

# THE CORNER SHELF



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## News and Alerts

On March 13th we said good-bye to Karen Visser, who was our Circulation Services Supervisor for 6 years. She is now Manager of the Alberta Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) which represents veterinarians in Alberta. She did promise to bring Riley back now and then to continue his duties as Concordia's pet therapy dog.



Replacing Karen V., we welcome Karen Hildebrandt to her new role as Circulation Services Supervisor. She has been Systems Coordinator for 7 years and will undoubtedly bring fresh ideas and energy to the Circulation Department.

Good luck to our 2 Karens!

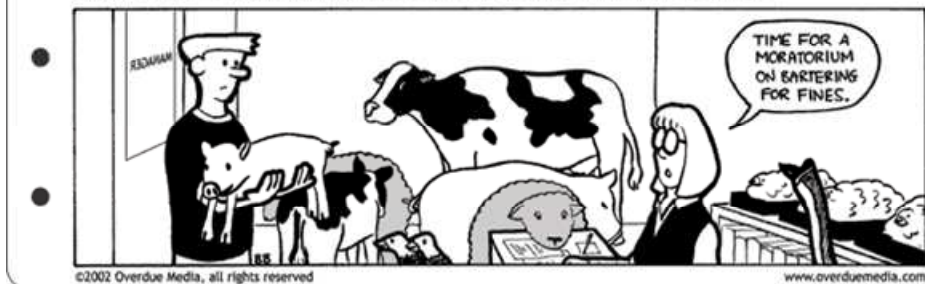
## HELP WANTED

Library Shelters needed for the Fall/Winter terms. Apply at Human Resources. Ask at the Circulation Desk for more info.

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LIBRARY TIP #10: YOUR LIBRARY ACCEPTS A VARIETY OF PAYMENT METHODS



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## FOOD FOR FINES IS HERE!



Once again, the Concordia Library is pleased to support the **Campus Food Bank**, housed at the

University of Alberta, with its 8<sup>th</sup> Food for Fines campaign. Library patrons that have fines on **Concordia** library materials may donate 1 food item for each \$5.00 of fines (to a maximum of

\$20.00). This amount will then be removed (forgiven) from the patron's account.

This semester the campaign runs from April 1st until noon on April 23rd. **Preferred** 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 also accept cash donations to the Food Bank.

When you donate, you will be entered (one entry per person) for our prize draw, which will be held **April 23rd at noon**.

There are 4 prizes, each with a Library Book Bag and one of 4 gift certificates: one for **Boston Pizza**, one for **Pizza Hut**, one for **Panago**, and one for **Save On Foods**. Winners will be notified by phone.

For further information, please ask at the Circulation Desk.

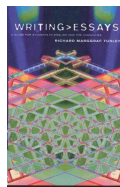
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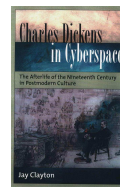
## EBOOKS FOR ENGLISH

E-books are not only convenient and easy to use, they are also green! E-books are created electronically, meaning no trees are cut down for their pages, no non-renewable resources are used to print and transport them, and they will never occupy space in landfills.

Concordia's collection of E-books is accessible two ways. Click the **E-book** link on the library's main page, choose one of the E-book provider databases and search or browse titles individually. You can also search from the main catalogue by clicking **More Search Options**, then **Advanced Search** and limit the **E-Resource Type** field to **E-book**.



**Writing Essays: A Guide for Students in English and the Humanities** by Richard Marggraf Turley. This book covers everything in a concise, step-by-step format, including introductions, conclusions, structure, grammar, and style. Access it in the library or from the comfort of your own home, whenever and wherever you need some inspiration to write an "A+" essay.

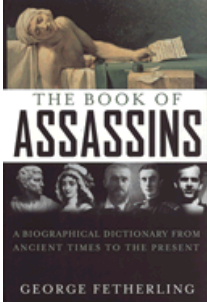


**Charles Dickens in Cyberspace: The Afterlife of the Nineteenth Century in Postmodern Culture** focuses on Dickens' fascination with new and innovative technologies of

his time and "odd parallels" between 19th century and modern day technologies, including the telegraph, internet, Babbage's analytical engine, computers, automata and artificial life research. The author, Jay Clayton, seeks to answer the intriguing question "What is the place of the past in contemporary culture?" What better format to read a book on this subject than an E-Book?

