A TRIP DOWN MEMORY LANE

I just purchased my new parking pass for fy12/13. This year it proudly displays a logo: Celebrating 50 Years of Investing in the Future -1963-2013. This caused me to pause and consider that I was here for the first anniversary celebration, our 25th in 1987. I had only been the library director for about a year, had 3 employees, including myself, and worked in Powers Hall which included the library and 4 classrooms. At that time we only had Lynch Hall, Powers Hall, Smith Hall, and a student center which is now the McKenna Computer Center, and the Faculty Office Building was just opened. Now the computer center is moving to our new green building, Cassell Hall.

At one point the campus had a motto to the effect of “watch us grow.” Looking back, I realize we never stopped!

—Pat Duck

DIGITAL MEDIA LAB

The new Digital Media Lab in room 162 of the Millstein Library is now available to UPG students, faculty, and staff to create and enjoy their own digital products. The lab features 2 high end 64-bit Dell computers with Adobe Creative Suite software, allowing students to create and edit videos and graphic applications with their colleagues as well as a Korg keyboard to provide original and mixed audio files and music. A color printer, poster printer, scanner, video and digital cameras, headphones, and other equipment for audio and video projects is also available. Equipment may circulate for three days with a valid Pitt Greensburg ID card. For more information about the Digital Media Lab, visit the Digital Media webpage here: http://www.library.pitt.edu/green/digitalmedia.html

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DIGITAL MEDIA LAB HIGHLIGHTS

The computer lab, formerly housed in 162, has been relocated to the Carl F. Poke Media Center area on the first floor.

With access to Adobe Creative Suite 6 Master Collection, students will be able to design and create dynamic websites, videos, portfolios, and other applications. Faculty, staff and students will be able to print one free poster and 20 color copies each semester. Please come by and visit our new facility soon!

Photo right: ML162: Ready for lights, camera, action!

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SUMMER WINDOW DISPLAYS

Bonnie Chambers created the Summer window displays in the entrance and exit to the Millstein Library. The theme for both displays is the History of Music.

One display features books on Rock, Country, and Hip-Hop (shown at right), and the other display features books on Jazz and Classical music.

All library materials in the window displays are available to be checked out. Ask at the information desk if you are interested in any display materials. The window displays are changed every two months throughout the year.
NEW MATERIALS

DVDs at UPG
The Artist
Coriolanus
The Iron Lady
Red Tails
Extremely Loud & Incredibly Close
The Muppets
Programmed to be Fat?
Money & Medicine

Books at UPG
The Art of Robert Frost
Steinbeck in Vietnam
Scandal and Silence
Faith and War
Soviet Baby Boomers
Chasing Venus
In the Plex
Pot, Inc.
Clash of Crowns
Reading YouTube
Taco USA
Tough Cookies
Bending History
Plastic: A Toxic Love Story
Destiny of the Republic
The Greatest Hoax
The Eternal Army
Cash Cab

CHILDREN’S LITERATURE CONFERENCE

The 16th annual Pitt-Greensburg Children’s Literature Conference was held on Friday, May 4. Candace Fleming and Eric Rohmann were this year’s featured speakers. Over 80 librarians, educators, and presenters attended the conference, which was coordinated by Librarian Anna Mary Williford and staff member Diane Hughes.

FEATURED MOVIES IN THE LIBRARY

The Artist, a new silent film and winner of five Academy Awards, is now available in the Millstein Library. A throwback to films of the early 20th century, The Artist is only the second silent film to win Best Picture. Wings, the first to win, is also available on DVD in the library. The Artist was filmed in Full Screen aspect ratio, which is accurate for the time period of silent films.

Best Actor Jean Dujardin plays George Valentin, a silent film star, and Berenice Bejo plays dancer Peppy Miller. The film also stars John Goodman, James Cromwell, Penelope Ann Miller, and Malcolm McDowell. The plot follows George’s downfall as a silent film star with the growing popularity of talking pictures. In contrast, Peppy rises to instant fame because of George, and finds a way to save him and his career.

Check out The Artist today and take a trip back to the early days of filmmaking.

The Fall One Book, One Community Event will be held Thursday, Oct. 4 and feature The Book of Jonas, by alum Stephen Dau. For more information, visit: www.library.pitt.edu/green/onebook.html