

THE CORNER SHELF



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News and Alerts

Remembrance Day is Thursday, November 11th. The library will be closed that day.



Also celebrated in November:

- 1st - Day of the Dead (Mexican holiday)
- 13th - World Kindness Day
- 20th - Universal Children's Day
- 24th - Celebrate Your Unique Talent Day

Food for Fines returns in December! Fines on Concordia items can be forgiven for a donation of 1 food bank item for each \$5.00 of fines, up to a maximum of \$20.00 forgiven. All donations go the Concordia Student Food Bank. Reduce your fines and help your fellow students with the same donation!

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IMPROVE YOUR GAME

Have you been out to see Concordia's athletics department in action? Tensing up as one of our players races down the field or skates across the ice, the cheer of the crowd as the puck enters the net or the ball finds the goal. The thrill of sharing in a hard fought win, as a player or a coach or a fan, is something that binds us together. It's called spirit.

Concordia is home to soccer champions, hockey heroes, and volleyball victors. Plus our success in basketball, badminton, curling, golf and cross country. Concordia's reputation for athletic achievement is pretty impressive. In addition to these official teams, our students and staff participate in an impressive variety of athletic activities.

For example, I love to hike in the mountains around Canmore, Alberta. I lived there for a few years and fell in love with the

area. I return frequently to walk along the Bow River and up the trails on Ha-Ling Peak. Jodie Collin, another library staff member, plays hockey for the Northern Alberta Female Hockey Association.

Andreas Schwabe, who takes care of Concordia's public relations, is an avid kayaker. His equipment is on display in the library this month, including photos from his amazing kayaking adventures. On campus we also have yoga fanatics, dynamic dancers, and speedy swimmers. What's your favourite way to stay fit?

In a sense, everyone at Concordia is an athlete; we are all seeking to improve our game - whatever our game is. Your game might be an actual sport, a scholarly pursuit, or some other skill. No matter what you do, the library can help you do it better.

Improve your writing, your teaching, your public speaking. Improve your dancing, your painting, your poetry. Improve your

math skills, your leadership skills, your design skills. Improve your faith, your compassion, your health. That's what it's all about; learning, growing and striving to do better.

Draw a better picture, build a better structure, run a better business. Get better grades, inspire more students, help more people. Share yourself with the world and make a difference for someone or even just for yourself. Being your best self is the greatest gift you can give the world.

Stop by the library to see our display of books that will help you improve your game, whatever your game is.

Submitted by Jenna Innes
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Circulation Services Assistant

CHECK OUT THE DISPLAYS



This is the *New Fiction* display. You've got great books in many different genres to please all tastes. *Quick*

Picks are usually found on the other side of this display.

Just as you walk into the library you will see the *New Book* display - it's constantly changing so check back often for great new books.

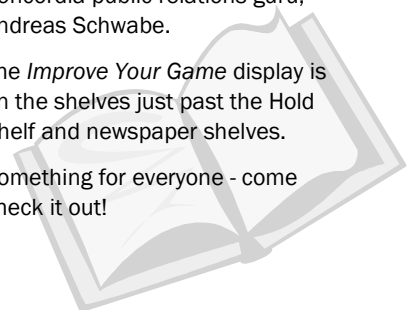
The *DVD* tower displays are also constantly changing - find them across from the Circulation Desk.

The glass display case on the wall next to the gallery has a kayaking

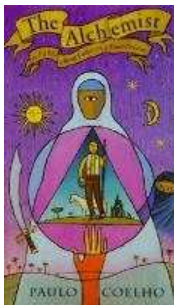
equipment display, courtesy of our Concordia public relations guru, Andreas Schwabe.

The *Improve Your Game* display is on the shelves just past the Hold Shelf and newspaper shelves.

Something for everyone - come check it out!



STAFF PICK



The Alchemist by Paulo Coelho (FIC COE)

This magical fable about following your dream is translated from the Portuguese by Alan R. Clarke. It's an allegorical adventure story full of magical realism and inspiration.

