation by coming to the library to check out some books!

Thanksgiving Day is Monday, October 12th. The library will be closed that day.



October is a busy month! Besides Mad Hatter's Day on the 6th, World Smile Day is on the 2nd and International Magic Week is the 25th - 31st - clap your hands if you believe! And of course we have Halloween on the 31st - come to the library and show off your costume!



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CANADIAN LIBRARY MONTH



October is much more than pumpkins and midterms, it is also **Canadian**

Library Month. What does the word "library" bring to mind for you? Wood paneled walls and the scent of leather bound books? The clickety-click sound of fingers on keyboards and the glow of a computer screen? Everyone has their own memories and associations and they are usually pretty vivid ones.

I remember playing the summer reading game at our local public library when I was a kid. My mom would bring me in once a week to choose new books and get another reward sticker. I loved reading sly poems by **Shel Silverstein** and **Dennis Lee** or fantastical stories by **Roald Dahl**. Do you remember the first time

you read *The Wizard of Oz*, *Anne of Green Gables*, or *Alice in Wonderland*? Maybe you preferred the adventurous knights in the world of King Arthur, or laughed at the exploits of **Dr. Seuss's Cat in the Hat**? The Concordia Library is celebrating Canadian Library Month with a display of classic literature for young people. Take a peek and see if you can find one of your favorites.

Another reason for a party in October is **Mad Hatter's Day**. The official date is October 6th - because of the classic *Alice in Wonderland* illustration showing a slip of paper tucked into the Hatter's Hat that reads 10/6. It is a day to celebrate the silly, the unusual, and the absurd. The Hatter enjoyed many a cup of tea and we hope he would be delighted to see our exhibit of unusual tea cups and tea pots, on loan from members of the Concordia community. You can



vote for the best and the winner will receive a tea-themed gift basket.

Did you know that you are welcome to enjoy your own cup of tea or coffee when you visit the Concordia Library? We understand that a cup of java might be a key piece of your research routine so go ahead and bring in a covered travel mug on a chilly morning. Take a seat in our reading alcove and flip through the pages of *Treasure Island* or *Charlotte's Web*. Take a break from your textbooks and re-visit those stories that kept you up past your bedtime - hiding under the covers with a flashlight in your hand.

Submitted by Jenna Innes
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DID YOU KNOW... ?

Did you know... that there are many locations in the library you can plug in your laptop? Other than the obvious spots in the library alcove, you can find a plugin near many of the study carrels on the 2nd floor, mezzanine and curriculum level. Ask staff for assistance if you can't find one.

Did you know... that Library News and Events are now on a blog? Hosted by the lovely Erica, you can find it by clicking on the **News and Events** link on the library home page or go directly to **Concordia Library News and Events** here <http://cucalibrarynews.blogspot.com/>. Come and leave a comment!

Did you know... that Concordia Library has a **Facebook** group page? Hosted by the lovely Jenna, you can find our group here www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=13518893391. Come and start a discussion!



STAFF PICK



Imagine finding what you think is a nickel and you're bored, so you wish there was a fire (imaginative child that you are!) and then you hear the fire trucks coming. Slowly, after some hilarious predicaments, you realize that what you've found is a

charm that grants wishes, except you get only half what you wished for. That's what happened to Jane, the oldest; Mark, the only boy; Katherine, the middle child; and Martha, the youngest (who was very difficult) in this lovely book *Half Magic* by Edward Eager **PZ 7 E115 H35 2004**. This 50th anniversary edition of the children's classic includes the original art by N. M. Bodecker and a new introduction by award-winning author Jack Gantos.

Since wishes are only half granted, the children need to make their wishes carefully. Some wishes double easily, like 2 dishes of ice cream so you only get 1. Other wishes are more troublesome, resulting in hilarious predicaments and magical adventures for the children. When it comes to what they truly wish for - a happy complete family - it is love, hope and good human values that work their magic.

From the introduction, Gantos says "in the end... there is no stronger magic than that of love and imagination found in family harmony." This is a timeless story that everyone, especially our children, needs to read and enjoy.

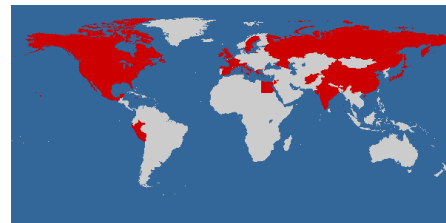
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Library Hours

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****



Jan's Reading Map from **My World 66**

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

www.world66.com/myworld66

Subscribe to New Books RSS feed: http://www.library.ualberta.ca/rss/newbooks/library/library_Concordia_University_College.xml

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COOL WEB STUFF

☞ What to do when you're bored? Since I'm not as well-travelled as I'd like (!), I decided to create a Reading Map (see above) at **My World 66** www.world66.com/myworld66. You can also create maps of US states, Canadian provinces, or European countries that you've visited, or browse the site for travel information on 20,000 destinations, written by travelers like you. What does your Reading Map look like?

☞ Discover the wisdom of anagrams at **Wordsmith** <http://wordsmith.org/anagram>. I plugged in my full name, excluded the word "a" and got results like this - Cannibal Juiced Them, Abject Maudlin Niche, and Adjacent Bulimic Hen. Adjacent to what, I wonder? I'm no cannibal and definitely not maudlin but at least it kept me from boredom for a little while!

☞ Do you need to plot a graph for that important assignment due tomorrow but you've run out of graph paper and the stores are closed? No problem - just go to **Printable Paper** www.printablepaper.net and you can download a PDF and print it right away for free! You can also print many styles of music papers (for that new song running through your head), knitting graph paper, a Scrabble score sheet, or many, many other special papers. Yahtzee, anyone?

☞ Finally, let me tell you about **Null Hypothesis: The Journal of Unlikely Science** www.null-hypothesis.co.uk. You can bookmark it, sign up for the newsletter or subscribe to the RSS feed. There are truly fascinating articles - for example, did you know that pink (magenta is its official name) isn't actually a colour found in the spectrum of light? It's actually how our brain interprets a wavelength from both ends of the spectrum - that is, red and violet. You can also learn how crying works, how to trick your tastebuds, and what would happen if we all dropped down dead. This is not 'junk science', just fascinating stuff you didn't even know you needed to know.

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

FEATURED E-RESOURCE

Ever wondered what it was like to be a Canadian doctor in 1904 or wondered what was done by Canadian activists when slavery was rampant in the 1800's? **Early Canadiana Online** will answer your questions! It includes three million pages of Canada's print heritage published from the time of the first European settlers to the first two decades of the 20th Century. Anyone looking for a **primary source** for history research needs to look no further!

An ongoing project within Early Canadiana Online includes digitizing pre-1920 Canadian periodicals. The periodical titles are

dedicated to agriculture, religion, medicine and health, as well as popular publications. This unique collection brings online the first magazine published in Canada (1789-1792), *The Nova Scotia Magazine*.

Additionally, you can access ECO's special projects online that include *Reconstituted Debates of the House of Commons* (1867-1870) and *Reconstituted Debates of the Senate* (1867-1871), 60 publications focused on the lives of the early Governors General of Canada, 160 titles in 20,000 pages online that detail the history of the

Hudson's Bay Company (HBC), one of the oldest and still active companies in the world, and *Relations* (annual missionary reports written between 1632 and 1678 by the Jesuits in New France for their superiors in France).

Check out this resource online today at <http://www.canadiana.org/ECO> or on the library website <http://library.concordia.ab.ca/>

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