

THE CORNER
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MARCH 2012

News and Alerts

There are no changes to Library hours in the month of March. Heads up though for April - we will be closed Easter Friday and Sunday. Check the website for details.

Another heads up - Food For Fines will return in April.

Some days of note in March:

- 8th is International Women's Day
- 8th is also the beginning of Purim at sundown
- 17th is St. Patrick's Day
- 20th is the Spring (Vernal) Equinox
- 20th is also International Earth Day



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LOVE READING?

Love Reading? Celebrate **Freedom to Read Week** (Feb 26 - Mar 3) with Concordia Library!

The freedom to read what I choose is a right I often take for granted. I have access to a whole world's worth of choices, whether I'm reading to satisfy a particular information need or just for the joy of it. Growing up, I was fortunate that my family encouraged me to read according to my tastes. I confess that meant a few "Sweet Valley High" books and multiple horror novels but I'm not embarrassed to admit it. Reading those books was fun - plain and simple. I didn't have to work too hard to figure out the words or the plot and that was fine with me.

I eventually went on to more complex reading material but I would never have gotten there without all the simpler books I read as a kid. Those books may

not have stretched me very much but they gave me the practice I needed to become a good reader, able not only to visualize the story as it unfolded but to actually forget that I was reading and to live out the story in my mind.

My family likes to remind me about the time we were shopping in a large department store and I snuck away to read. They thought I was lost and hunted everywhere, calling my name. Eventually I was discovered in the centre of a circular clothing rack, with my feet tucked up so nobody could see my shoes and find me to interrupt my reading. I was so lost in the book that I hadn't heard them calling my name, I was simply oblivious. This love of reading, although very frustrating to my family that day, has turned out to be the greatest gift I ever received. Whenever I was bored, traveling, sick, or stuck inside on a rainy day - I had something to occupy me and, in a

way, to be my friend.

Those of you who also love reading know exactly what I mean because you too have befriended the characters from your favourite books. Some of those characters have been just as important as real people and they have influenced how you think, how you act, and who you are.

I am so grateful that I had the freedom to read books like *Huckleberry Finn*, *The Wizard of Oz*, *To Kill a Mockingbird*, *The Giver*, and so many other books that have, in many instances, been removed from the shelves or banned altogether.

Visit www.freedomtoread.ca to learn more about current intellectual freedom issues in Canada.

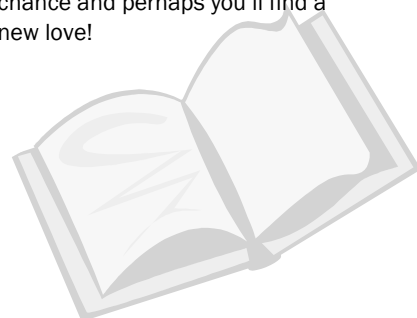
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BLIND DATE WITH A BOOK

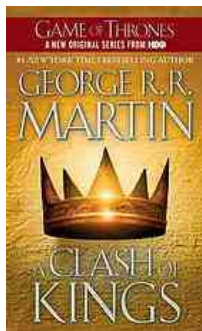


This year, celebrate your love of reading by going on a **Blind Date with a Book**. Visit our display of books, all wrapped up so nobody knows which book is which. Check it out (literally!), take it home, read some, then *Rate your Date* on the response form and let us know how it went.

You might get a dud, you might get a stud - who knows? Take a chance and perhaps you'll find a new love!



STAFF PICK



A Clash of Kings by George R. R. Martin (**FIC MAR**) transports us to a place where medieval knights toy with sorcery, brothers fight one another for the right to Kingship and bloodshed engulfs the entire realm. The King is dead. The hand of the King has been executed as a traitor.

Peace no longer reigns in the land. The realm of Westeros is now divided. A comet the colour of blood and flame cuts an ominous scar into the sky. As the realm of Westeros is torn apart by fighting, the Mother of Dragons is across the Narrow Sea struggling to raise her own army and take the Iron Throne back from the

Usurper. In the north, another threat looms as an army of wildings march south toward the Wall. Creatures not seen in centuries also begin to stir. The Others, Wargs and Giants are not just stories anymore. Winter is coming!

Originally published in 1994, HBO has brought new attention to the book series **A Song of Ice and Fire** by George R. R. Martin thanks to its rendition of the first book **Game of Thrones**. *A Clash of Kings*, the second book in the series, is now in production and will be on HBO in the spring.

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Reading my children's minds

Sidekick

My mp3 player

Vulnerability

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☞ A social network that has been around for 3 years exploded in 2011 and is picking up steam in 2012. Maybe you've heard of it? **Pinterest** <http://pinterest.com/> is super simple to use. You just use the site's browser bookmarklet, website buttons or iPhone app to "Pin" sites and content that interest you to your topic-organized boards. Pins appear on those boards as images (or videos) from the content you Pin. Followers (yours or ones you follow) can *Like*, *Re-Pin* and *Comment* on anything that's pinned. It's great for collaborating on ideas or events. I love books and reading so some of my favourite boards are *Ahhh*, *We Love Books* and *Favorite Places to Read*. **Pinterest** is still in closed beta but I have unlimited invites. Go check it out and if you're interested drop me a line and I'll send you an invite.

☞ Got 10 minutes to kill and you're all caught up in Facebook? **Cubis2** is easy to play and does a good job wasting those 10 minutes. Try it on MSN here: <http://zone.msn.com/en/cubis2/default.htm>. There are many other free online games available on MSN in categories such as Puzzle, Action & Arcade, Pop Culture, etc.

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

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