

THE CORNER SHELF



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Welcome!

On behalf of the friendly and knowledgeable team in the library, I want to welcome you to Concordia. To ensure a successful year ahead we hope you will make the library your one-stop research destination.

With a growing collection of e-books, e-journals, e-music, and instructional guides, you are sure to get started on the right path.

Whatever your needs, friendly staff are always available to help you navigate the collections and find those hidden gems. Just visit one of our service desks and let us know how we can help.

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TOP 10 THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT THE LIBRARY

Besides the Fact That We're Really Great People.....😊

1. The Library catalogue and e-resources are available on and off campus 24/7 at <http://library.concordia.ab.ca/>
2. You can renew your books online through **My Account**.
3. Find out what your instructor has put on reserve by visiting the online **Reserve Room**.
4. Your student ID card is your library card. It gives you access to Concordia's library materials and other NEOS libraries'

materials. Your card can also be used in person at those libraries.

5. Students get **free NEOS Inter-library Loan** articles.

6. Go to the **Information Desk** for research and citation assistance, and password and printer help.

7. Go to the **Circulation Desk** to sign out or return materials, book library study rooms, purchase additional printing pages, or pay library fines.

8. Library notices (reminders that books are due, recalls, fines owing) are sent to your Concordia email account.

9. The library not only has academic books for your research needs, but also CD's, DVD's, and fiction for those times you need a little mental break.

10. Two computer labs are located within the library and are maintained by Computing Services. Computing Services is located on the 2nd floor of the library in L356.

We are here to help you navigate through the library during your time here at Concordia - **Just Ask!**

Submitted by Karen Hildebrandt
Circulation Services
Coordinator



YOU MAY NOTICE A FEW CHANGES...

As soon as you walk into the library you'll notice the layout is a bit different. Study carrels are



now on the left side and book displays are on the right.

The display case pictured on the far wall is showcasing items from the bookstore (all of which are available there for purchase) that you may need to start the new academic year. In the coming months this display will change so keep your eyes peeled! (Tea, anyone?)



Another change is in front of the Circulation Desk. The Book Sale

shelf and Holds shelf have traded places. What is new is the display shelf pictured on the far wall. Here at Concordia Library we are constantly buying new books, both for your curriculum related needs and to inspire curiosity. We just didn't have enough room to display all these great new books! Please feel free to borrow any item on display that catches your eye. You never know where curiosity may take you!



This photo of the library gallery shows two display stands by the east windows. Here you will find current issues of some literary (e.g.

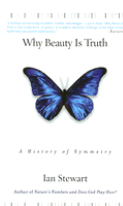
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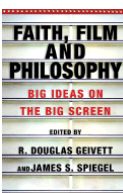
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NEW BOOKS, etc.

Here is a sampling of the great new books we have in our library.



Why Beauty is Truth: A History of Symmetry by Ian Stewart **Q 172.5 S95 S744 2008** is currently on display. From the back cover: "Hidden in the heart of the theory of relativity, quantum mechanics, string theory, and modern cosmology lies one concept: symmetry." Sounds fascinating!



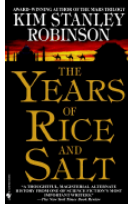
Another great new book on display is **Faith, Film and Philosophy: Big Ideas on the Big Screen** edited by R. Douglas Geivett and James S. Spiegel. **PN 1995.5 F34 2007** Plato said "Those who tell stories rule society." In the modern world our storytellers aren't philosophers but filmmakers. This collection of essays explores how films follow several major philosophical themes within the context of Christian faith.



We have the first three books of the **Twilight (FIC MEY)** series by Stephenie Meyer. As you know these books are somewhat (!) popular so if you want a specific title you can place a hold.



Another great series is the **Uglies (FIC WES)** by Scott Westerfeld. We have all four books in the series - as of this writing all 4 are in, so come check out this great series!



If alternate history is your cup of tea try **The Years of Rice and Salt** by Kim Stanley Robinson (**FIC ROB**). Imagine if the Black Death in the 14th century killed 99% of the population instead of 33% and China colonized the New World - what would the world be like now?

Come peruse the displays, explore the catalogue, subscribe to the New Books feed (see below), and check out whatever your heart desires!

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

☞ See that picture just above and to the right? I created it in just minutes at **Motivator** <http://bighugelabs.com/motivator.php>. You don't need to register to create your own motivational poster and save it, but if you want to order prints from the folks at **Big Huge Labs** you will need to sign up. What is really fun is the message you get after hitting the Create button - "Digitizing your wisdom, great one - Please wait (this should take just a moment)". Other options to play with your photos are **Mosaic**, **Magazine Cover**, **Pop Art Poster**, **Movie Poster** or **Jigsaw**. There are many uses for this fun site - use your imagination!

☞ Have you heard of **Wolfram Alpha** yet? The buzz when it opened up was that it could be a Google killer, but that would be like comparing apples to oranges, if you catch my meaning. Check it out at <http://www.wolframalpha.com/>. It's billed as a "computational knowledge engine". Enter your question or calculation and their built-in algorithms & data sets will compute your answer. They cover many topics including Chemistry, Physics, Mathematics, Music, Web & Computer Systems, etc., etc. You can also have a bit of fun with it - try asking "What is the answer to life?" or "Why did the chicken cross the road?". Type in "88 MPH" and scroll down to "Comparisons as speed". What a hoot!

☞ Dustin Wax at the **Lifhack** blog posted **Advice for Students: How to Read Like a Scholar**. He says "Reading as an academic exercise involves not just gleaning the content from a book or essay but *engaging* with it. We read not just to learn some new set of facts but also to learn how facts are put together to form an argument, to learn what kinds of arguments are acceptable in our chosen disciplines, and to prompt us towards further research." Read the full post here: <http://www.lifhack.org/articles/productivity/advice-for-students-how-to-read-like-a-scholar.html>.

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

FEATURED E-RESOURCE

Rediscover Literature Resource Center!!

Literature Resource Center just had a facelift! This e-resource is a one-stop shop for doing research on literary topics, authors and their works. It covers all genres, disciplines, and time periods with new and updated material added daily.

Improvements to this e-resource include a better layout, more intuitive searching, and

exporting to **RefWorks**. You can even listen to a scholarly article being read out loud! The Basic Search screen allows you to use the most frequently used search options, while the Advanced Search screen gives you a wider scope of search possibilities and limiters. It is also possible to search for authors based on a particular nationality or ethnicity, literary movement, time period, genre, or theme.

CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY COLLEGE LIBRARY

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****

