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“Bright ideas begin @ the library”

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LIBRARY SUMMER HOURS

Intercession
May 17-June 11
Mon-Fri 8:00 am-4:30 pm
CLOSED: Mon May 31

Summer Term
Jun 14-Aug 13
Mon-Thu
8:00 am-9:00 pm
Fri
8:00 am-4:30 pm
(College/Library closed Saturdays during Summer)



Elizabeth Nelson (Reference)

FALL 2010

**LIB 110-050
Information Literacy &
Library Research
(blended/hybrid)**

FRIDAYS:

Oct 15-Dec 10
10:00-11:50 a.m.

Instructor: Cynthia Letteri

National Library Week April 11-17 2010 inspires staff

It's that time of year again. Nationwide, citizens and students alike are celebrating their libraries. We are no exception at MCC Library. Our celebrations center on books and food! Monday featured cookies for library users and notice of the *Food for Fines* collection for the week.

Tuesday was *National Library Workers Day* celebrating everyone who keeps our libraries running. The American Library Association reminds us all that “libraries

work because we do” so thank your favorite face in the library the next time you visit.

Wednesday was *Coffee with Colleagues* in the library and featured a slide show by adjunct librarian, Amanda Hovious. Amanda was also instrumental in the library's new motto: “Bright ideas begin @ the library”—the theme of her slide show. Thursday, The Roving Librarian—once again, Amanda—set-up outside *The Belly of the Whale* and gave away freebies from the library.



Library staff know well that “bright ideas begin @ the library”: Connie Soucek (Circ) enjoys solving mysteries, while Jonna Kivisto (Tech Services) is daydreaming about vacation time.

CHANGES: Popular Book Collection

Current and popular new books and audio books are now featured in the MCC Library collection. Housed on shelves near our copier, the McNaughton Popular Reading Collection is sparking interest, especially among employees who may want to read something new. (Why DO so many talk shows fea-

ture interviews with authors about new books! Don't know, but we are happy about that.) Mysteries, romances, popular non-fiction and audio books are all available for check out. If Jon Stewart or Oprah Winfrey or Craig Ferguson promote a book . . . chances are good that we may have it! Come



browse our Popular Collection. We created a [book display with book reviews](#) of some of our favorite reads.

Reference Librarian Janet Scott

Voted by MCC faculty colleagues as ICCTA Outstanding Full-Time Faculty of the Year!

CONGRATULATIONS to reference librarian, Janet Scott, for representing MCC at the Illinois Community College Trustee Association's awards in June! Janet was one of 19 faculty nominees submitted by other faculty as demonstrating outstanding performance at MCC. A selection committee comprised mainly of previous winners chose Janet for her exemplary dedication to teaching and learning, particularly in information literacy.



TEXTBOOKS FOR USE IN THE LIBRARY

The textbook program started last fall is still going great, according to Vicky Rosenberg, Circulation Assistant. This free service allows students to use textbooks in the library for an hour or so. The Campus Bookstore has supplied the library with texts and solution manuals for most courses and telecourses. Four hundred different titles were used over 1800 times!! The mathematics books are used most frequently.

Women's History Month: Librarians' Lunch & Learns feature women authors

Did you miss the Women's History Month presentations by three of our reference librarians? The first was **Murder and Empowerment**. No, it was not about how to commit murder and feel empowered by it! On March 4th, Adjunct Librarians, Kathy Clark and Amanda Hovious, led a *Lunch and Learn* on their favorite female authors in the Mystery and Feminist genres. Part *Reader's Advisory* and



Kathy Clark is empowered by books

part informative, a good time was had by all. In case you missed it, you can access the reading lists for *Mystery Subgenres* and for *What to Read Next*. Librarian,

Cynthia Letteri, presented a *Lunch and Learn* entitled **Jane Austen: Lady Authoress**. The library collection has many Austen works and critical works as well. Cynthia addressed Austen's part in transforming the "female novel" of the 18th and 19th centuries.

ACADEMIC LIBRARIES

According to "[Quotable Facts About America's Libraries: 2010](#)" ALA's Office for Library Advocacy:

- Academic librarians answer 56.1 million reference questions each year—reaching almost 10 million more people than attend college football games.
- College libraries receive just less than six cents of every dollar spent on higher education.
- If the cost of *People* magazine had risen as fast as the cost of academic library periodicals since 1990, it would cost about \$182 for a one-year subscription.
- There are 542 students enrolled for every librarian in U.S. 2- and 4-year colleges and universities in 2008, as compared with 4.3 students for each teaching faculty member.

Footnotes & Endnotes



- When you are in the library please say "hello" to our new part-time circulation assistant, Diana Miller.
- Information Literacy instruction—that's what the librarians do when they visit classrooms or hold a class in the library. "Seminars, orientation, library

sessions, library day"—that may be what other libraries call their IL instruction, but it's NOT what we call it!" We do offer occasional workshops through Professional Development, such as the upcoming: [Information Literacy as a General Education Outcome](#). See the Professional Development calendar for Thursday, April 29th 2-3 pm (Janet Scott).



Mary Jean Deja and Joan Perlman look to books for self-help