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May 11–June 5

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Closed Saturday

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8:00 am–4:30 pm

Closed Saturday

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NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK 2009

The McHenry County College Library observed National Library Week this year with a featured debut of new e-resources. The Gale Virtual Reference Library is a suite of reference resources which may be added to at a future date.

POWER TO THE USER

Joan Perlman and Jonna Kivisto provided information on our newest resource, the *Gale Virtual Reference Library (GVRL)*. This collection of reference e-books is a fine addition to our virtual library collection.

Once again *Coffee with Colleagues* was hosted in the library where co-workers gathered to enjoy a little breakfast and a caffeinated beverage of choice.



Student Lukaszk Bien checking out the bookshelves.

Student Suzanne Dove enjoys a good read in the quiet study area.



Sometimes you can't see the forest for the trees. Here at the library you expect to find high quality resources. Here are a few of our "best kept secrets":

- 27 electronic databases providing scholarly work in every discipline. Most can be accessed off-campus.
- More than *World Book*. Our holdings include hundreds of specialized encyclopedias representing every subject area.
- Popular fiction—see if we have one of your favorite authors for a fun read! by Kathy Clark

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LINCOLN BICENTENNIAL 1809-2009



In case you missed it . . . We celebrated on Lincoln's birthday, February 12th. A trivia contest with prizes, and snacks were enjoyed along with a nod to the Abe "look."

Brenda Romero, Jonna Kivisto, and Mary Jean Deja handed out Lincoln pops, cookies and punch while getting into the spirit of the day!

PAGE ONE FOOTNOTE

The commemoration of the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial was not the only bicentennial noted this year. Fans worldwide paid tribute to Edgar Allan Poe's bicentennial with events. Rubina Khan's ENG 152 students used library resources to critically analyze Poe's settings.

BOOKMARK THIS: ADDING TO THE COLLECTION

Gale Virtual Reference Library (GVRL) is just the beginning of our launch into electronic books. This database is a collection of specialized reference sources that were once only accessible in print in the library. Now the search can be 24/7! These subject encyclopedias cover a number of topics including popular culture, biography, religion, health, drugs, government, world affairs,

business, ethics, the environment, addictions, science, sex, and gender. The scholarly articles pull together concepts and ideas. Each article is an overview and will help to develop and shape a research topic.

Also, we just acquired a new database, Global Issues in Context. This contains stream casts and podcasts that supplement the research articles. This is continuously updated.

Did you know we also

have music and movies here at the Library? Not only do we carry documentaries, but we also have films that have won best movie and best foreign film awards. Our music ranges from classical to rap and jazz to country. Stop in for a look. Browse around and check out some of these.

One of my favorites is the soundtrack to *Slumdog Millionaire*. Another film worth checking out is the

documentary, *Man on a Wire*, about the tightrope walker, Philippe Petit, who performed a high wire routine between New York City's World Trade Center's Twin Towers in 1974. So check us out!

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What's another word for . . . ?

From *A. Word.A.Day*
Words about books:

Bibliolater
Bibliotaph
Biblioklept
Biblioclast
Bibliophobe
Bibliophile

Dear Faculty,
Are you thinking about the fall term? We certainly are! There will be many new faces on campus, both in front of—and behind—the instructors' desk!

Please consider your fall schedule with the library and librarians in mind. We anticipate some extra classes in our schedules and with that in mind we

SEE ALSO: LIBRARY FACULTY SUPPORT

request that you book your information literacy sessions with us soon!

So . . . If your syllabus is ready and you are able, please book with us now for best selection of your first choice of dates for information literacy instruction. Please call ext. 8762 or email us at: refdesk@mchenry.edu

Your Librarians,

Janet, Cynthia, Amanda,
Kathy, Elizabeth and Joan



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WORKS CITED: WHAT WE'VE BEEN READING LATELY

Some of us are big fans of libraries for information and resources for hobbies or skills using DIY, self-help or special interest resources. Among areas we like are resources for arts & crafts, home and garden, photography, Web design, foreign language practice, cooking, etc. We do not recommend self-help with the EMS or nursing journals, but there are other choices among the periodicals.

Amanda Hovious tackled a home improvement project, learning to grout and tile a bathroom. Cynthia Letteri found directions for knitting with wire, plans for theme gardens, and DVDs with yoga exercises.

While commuting you might even explore new cuisines or practice your Italian in the car (the language, not the recipes)!

Highlight this passage

The Library will be offering a new one-credit course Fall Semester 2009: *Information Literacy & Research LIB 110*. This course is appropriate not only for students, but also for college faculty and staff who want to be better on-the-job researchers. The course is on the list of approved MCC courses for faculty advanced placement.

The course will meet eight Monday mornings (October 19-December 7) from 10:00-11:50. For more information, please contact Janet Scott at x8762.

ENCORE: *Database Searching* workshop: Monday, April 20th, 10-11:30am. Room A 101. 1.5 clock hours. Janet Scott