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REFERENCE DEPARTMENT

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK 2008

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Summer Intercession hours:

MAY 12—JUNE 6

MONDAY—FRIDAY

8 am—4:30 pm

CLOSED:

MONDAY, MAY 26th

Memorial Day

Summer Session hours:

JUNE 9—AUGUST 8

MONDAY—THURSDAY

8 am-9 pm

FRIDAY

8 am—4:30 pm

CLOSED:

FRIDAY JULY 4th

The College is CLOSED Saturdays during the Summer

- [Library Homepage](#)

The McHenry County College Library acknowledged the 50th Anniversary of the American Library Association's

National Library Week by hosting *Coffee with Colleagues*.

A few of the reference librarians and library staff sported temporary tattoos in an attempt to change the "librarian image." No buns with pencils and



National Library Week 2008 Reference Librarians, Cynthia, Terri, and Joan show their spirit with bookish tattoos.



Bumper sticker (the first rule of Book Club is . . .)

reading glasses on chains here, just tattoos claiming "Literate 4 Life" and "Librarians Rule!" and "Book Lust."

A raffle brought a wide variety of responses when entrants were asked, "how many books does the library have today?" Guesses ranged from 1,200 to one zillion! During NLW the collection included 47,049 print books in the reference, reserve, and circulating collections. This number changes from time to time as we continually add and remove items from our collection.



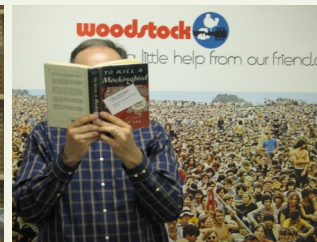
Raffle winner, Jeff Ruetsche from Friends of MCC Foundation, was the winner with a guess of 42,000.

Watch for next year's event, generally celebrated the second full week in April, when the ALA will celebrate it's 51st annual National Library Week and MCC Library will again invite you to visit us and show your love.

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CAROL DAUTEL WILL RETIRE JUNE 30TH

Carol Dautel, long-time secretary to the library and assistant to six directors will retire soon. She began working at the library in 1971 and has been a dependable fixture here ever since. Her professionalism and friendly, easy-going manner have been a constant over the years. Best wishes, Carol. You'll be missed by many friends and colleagues.



PAGE ONE FOOTNOTE:

With thanks we note the retirement of Jonathan Birnbaum. Jon retired at the end of February after nearly six years as Dean, Library & Academic Support Services. Best wishes, and keep the bass guitar in tune, Jon.

BOOKMARK THIS: CRITICAL THINKING

Beginning with 2008-2009, MCC will target assessment of one general education goal per year. We invite you to consider library resources as you explore applying and assessing the first targeted goal: critical thinking. Books and articles are available from the campus library. From our print collection:

- *Thinking: an Interdis-*

ciplinary Approach to Critical and Creative Thought, by Gary R. Kirby

- *Asking the Right Questions: a Guide to Critical Thinking*, by M. Neil Browne
- *Statistics You Can't Trust: a Friendly Guide to Clear Thinking about Statistics in Everyday Life*, by Stephen K. Campbell

- *Critical Thinking for College Students*, by Jon Stratton

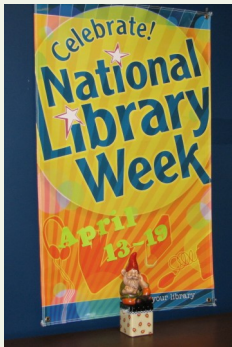
- *Critical Thinking and Learning: an Encyclopedia for Parents and Teachers*

Our subscription article databases also will have scholarly articles on the topic of critical thinking in higher education. Suggest

a resource if you know of one we should acquire.



Noam N. Clayture is critically thinking about the NLW display.



National Library Week is one of several national events promoting American libraries and library issues. Do you have and use a library card?

Summer starts June 20th 6:59 pm Central Daylight Time . . . not that we're counting !

SEE ALSO: LIBRARY FACULTY SUPPORT

Dear Faculty,

To help us better assist your students with their research needs, it would be wonderful if you would send us copies of any research assignments you give to your students. This would help us:

- Purchase the databases, books, periodicals, and reference sources that are most needed.
- Give all our reference

librarians a heads up as to upcoming research topics.

- Better understand the sometimes garbled ☺ questions the students present to us.

So, whenever you type up any assignment or syllabus that explains to your students an assignment that requires outside sources, please email a copy to one of us. We also are happy to

put together research guides in support of your assignments. These are posted on the Library web page under Class Handouts. See sample at: <http://www.mchenry.edu/library/ResearchGuides/ExerciseScience.htm> Please share this request with your adjuncts.

Thanks, from your faculty librarians—
Janet Scott, Cynthia Letteri, Joan Perlman

WORKS CITED: WHAT WE'VE BEEN READING

We don't have a formal book club, but we are avid readers—as you might expect! Here are a few of the titles you might find in our book bags. Cynthia Letteri just finished, *Animals in Translation: Using the Mysteries of Autism to Decode Animal Behavior*, by Temple Grandin and is now enjoying *Mayflower: a Story of Courage, Community and War*, by Nathaniel Philbrick.

Janet Scott just read *Killer Heat*, the latest by her current favorite mystery writer, Linda Fairstein. Amanda Hovious is savoring the Laura Childs series of Tea Shop Mysteries, calling them “delicious reads”! Joan Perlman paid tribute to National Library Week by reading a book from our library display: *The Book Thief*, by Markus Zusak, and also *Out Steal-*

ing Horses, by Per Petterson. Terri Norstrom enjoyed *The Female Brain*, by Louann Brizendine, and *A Thousand Splendid Suns* by Khaled Hosseini.

Joan Kapstein reads several blogs: Marginal Revolution, Freakonomics, Shifted Librarian. She recently finished the book *Everything is Miscellaneous: the Power of the New Digital Disorder*, by David

Weinberger. Share your favorites the next time you drop by the library. We're always looking for a “good read.”

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Our subscription databases change from time to time. We add new ones and drop other ones. The passwords sometimes change. When you refresh handouts and syllabi, please contact us for the latest password sheet! We can email you the pdf file or you can stop by for hard copies. We thank you and the Duplication Center thanks you!