New things for YOU at the Cushwa-Leighton Library

Lots of great new things to see and use at your library this year! Explore this issue to find out about some great new tools and collections.

Leisure Reading Collection is available NOW!

Looking for a fun book to read when your homework or grading just gets to be too much? We’ve got just the thing in our new Leisure Reading Collection!

We’ve gathered some of our more popular fiction and non-fiction books, and placed them right up front so you can find them easily; they’re just to the left as you come in the front door, next to the new book shelf. We’ve included some New York Times bestsellers and other books we think students, faculty, or staff might like to read for fun. Stop by and see what’s there – you never know what you might find.

And if there’s a book you’d like us to add, let us know in our online suggestion box. We want to hear what you want to read!

Text your questions to the reference desk!

Did you know that getting help with library research is as easy as sending a text? It’s true! Any time you’ve got a question about using the library, just send a text message to 265010 and start your message with SMCrefdesk. A librarian will reply via text message to your phone. If we’re not available when you send your text, you’ll get a message back saying so, and you can try again later.

Texting is great for quick questions like “do you have this book?” or “how do I cite this source?” For more in-depth questions, we may ask for your email address or call you on the phone to follow up in more depth.

And remember, you can also get help on the phone at 574-284-5288, by email, by chatting online, or even by coming to the library and asking in person! Whatever works best for you, we’re here to help.

Library Phone Numbers:
Janet Fore...x5281
Cynthia Coleman...x5279
Jill Hobgood...x4804
Robert Hohl...x5287
Elizabeth Karle...x5396

John Kovach...x5282
Julia Long...x5289
Katherine Marshall...x4438
Margaret Michaels...x5299
Catherine Pellegrino...x5286

Katherine Ward...x5285
Susan Wiegand...x4789
Judith Weeks...x5280
Circulation Desk...x5278
Reference Desk...x5288
Where’s the Music?

Where has all the music gone? No, this is not a philosophical essay on today’s music but rather an update on the Music Seminar Room which used to be located in Moreau Center. Between Fall 2009 and Summer 2010, the contents of the MSR were relocated and integrated into the collection in the Cushwa-Leighton Library.

Books, videos, CDs, and scores have been shelved with similar items in the library. These items are included in the library’s online catalog and can be checked out just as they were in the Music Seminar Room.

Database Update!

A new database has been added to the library’s electronic research offerings. ProQuest’s Newsstand offers full-text access to over 900 local, regional, national, and international newspapers including the New York Times, Wall Street Journal, South Bend Tribune, and The Guardian.

Newsstand was selected as a less expensive way to offer online searchable, full-text access to the New York Times in lieu of the more costly microfilm. The library will continue to receive the New York Times daily in print.

Stress Free Zone News!

The library and SODEXHO will once again present the Stress Free Zone to keep your brain happy during finals week!

Come to the library from 6:30 pm until closing on the first two nights of finals (December 13 and 14), where FREE treats, coffee, and hot chocolate will be available. Board games, coloring books, puzzles, and other mind-relaxers will also be provided, all in the Mother Pauline room on the second floor.

We will, of course, provide our usual HOLIDAY CRAFT TABLE, perfect for that last minute gift!

Decorate your own cookie!

This year, we welcome Belles Against Violence to the Stress Free Zone. They will offer a cookie decorating table, so come and decorate your own yummy snack!

Cushwa-Leighton Library by the Numbers

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The Library is pleased to have been the recipient of a limited edition facsimile edition of the Saint John’s Bible. One of only 299 copies of the unique hand-written Bible, it will be on permanent exhibition at the Library as the gift of alumna Judith Rauenhorst Mahoney (’74). Already, great interest in the Bible has been seen in the three months since it was presented to the College amid liturgical splendor at the Opening Mass, with more than a hundred visitors and many groups requesting special presentations.

The Saint John’s Bible has been commissioned to mark the new millennium by the Benedictine monks of Saint John’s Abbey and University in Minnesota. The first fully illuminated and handwritten Bible of monumental size to be sponsored by a Benedictine monastery in 500 years, the Saint John’s Bible is being supervised by Donald Jackson, who is the principal artist and designer of the calligraphic hand used in the Bible. Mr. Jackson is the Senior Scribe to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth’s Crown Office and is among the foremost of contemporary artist-calligraphers in the world. He has gathered a collaborative team of equally talented scribes and artists to assist him in the project.

A life-long dream of Jackson’s, the writing of the Bible began with initial plans in 1998, commencing on Ash Wednesday, 2000, and is expected to be completed in the fall, 2011. It is being made using traditional materials such as vellum, ancient ink formulae, gold and silver leaf and platinum, and is being written with quill pens fashioned from goose, turkey, and swan feathers.

Intended to be a bible for the twenty-first century, it has a truly global perspective, incorporating all that is contemporary about human knowledge and spirituality. For more information about the Saint John’s Bible, consult www.saintjohnsbible.org.

For special showings of the Bible at Saint Mary’s College, contact Robert Hohl, 284-5287 or rhohl@saintmarys.edu

Judith Mahoney and Saint Mary’s President Carol Ann Mooney being interviewed about the Bible.