

THE CORNER SHELF



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Welcome

On behalf of Concordia's team of library experts, I invite you to come explore the newly renovated Concordia Library!

With a vast collection of books, DVDs, e-books, e-journals, e-music, streaming videos and friendly staff to help you out, I hope the Concordia Library will stimulate your imagination and provide you with hours of discovery and intellectual growth. Whether you choose to relax in the gallery, hide out in the silent study area, meet with friends on our group study floor, relentlessly explore the book stacks, or drop-in to one of our computer labs, don't hesitate to ask one of the friendly and knowledgeable staff if you need a hand. Good luck with your term and see you in the library!

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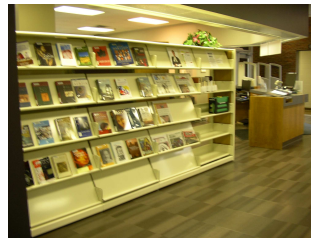
We're thrilled with our new look and would love to show it off to anyone who would like a tour. These renovations have been made possible thanks to our donors and the matching funds through the Knowledge Infrastructure Grant.

During this time of renovation we took the opportunity to make some other changes. The research centre computers between the Information and Circulation desks have been reorganized and we have added one additional station. This is a great place to start that big assignment and the **Information Desk** staff are ready and willing to help you!

NEED HELP? SERVICE IS THE SAME

Although the look is different, the mission is the same - to help you navigate the library to get what you need.

At the **Circulation Desk**: sign out and return library items; fine payments; Reserves; Holds; book study rooms, purchase print quota pages, etc., etc.



Another big change is at the **Circulation Desk**. The low counter just past the service desk is gone, replaced with shelving.

You will find new books displayed here. Newspapers have moved to these shelves and you can also find current editions of **The Blue & White**, **The Concordian**, and **The Corner Shelf**.

The **Holds Shelf** is also here. The procedure is the same - each hold has a flag with the first 3 letters of your last name and the last 4 digits of your barcode number. Bring your holds just a few steps away to the Circulation Desk to check them out. Articles can be picked up here as well.

At the **Information Desk**: research assistance; password and printer help; citation advice, etc., etc.

On the **Website**: access the library catalogue & databases; use *My Account*; view library instruction sessions; use an assignment calculator, citation guide or *RefWorks*, etc., etc.



The **Library Gallery** is still a great place to relax, read or (that much needed student activity) have a short nap!

The newspapers have moved but the rack is still here with current issues of newsletters and other information. The displays of current editions of some of our literary and art journals are still here as well.

We're also excited to display an exhibit of **William Quast's** work in the gallery. He taught at the High School from 1981-96 so some of you will be familiar with his work. It's truly beautiful so come any time to see the exhibit!

NOTE: There is a big change in the location of books in the main library collection. A - B books are located on the Mezzanine and C - Z are found on the second floor.

If you have any questions or need help in any way, just ask and we will do our best to assist you.

NEW DISPLAYS - BOOKS, DVDs



Another big change you will notice on the main floor is that the study carrels are gone. We've purchased new study carrels for the second floor under the skylights, the mezzanine, and the Curriculum Library. These carrels have outlets to plug in a laptop but unfortunately aren't wired due to some shipping delays. Never fear - they will be operational soon!

On the main floor we have some new display units and more comfy leather chairs for the space. Two of the units (the tall



ones pictured here) will be used for themed displays (Banned Books, Poetry Month, etc.). The double wide display unit pictured here now holds most of our DVD collection. The rest of the AV collection (AV kits, VHS tapes, CDs) is still located under the mezzanine. The Recreational Reading collection has moved to this space as well.

Please come and browse these displays. Feel free to grab a book and read for a bit in the new chairs. We hope you like the new space as much as we do!

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

Concordia Library on Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/home.php#/group.php?gid=13518893391>

COOL WEB STUFF

☞ Very soon it will be time to start writing papers for your courses. Here are a few websites to help you. If you're not sure whether to say "it becomes" or "it became", you can find out at **Conjugation.com** <http://conjugation.com>. Do you need a synonym for "pedagogy"? You can find one at **SynonymFinder** www.synonym-finder.com. Once your paper is done you can get free online proofreading, grammar checking, plagiarism detection and writing suggestions at **PaperRater** www.paperrater.com. Good luck on your assignments!

☞ Did you have a special event this summer? Maybe it was a family reunion, an anniversary or wedding. If you want to celebrate it online with a website that family and friends can visit, then try **Your Tribute** www.yourtribute.com. The free option gives you a unique URL that's easy to create with designer themes. You write the text, upload photos & videos (these have a 30 day free trial) and send out ecard invitations to friends and family. Visitors to the site can leave comments, send gifts and share on Facebook, Twitter, etc. If you want your tribute webpage to remain up with photos and videos after the 30 day free trial, the cost is \$50 (US funds).

☞ Have you ever wondered how big something in history or current events really is - for example, the devastating floods in Pakistan? You can get an idea by using **BBC Dimensions** to compare the size of an environmental disaster, ancient worlds, cities in history, etc. with your locale. Here's the Pakistan floods compared to the size of Edmonton: http://howbigreally.com/#edmonton_alberta_canada. It's a lot of fun - what if the Great Wall of China started in Edmonton?

☞ Many games out there on the web are still Flash based and I've featured quite a few. But there's a lot of buzz about **HTML5** replacing Flash as the tool of choice. Read some info about HTML5 <http://html5games.com/resources>. Puzzle games are my favourite so I'll feature **Jigsaw Puzzle** www.raymondhill.net/puzzle-rhill/jigsawpuzzle-rhill.php. It's solved using your mouse and arrow keys. You can change the screen size, number of puzzle pieces (25 to 500!) and even create your own puzzle. Have fun puzzling!

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

NEW ON THE LIBRARY WEBSITE

It has been a summer of change at Concordia Library and with that we have been able to add new resources to the website! First, we have provided a "Mobile Library" box on the main page that highlights all the resources you can access on your iPhone, etc. These include our new catalogue **Concordia WorldCat**, **RefWorks Mobile** and **EBSCO databases**.

Second, we have added 2 new e-book packages. **Palgrave Connect** provides access

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to e-books in Business, Literature, Religion and Philosophy.

These e-books will soon be searchable through Concordia WorldCat. Another new collection is from **Oxford Scholarship Online**. This resource currently provides e-books on Public Health & Epidemiology and is now available through Concordia WorldCat.

Last, but definitely not least, is the National

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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Film Board of Canada's streaming video website, <http://nfb.ca>! Through this site you can watch documentaries, dramas and animations on the internet, a personalized webpage, or through your iPhone. These videos will be added to Concordia WorldCat soon, where you will be able to search for these alongside other books and journal articles all in one place.

