

THE CORNER SHELF



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News and Alerts

Family Day this year is Feb. 15th. The library will be closed Feb. 13th to 15th. We also have reduced hours during Reading Week Feb. 16th to 19th. Check the website for details.

You will notice some different task seating in the library. We are grateful that some targeted government grant monies were available to replace our tired pink chairs. Come and sit!

Other than Family Day and Valentine's Day, there are a lot of reasons to celebrate in February. Celebrate Chinese New Year on Feb. 14th - it's year 4708! Mardi Gras (Fat Tuesday) is the 16th and Ash Wednesday is the 17th. Let's hope the Groundhog doesn't see his shadow on the 2nd. Don't forget the Winter Olympics start on the 12th. Go Canada!



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FREEDOM TO READ WEEK



The month of February holds different meanings for different people. It can be your favourite month, or the time of year that you want to dig a hole and hide away. Some think of Valentine's Day and plan sweet surprises for their loved ones. Others are ready to gag from all the pink lacy sugar coated presents on store shelves. Some are excited about hitting the slopes, delighted to see the white stuff fall from the sky. Others are sick of winter's chill and are already dreaming of the summer months to come. Poor February, it just can't please everybody.

A famous quote from Jo Godwin states that "a truly great library has something to offend everyone." Much like February, the world of information and culture is so diverse that if we removed every item that troubled someone the shelves would stand empty. Libraries and educational institutions are champions of Intellectual Freedom – the Freedom to think, research, and communicate. **Freedom to Read Week**, which runs from February 21st to 27th, is an opportunity to raise awareness about these ideals and appreciate our role in preserving them.

The Concordia Library has put together some great displays to celebrate Freedom to Read Week. Drop in to read our postings about censorship, or check out a banned book from our collection. Pick up the headphones at our Listening Station to hear songs that were refused airplay and interviews with PEN Canada's authors in exile. Enter the draw to win a gift card to HMV where you can find more media to explore. Express yourself with a comment in our Response Book, sharing your thoughts about the freedom to read, listen, and speak your own truth.

Submitted by Jenna Innes
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A MONTH OF ACTIVITIES

* **In the Library Gallery:** Exhibit by Illustrator and Printmaker Mariya Karpenko



* **On Display:** Banned Books, films, and music from the Concordia Library collection

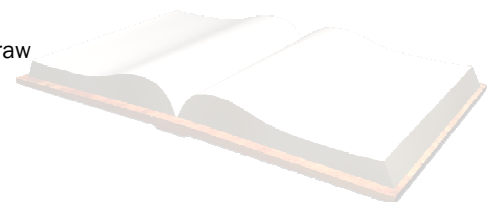
* **Book Exchange:** Take a FREE BOOK home or set one loose for others to find and read.

* **Listening Station:** Hear interviews with PEN Canada's authors in exile and controversial songs

* **Response Book:** Write or draw your own thoughts about Intellectual Freedom

* **Prize Draw:** Enter to win a gift card to HMV or the Concordia Book Store

* **Online:** Visit the library website for more Freedom to Read information and partners



BANNED BOOK REVIEW



Of Mice and Men by
John Steinbeck
PS 3537 T3234 032
1965

In John Steinbeck's "Of Mice and Men," Lennie, strong, but mentally slow, and George, his friend and fierce protector, work as itinerant farm workers,

travelling the towns and ranches of California during the Great Depression of the 1930s.

George and Lennie have a dream; a house and a ranch of their own. Their close bond and their dream sets them apart from

many of the other aimless farm hands they encounter. Sadly, Lennie's slowness and strength and an incident with a young girl eventually make it impossible for either of them to achieve their dream.

John Steinbeck's vivid, dusty, tired and beautiful California of the Great Depression serves as the backdrop to this powerful tale of strength, weakness, usefulness, perception, reality and utopia.

Submitted by Jennifer Leson

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****



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

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COOL WEB STUFF

🔗 **Wordnik** is a unique online dictionary - on top of the definition, you get a word in context. Sentences are offered as examples and you get word usage in Twitter posts, Flickr images, statistics (a sign of rarity or popularity), how often it has been checked out in Wordnik, audio pronunciations etc. And there's more! Register (for free) and you can tag or comment on words and compile lists. Check out the Freedom to Read list I created at www.wordnik.com/lists/freedom-to-read. I opened the list to all so, if you wish, register and add to the 20 words I've chosen. It'll be interesting to see what words Concordians think pertain to our Freedom to Read.

🔗 Find **Freedom to Read Week** on the web at www.freedomtoread.ca. You can follow on **Twitter** at http://twitter.com/freedom_to_read and **Facebook** www.facebook.com/pages/All-Over-Canada/Freedom-to-Read-Week/34780638445?v=wall has a page.

🔗 **The Universal Declaration of Human Rights** www.un.org/en/documents/udhr/index - Article 19 says "Everyone has the right to freedom of opinion and expression; this right includes freedom to hold opinions without interference and to seek, receive and impart information and ideas through any media and regardless of frontiers." In addition we have the **Readers Bill of Rights**, penned by Daniel Pennece in 1994 <http://kh052.k12.sd.us/reader.htm>. I invoke the right not to finish quite often. Which one is important to you?

🔗 **PEN Canada** www.pencanada.ca assists writers around the world who are persecuted for the peaceful expression of their ideas. Check out the **Listening Station** for interviews with authors in exile and controversial songs.

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

FREEDOM TO READ ON THE WEBSITE



Freedom
to Read

— which is a cornerstone of the Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

Concordia Library has organized events and gathered information on its Freedom to Read Week webpage. You can find out about the Listening Station, the newest Library Gallery display, free books, the prize draw and books

available in our library collection about Banned or Challenged Books.

Check it out today!

<http://library.concordia.ab.ca/services/freedomtoread.php>

Submitted by Erica Hebert

Information Services Librarian

Freedom to Read Week is coming up during February 21-27, 2010! It is a time for us to better understand intellectual freedom,