Traditionally academic libraries don’t spend a lot of time celebrating “National Library Week.” It’s usually a public library “thing” and always falls right before our students plunge into the end of the spring semester and finals. But maybe we should consider the importance of this week.

According to the ALA website, “in the mid 1950’s research showed that Americans were spending less on books and more on radios, televisions and musical instruments. ” Today you can just change that to say “Internet, Facebook and Twitter.” The old adage about the more things change, the more they remain the same hasn’t changed much.

National Library Week is a national event. It is a time to celebrate and support all kinds of libraries. At the Millstein Library we recognize that our main mission is to support the instructional needs of our students, faculty and staff and to foster the development of “lifelong learners.” But we also recognize our ties to the community, and so offer programs and events such as our recent One Book, One Community jointly sponsored by the Friends of the Millstein Library, UPG Villages and the student chapter of the political science honor society.

So here’s to the theme of National Library Week 2010: “Communities Thrive @ Your Library”

OR my favorite saying: “Have you hugged your librarian today?”

- Pat Duck

The Millstein Library renovation project is set to begin on May 3rd. Included in the project are a new psychology lab, renovation of the first-floor group study rooms, improvements to the circulation desk and periodicals room, and a new outdoor terrace. Work is expected to be completed by July 15.

The new outdoor terrace/patio area will be located in front of the large windows on the first floor of the library. Students will be able to read books, use laptops, and enjoy food and drinks outside without having to exit the library. The new psychology lab will be located in room 150, the current site of the staff lounge.

These renovations will make the Millstein Library an even better place to hang out and study on campus!
The library will be open until midnight April 19-22 and 26-29. Free coffee will be available for UPG students. Sponsored by the Friends of the Millstein Library.

Clara Vana, Assistant Director of the Millstein Library, is retiring at the end of April. Don’t forget to stop by and wish Clara a Happy Retirement on Friday, April 30 from 9-3. Light refreshments will be served.
**NEW MATERIALS**

**NOTE: ACCESS TO ULS DATABASES IS RESTRICTED TO CURRENT PITT FACULTY, STAFF, AND STUDENTS**

**ULS Databases**
- Brepolis Medieval Studies
- IHS Standards Expert (ASTM)

**Books at UPG**
- Froth!
- The Watchers
- Freefall
- Great Escapes
- Celeb 2.0
- The Hidden Brain
- Crisis and Command
- Runaway Dream
- Mass Casualties

**DVDs at UPG**
- The Hurt Locker
- The Blind Side
- New Moon
- Top Gun
- Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs
- Planet 51
- The Princess and the Frog
- Up in the Air

**MEET THE STAFF**

Dr. Patricia Duck is the Director of the Millstein Library and the Coordinator of Regional Campus Libraries. She has worked for the University Library System since 1980. She earned a Ph.D. in Library Science and an MLS from Pitt, and a B.A. from George Washington University. She began her career working for several U.S. Government libraries, including the Smithsonian Institution and the U.S. Dept. of Interior Library. Pat won the Pitt-Greensburg Distinguished Service Award in 1998. She has also published articles and done presentations in the field of library science. “I have been married to John for 37 years (we met in college) and we have 3 children,” Pat said. “Mike is a chemical engineer who graduated from Pitt and works for Lehigh Cement; Jenn is a graduate of Pitt-Greensburg and is working at RAND Corp in Oakland after serving in Kuwait and Iraq with the Army reserves; and Matt is an assistant service manager at Spitzer Toyota in Monroeville and a graduate of Penn College in Williamsport. I also have a granddaughter, Rebecca, in the Franklin Regional School District.”

**FEATURED MOVIES IN THE LIBRARY**

Winner of six Academy Awards including Best Picture and Best Director (Kathryn Bigelow), *The Hurt Locker* is now available in the Millstein Library.

The film tells the story of a U.S. Army bomb squad unit in Iraq with a month left in their tour of duty. When one member of the team is killed by an IED, Staff Sergeant William James (Oscar nominee Jeremy Renner) joins the team.

With his reckless and thrill-seeking attitude, James dismantles many bombs but angers his team members. James is there for the drug-like high that he gets from overcoming the challenge and danger of defusing bombs. He is also totally bored by his wife and child at home. The film turns out to be a fascinating character study enhanced by Renner’s excellent performance.

The supporting cast include Guy Pearce, Ralph Fiennes, Anthony Mackie, David Morse, and Evangeline Lilly.