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MARCH 2011

News and Alerts

Got library fines? Help is on the way - Food For Fines is back in April!

Easter falls in April this year so there are no library closures for statutory holidays in March. We can look forward to the first day of Spring on March 20th though. Yay for days that get longer!

Other days of note in March:

- International Women's Day March 8th
- Ash Wednesday March 9th
- National Pi Day (US) March 14th
- St Patrick's Day March 17th
- Make Your Own Holiday Day March 26th - love this one!

Something else to remember in March - Daylight Savings Time starts on Sunday, the 13th. Don't forget to set your clocks ahead!



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READ AN E-BOOK WEEK

Many people enjoy the experience of reading traditional print. The people behind **Read an E-book Week** (March 6-12) would like to point out that electronic books have their advantages too. For example, what if your whole class is doing an essay on the same topic? The one who gets to the library first checks out the relevant books and everyone else is stressed out. Have you ever been in this predicament? Fear not – there is an antidote – Electronic Books! Instead of racing to the shelves you can sit comfortably at a computer and get the same information.

You don't need a special reader or mobile device to access one of the Concordia Library's 220,000 e-books, any computer will do. Visit the library website at <http://library.concordia.ab.ca/> and click on the "E-books" link on the left side of the screen.

The library's 10 collections of e-books contain an amazing array of resources, just click on one to get started. With **WorldCat** you can simultaneously search multiple ebook collections by selecting "E-Book" under "Format" in the advanced search and limiting to Concordia Library. As with our online databases, you will need to log-in with your barcode and PIN# if you are off-campus. Library staff would be happy to walk you through that process and answer any questions you may have.

Whenever you have access to the Internet, you have access to Concordia's collection of e-books. No need to strain your shoulders with a backpack full of heavy volumes. No need to spend time or gas traveling to the library building; e-books are an environmentally friendly option. Instead of flipping through the table of contents or index pages of each book you can type in your keywords and search

the full-text, narrowing in on the exact sections you are seeking. Create a personalized account, highlight relevant text, or write notes about what you are reading and save everything to re-visit as often as you wish.

Interested in Business or Technology? Try **Books 24x7** or **Safari Tech** - many of the titles published here are so recent that they have not even come out in print yet. Psychology students can use **PsycBOOKS** to locate resources in their field. Not sure where to start? Use **Ebrary**, **Myilibrary** or **Netlibrary** - they contain material on a wide variety of topics. Take an e-book for a test drive and see just what's available in your subject area.

In 2004, the second week in March was officially declared **Read an E-book Week**. Visit the official website at <http://www.ebookweek.com/> for more about digital literature.

CONCORDIA LIBRARY NEEDS YOU!

Concordia Library is conducting a survey to get your feedback on our services and collections.

We want to know what you like, what you don't like, and what you want us to improve upon.

Have you had an amazing library instruction class this year? We want to know about it!

Did a library staff member go the extra mile to help you out? We want to know about it!

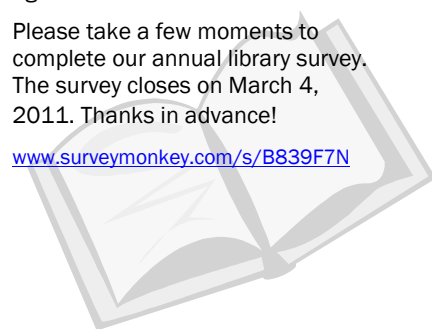
Did you find that perfect book or article right when you needed it? We really want to know about it!

We have greatly appreciated your responses and input in the past and are looking forward to being

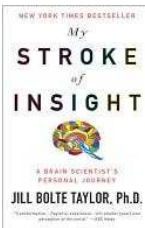
able to improve our services yet again.

Please take a few moments to complete our annual library survey. The survey closes on March 4, 2011. Thanks in advance!

www.surveymonkey.com/s/B839F7N



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My Stroke of Insight: A Brain Scientist's Personal Journey by Jill Bolte Taylor **RC 388.5 T387 2009**

My Stroke of Insight is a remarkable book (and a quick read) by Dr. Jill Bolte Taylor, a brain scientist who

had a major stroke and then recovered completely. It is essential reading for psychologists and others interested not only in brain injury, but in understanding left/right brain thinking.

Taylor gives us an amazingly detailed account of the morning of her stroke and the experience of having her left hemisphere shut down. Having to rely on the right hemisphere now that the left was damaged, she came to understand and value the role of the right brain. "To the right mind, no time exists other than the present moment, and each moment is

vibrant with sensation. Life or death occurs in the present moment. The experience of joy happens in the present moment. [...] It perceives the big picture, how everything is related and how we all join together to make up the whole. Our ability to be empathic, to walk in the shoes of another and feel their feelings is a product of our right frontal cortex."

Taylor discusses her road to recovery and shares her list of "Forty Things I Needed the Most." The right balance of sleep and quiet versus challenges and problem solving was key to stimulating her brain to develop new connections and to allow it enough rest to heal. I finished this book feeling very hopeful about the brain's plasticity and with a new appreciation for what my right brain contributes to my life.

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

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

FEATURED E-RESOURCE



JSTOR Plant Science is our featured e-resource for the month of March. This resource provides any and all information you might want to know about plant science -

their geography, specimen type, taxonomic structure and other related materials. You can even find plants by their Herbarium - try to imagine yourself in London's Kew Gardens or the Natural History Museum in Paris!

Once you have chosen a plant to research, use the "Viewer" to get up close and personal! You will be able to see every detail of the plants, as well as measure distances between different parts of the plant and rotate the plant to view it from different angles. In addition, use "MyPlants" to create your own online account to keep track of different plants you are interested in researching.

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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JSTOR Plant Science is a useful tool whether you are studying biology, environmental science or ecology. Access **JSTOR Plant Science** at <http://www.plants.jstor.org> or on the library website.

<http://library.concordia.ab.ca/eresources/biology/>

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