

MILLSTEIN MATTERS

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WELCOME TO THE FIRST ISSUE OF MILLSTEIN MATTERS

Welcome to the premier issue of "Millstein Matters." As part of our ongoing mission to keep our patrons and friends informed about the activities in the Millstein Library, we hope to pique your curiosity with interesting news and events that occur in and around the library and the University Library System at Pitt.

In this issue you will find information on the latest new databases to be found in the Pitt Digital Library, news regarding the Friends of the Library program, our upcoming One Book, One Community

program scheduled for the Fall 08 term, the UPG Children's Literature Conference, the Clelian Heights College Day, and a featured staff member.

We hope you will find these items of interest and encourage you to contact us with any other tidbits you would like to share with us and our readers.

— Pat Duck, pmd1@pitt.edu



A watercolor rendition of the Millstein Library depicting our famous stained glass mural by local artist Terry Bengel, "Upward to the Light."

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CHILDREN'S LITERATURE CONFERENCE

The 12th Annual UPG Children's Literature Conference was held on Friday, May 2 in Smith Hall. Jack Gantos, Megan McDonald, and Rebecca O'Connell were the featured authors. A record one hundred forty-one librarians, educators, and students attended the event that was coordinated by Public Services Librarian Jacob Deininger.

The authors gave presentations and signed copies of their

books for the attendees and the Millstein Library collection. Many local authors, professors, and educators also presented breakout sessions during the conference.

"This is my fourth year coordinating the Children's Literature Conference and it was easily my biggest and best conference to date." Deininger said. "Now I have to try and top myself!"



The presenters from the Children's Literature Conference pose in front of the campus clock and the Millstein Library.

ONE BOOK ONE COMMUNITY

The Millstein Library is pleased to present our fifth **One Book, One Community** event scheduled August-October 2008. Join faculty, staff, students and community to read and reflect on: **"When Huai Flowers Bloom: Stories of the Cultural Revolution"** by Shu Jiang Lu.

Shu Jiang Lu is an Associate Professor of English at the

University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg. She has published books on Ezra Pound and Chinese Poetry, English Composition Studies, and Asian American women writers. She also translated Alice Walker's novel *The Color Purple* into Chinese. In 2006 Lu received the UPG Distinguished Teaching Award.

Books will be distributed free

of charge courtesy of the Friends of the Millstein Library during August and September. Discussions will take place with Dr. Lu Thursday, Oct. 9, from 7-9 p.m. and Friday, Oct. 10, 3-5 p.m. on the 2nd floor of the Millstein Library. For more information, go to: <http://www.library.pitt.edu/green/onebook.html>



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FRIENDS OF THE MILLSTEIN LIBRARY

The Friends of the Millstein Library sponsored free coffee and tea for students at the library during the last two weeks of the spring semester.

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. There are various categories:

Pitt Alumni who have graduated from any campus may become a Friend of the Millstein Library for only \$10 per year.

Friend is a member of the community or a graduate of another institution for \$25 per year.

Family (up to four members of a family) may become a friend of the library for \$50 per year.

As a Friend of the Millstein Library, you will have access to approximately 100,000 items in the library, including books, CDs, and DVDs.

For more information, go to: <http://www.library.pitt.edu/green/friends.html>

The Friends of the Millstein Library offer an annual \$500 scholarship to UPG students pursuing graduate study in library or information science

CLELIAN HEIGHTS COLLEGE DAY

Students from the Clelian Heights School for Exceptional Children visited the Millstein Library on Monday, March 31 for their annual College Day event.

The students enjoyed a tour of the Millstein Library, which was decorated with pictures and other items related to this year's theme: Egypt.

During the visit, the students participated in arts & crafts activities such as building models of a pyramid and a sarcophagus, while learning about the history of ancient Egypt.

Students from Pitt-Greensburg's chapter of the Student Pennsylvania State Education Association

(SPSEA) planned and sponsored the event.



Students from Clelian Heights celebrate after completing their activities at the Millstein Library

NEW MATERIALS

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

ULS Databases

American Song Database

Encyclopaedia Judaica

Encyclopedia of Associations

Foreign Broadcast
Information

Service Daily Reports

PsycCRITIQUES

PsycEXTRA

Available at:
www.library.pitt.edu

Books at UPG

The Cult of the Presidency

Rethinking Globalization

Entertainment Theology

God, Man, & Hollywood

Making up the Mind

Oil on the Brain

Alien Worlds

Millennial Makeover

Mastering Mathematica

DVDs at UPG

There Will be Blood

No Country for Old Men

Sweeney Todd

The Golden Compass

Bee Movie

Gone Baby Gone

Michael Clayton

The Kite Runner

Into the Wild



MEET THE STAFF

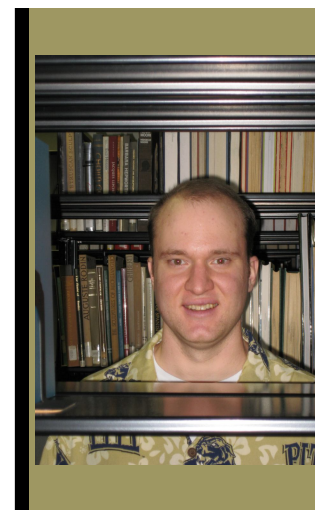
Jim Vikartosky, writer of "Millstein Matters," has worked as a Library Specialist at the Millstein Library since June 2006. Jim holds a Master of Library and Information Science degree from Pitt, and a B.A. in English Writing from Pitt-Greensburg.

Before joining the Millstein Library staff, Jim worked as a Reference Librarian at the

Greensburg Hempfield Area Library. During graduate school, he worked as a Reference Intern at Hillman Library on Pitt's Oakland campus. In addition to writing "Millstein Matters," Jim manages the Millstein Library website and the periodicals collection. He also works at the information desk in the evenings. "The best part of working at the library is meeting the

students and helping them with their research," he said.

In his spare time, Jim enjoys playing golf, skiing, reading, and going on vacation to sunny tropical islands. "My dream job would be to work as a librarian at Maui Community College," he said. "Then I could go to Maluaka Beach every evening to watch the sunset!"



FEATURED BOOKS AND MOVIES IN THE LIBRARY

Winner of 4 Academy Awards, including best picture, the film "No Country for Old Men" is now available on DVD in Millstein Library. Cormac McCarthy's novel, upon which the film is based, is also available.

The crime-drama follows three men on a chase through Texas and Mexico to

recover a case of money from a botched drug deal.

In the film, Academy-Award winner Javier Bardem plays Anton Chigurh as one of the most memorable and cold-blooded killers in film history. Tommy Lee Jones plays a sheriff on the verge of retirement.

The film lacks a clear protagonist, and many viewers will be confused by the quiet and vague ending. Check out the novel to clarify many plot details that were curiously left out of the film.