Submitted by Angelica Tarnowski  
SLIS Practicum Student

## HIDDEN TREASURE ON THE REFERENCE SHELF



**The Book of Assassins :**  
**A biographical**  
**dictionary from ancient**  
**times to the present**

by George Fetherling  
**HV 6245 F44 2006**

Have you ever been in  
the library with some  
time on your hands?

Maybe you are early for a meeting with your instructor. Maybe you are watching for the next available computer. Maybe your friends are late to meet you for study group. Whatever the reason, the next time you are hanging around the reference stacks pick up *The Book of Assassins* and flip to a random page. In just a few minutes, you can read about some of the different people who tried to assassinate

Hitler. Or perhaps learn more about the infamous Lee Harvey Oswald or John Wilkes Booth.

Fetherling's book is not only full of brief and interesting articles about these fascinating historical figures, it is also a great scholarly book with thorough lists of resources and suggestions for further reading. If your essay topic is on an emperor, pope, or other famous person who was assassinated, this is a great source. Pick it up for a few minutes and explore the CIA's efforts to kill Castro. Find out who holds the record for surviving the most assassination plots and what drove the people listed in these pages to take such drastic actions.

Submitted by Jenna Innes  
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## COOL WEB STUFF

Any feedback or suggestions of the types of links you would find useful would be *mutch* [sic] appreciated. Send responses, etc. to [jan.mutch@concordia.ab.ca](mailto:jan.mutch@concordia.ab.ca).

- Do you have a reader? No, not someone to read your textbook to you - an online RSS reader! I use Google Reader - actually, to be truthful, I'm addicted to Google Reader! Almost all blogs, websites, etc. have RSS feeds now so it's super easy to use a reader to bring all your must-reads together on one page. It's more efficient and much quicker than visiting each individual site from your bookmarks. As I said, I use [Google Reader](#), but there are many others out there. [Bloglines](#) and [Rocket RSS Reader](#) are completely web-based with no download or installation. Check this [link](#) for more options.
- Anyone still use flash cards to study? I wish I had known about this website a couple of years ago when I took Spanish and made my own flash cards! At [The Study Stack](#) you can use their data or add your own, then study and play with that data in different ways - flashcards, hangman game, crossword puzzle, matching, word search or word puzzles. You can print to study offline or export to your cell phone, PDA or iPod. Another online study option would be [CliffsNotes](#) or [SparkNotes](#) - you can access study guides on many subjects.

Submitted by Jan Mutch, Reserves Technician (techie geeks unite!)

## NEW RESEARCH TOOL ON THE WEBSITE!

Those of you who have a **RefWorks** account on the library website know that online research tools work. A new tool was added to the website on March 20th - thank you, Renée! If you have a [del.icio.us](#) account on the web you are familiar with **tagging**. When you bookmark a site on delicious you can tag (label) it with terms specific to you, or choose their recommended or most popular tags.

Our new tool is used for **tagging journal titles**. You can find it from the library home page - choose **E-resources** on the top navigation bar, then choose the **journals list**. Or click this link <http://cufts2.lib.sfu.ca/CJDB/AEC/browse> to go right there. On the top right of the page you see **Log in or create a new account to use extra features**. Click **create**, fill in all the

information fields, and click **create** again. Voilà, you are signed in and can now add your tags to journal titles.

Say you're surfing the journals list trying to find resources for an assignment in Business 220 and you look at the record for Business Communication Quarterly. This journal looks promising but you don't have time to look at it closely. At the bottom of the record (if you're signed in, of course!) you will see a link, **add tags**. Click the link, add your tag(s), which can be private, public or local public (publically viewable only at Concordia), and save. The link then changes to **add/manage tags**. Business Communicator looks like a good resource too so you tag that one. You sign off and go

to class. When you log in later to continue your research, the options next to your name at the top of the page include **my tags**. Clicking this link takes you to a list of your tags and you can go straight to those 2 great journals without going through the whole search again. This would work for group projects - just make sure your tags are **local public** and the other members of your group can see what you've found. Go on, give it a try and let us know how it works for you!

If you have any questions about this new research tool, or **RefWorks** (which was covered in the first issue of *The Corner Shelf*), please ask at the Information Desk.

Submitted by Jan Mutch  
Reserves Technician



**Good Luck on your exams!**