

## MILLSTEIN MATTERS

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724-836-7159UPG CURRICULUM COLLECTION + CHILDREN'S COLLECTION:  
PRICELESS!

The history of curriculum and children's literature collections in academic libraries is, to say the least, variable. With the ups and downs of the economy, and changes in educational theory, academic institutions have in time both supported and abandoned these unique materials. Through a fortunate set of circumstances, the Millstein Library has been able to provide undergraduate education majors with a wealth of practical and relevant material to support their studies. This includes the Joan Chambers Children's Collection,

founded in 1995 with an endowment from President Emeritus George Chambers, and the UPG Curriculum Collection which is the recipient of many current textbooks and learning kits from Drs. Vicki Barnot, Melissa Marks, and Jeanne Moore. With over 3000 titles in both collections, and access to many online databases in the field of education through the University Library System, the library is well positioned to provide current and future students with the resources they require to support their

studies in the field of education. In a climate of increased accountability at both the state and federal level, our evolving collection of resources will provide a hands-on working laboratory for our students. (And who doesn't love puppets?) -Pat Duck



## UPG CURRICULUM COLLECTION

The UPG Curriculum Collection at the Millstein Library has grown to include an abundance of educational books, over 50 kits, puppets, and other materials for use in the classroom. The collection will continue to expand to support Pitt-Greensburg's early childhood and secondary education programs. Stop in the library today and check out the Curriculum Collection.



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## WINTER WINDOW DISPLAYS



The entrance display featured typewriters, a film recorder and projector, old phones and cameras.



The exit display featured records, record players, tapes, and an old computer with floppy disks.

Staff member Sandy Buehner created the window displays for December through January. The theme of her displays was "Technology through the Years."

## FRIENDS OF THE MILLSTEIN LIBRARY

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.

The group offers an annual \$500 scholarship to a Pitt-Greensburg senior majoring in library or information science.

Anyone may join the Millstein Friends. 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/frndsch.html>

**Friends of the Millstein Library Scholarship Applications are due by April 1, 2012**

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## CHILDREN'S LITERATURE CONFERENCE

The 16th annual Pitt-Greensburg Children's Literature Conference will be held on Friday, May 4, 2012. This year's featured speakers are children's book authors Candace Fleming and Eric Rohmann.

Candace Fleming is the author of over 20 children's

books. Her most recent book is *Amelia Lost: The Life and Disappearance of Amelia Earhart*. Eric Rohmann won the Caldecott Medal for *My Friend Rabbit*, and his latest book is *Bone Dog*.

The Children's Literature Conference will also feature sessions on a variety of topics

related to children's literature, as well as a book signing by the authors. For more information and to register for the conference, please visit:

<http://www.library.pitt.edu/green/webclc.html>



Candace Fleming



Eric Rohmann



## NEW MATERIALS

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

### ULS Databases

Naver News Library

Izvestiia Digital Archive

### Books at UPG

*How to Build a Time Machine*

*Religion in America*

*A History of the Popes*

*Fields of Combat*

*Christ to Coke*

*Re-made in the USA*

*Palace of Culture*

*American Tempest*

*The Serial Killer Whisperer*

### DVDs at UPG

*Taken*

*Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows, Part 2*

*Cars 2*

*Super 8*

*Cowboys & Aliens*

*Kung Fu Panda 2*

*The Ides of March*

*Moneyball*



## FEATURED BOOKS IN THE LIBRARY

Jack Gantos, one of the featured speakers at the 2008 Pitt-Greensburg Children's Literature Conference, has won the 2012 Newbery Medal for his latest book, *Dead End in Norvelt*, which is available in the Millstein Library.

*Dead End in Norvelt* is a part-fact, part-fiction novel about the author growing up in Norvelt, PA in the 1960s.

Jack himself is the main character, and the book features many other characters that are based on real past and present residents of Norvelt, with their names only thinly disguised.

The book contains many funny, silly, and bizarre incidents that may be fact, fiction, or a mix of both. Filled with more history than

plot, the book recounts many events including the history of Norvelt. It is a must-read for anyone familiar with Norvelt and its past and present residents.

Readers may also be interested in Gantos's *Love Curse of the Rumbaughes*, which is another fact-based novel set in Mount Pleasant, PA. Congratulations Jack!



## FEATURED MOVIES IN THE LIBRARY

*Super 8*, a thrilling sci-fi adventure from J.J. Abrams and Steven Spielberg, is now available in the Millstein Library. Set in 1979, *Super 8* has the look and feel of a 1980s Steven Spielberg film.

After a group of kids making their own home movie witness a colossal train wreck, strange things begin to happen in their

small town. Soon they discover that the train was carrying a passenger from another world, and it has escaped. The plot is not original, but the movie has plenty of humor, thrills, and excellent special effects. The film is worth watching for the explosive train wreck alone.

*Super 8* stars Kyle Chandler,

Elle Fanning, Joel Courtney and Riley Griffiths, with Fanning giving an Oscar-worthy performance. Michael Giacchino's score and Larry Fong's cinematography are also outstanding. Check out *Super 8* today and take a trip back in time.