Santiago is an Andalusian shepherd boy whose dream is to travel the world in search of treasure at the Egyptian pyramids. On his way to sell fleece to a merchant he visits an old Gypsy woman who interprets dreams and meets an old man, Melchizedek, the King of Salem. He journeys from his home in Spain to Tangiers, where a thief steals all his money. He works for a crystal merchant for nearly a year. Hoping to reach the Egyptian pyramids he befriends an Englishman,

joins a caravan and starts to learn about the desert. At an oasis stopover he falls in love with Fatima and meets the alchemist. On their way through the desert they encounter warring tribes and Santiago loses all his money once again. More adventures follow...

Santiago is always open to learning from whatever and whoever is in his path. He listens to his heart and along the way realizes his dream.

On this journey of life we sometimes lose our direction because we lose sight of who we are. Fulfilling our dreams seems just out of reach. One of the many inspiring quotes from the book really spoke to me: *"When you want something, all the universe conspires in helping you to achieve it"*. Read this book and I promise you will discover many gems to encourage you to follow your dream.

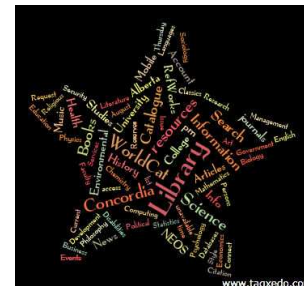
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Library Hours

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

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



COOL WEB STUFF

I've mentioned **Wordle** www.wordle.net before. It's a great tool for generating word cloud graphics from text. Now there's **Tagxedo** www.tagxedo.com. I used it to generate the graphic above. You have many options to format your graphic: word options (allows use of punctuation, numbers, etc.), color, theme, layout, orientation, font, shape (star, duck, heart, footprint, etc., etc.), and layout options (maximum word count, color variation, emphasis, etc., etc.). The possibilities are endless!

Ever had a document you needed to convert to another format? How about a video, audio, image, or ebook? There are a number of free online converters to use. **docdroid** www.docdroid.net is for documents: upload, convert to nearly any format and share via email, Twitter or Facebook. At **online-ConVert** www.online-convert.com you can convert documents but also audio, video, image, ebook and hash (it's not what you're thinking - it's an algorithm used in cryptography). Neither site requires registration or a software download.

We're told that doing crossword puzzles helps keep your brain active. I started doing them several years ago for that very reason. If you're interested in doing the same, here are 4 sites to help find those elusive words to finish your puzzle. **Crosstips** <http://crosstips.org>. **All Words** www.allwords.com/solver.php. **The Crossword Solver** www.crosswordsolver.org/index.php. **One Across** www.oneacross.com. Happy puzzling!

Wanna have a bit of fun? Go to **TheUglyDance** <http://www3.theuglydance.com>, a site created by the Swedish band **Fulkultur**, and create your own ugly dancer to post on your Facebook page. Just upload a closeup photo, select your face, pick a body and put in your name. Voila! You have your own ugly dancer. Choose what dance style for your arms and legs and share on Facebook. The band asks for a voluntary donation, for which you get an email with links to download the song and a remix in higher quality. Keep on dancin'!

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

IMPROVE YOUR RESEARCH GAME!

Improve your RESEARCH game! Use these simple steps to get the most out of the library:

1. Get to know the **library staff!** Come and see us in the library, phone us, or use the online chat on the library website. We know where the research goods are and how to find them.
2. Have you used the **reference collection** lately? Don't pass by this valuable collection located on the main floor by the

computer lab. Dictionaries, encyclopedias and handbooks are just the beginning...

3. Make **Concordia WorldCat** your new best friend for finding books & ebooks. Create a WorldCat account to create lists, export citations, and more!
4. Use the **e-resource subject guides** for database and journal article searching. Looking for scholarly articles? Pick a subject and use one of our amazing

databases to find what you need.

5. Find out more about APA, CSE and other **citation styles** by using the library website and RefWorks to properly format your papers and create reference lists.

Submitted by Erica Hebert
Information Services Librarian

