Whenever I read about the demise of libraries, books and reading, I just sigh (heavily) and say to myself “here we go again.” Recently another poll came out about “dead” career paths and librarians were on the list (again). I am not sure that any of these pollsters ever visit a library anymore and they really should. They might be shocked to learn that both libraries and librarians are STILL relevant to many, many people.

Today most libraries contain digital media labs, eating spaces, interesting displays and along with books, dvd’s, cd’s have some VERY helpful professionals to assist them in their research. Millstein, of course, has all of these and we are always ready for the next new thing like our current Twitter venture, @MillsteinLib. Therefore, it will come as no surprise that when a student at UPG, Stevie Bonine, approached our reference librarian Amanda Folk about November’s National Novel Writing Month, we were more than happy to lend our support and space. Consequently, “NaNoWriMo” Write-Ins, will take place at the Millstein Library from 6:30-9 p.m. every Sunday in November. You can read about this latest venture in a TribLive article by Michele Stewardson published October 24.

Stay tuned for our next Great Adventure! - Pat Duck

NEW ULS WEBSITE

The University Library System recently launched a new website. The updated version of www.library.pitt.edu now has a similar look to the University’s main website. It also includes features that automatically adjust the pages when viewed on a smartphone or tablet. The site also features easier access to PittCat+, PittCat Classic, e-Journals, databases, and LibGuides. The new Millstein Library site can be viewed at www.library.pitt.edu/greensburg.
Librarians at the Millstein Library can now be contacted through Twitter using @MillsteinLib or #asktheateam. Questions will be answered on weekdays from 8:30 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. Library Director Pat Duck or ‘A Team’ Librarians Amanda Folk or Anna Mary Williford will be providing the Twitter reference help to Pitt and community users. The Twitter accounts will allow the Millstein Librarians to actively reach out to Pitt users who are not in the library, highlight library collections, and stay current with events going on around campus.

The Friends of the Millstein Library are alumni, retired and current faculty and staff members, students, and members of the community who are interested in promoting and supporting the library and its activities.

Anyone may join the Millstein Friends. There are various categories:

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The group offers an annual $500 scholarship to a Pitt-Greensburg senior majoring in library or information science.
mysterious Axon Corporation to explore parallel universes with a briefcase time machine. Tak’s longtime love Samira, an Iraq war veteran with PTSD, is dragged into the action and kidnapped by Axon’s mad scientist, who wants to destroy all timelines except for one called The Beautiful Land. The novel is a cinematic page-turning experience to a surprising ending that is both tragic and happy at the same time. The Beautiful Land succeeds by leaving out confusing explanations of time travel and focusing on the characters and non-stop action. The novel could easily be turned into a movie.

The expanded digital media lab and equipment storage room.