

## MILLSTEIN MATTERS

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## 45 YEARS YOUNG!

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On Saturday January 17 at 5:30 p.m. the Millstein Library will play host to the annual La Cultura Winter Gala. This year we celebrate Pitt-Greensburg's 45th anniversary.

In October 1962 Pitt Chancellor Edward Litchfield announced that the university would create a campus if business and educational leaders of the area would endorse the plan and help find the necessary resources. In less than a year, all of the preparations were completed and in September 1963, the first class of 216 students was welcomed to our

campus at the Vogle Building on North Maple Ave. in Greensburg by our first president, Dr. Albert Smith.

If you want to relive some of the sights and sounds of the Greensburg Campus from

yesteryear, please visit our [UPG Visual History](#) site, part of the ULS D-Scribe initiative.

-Pat Duck (pmd1@pitt.edu)



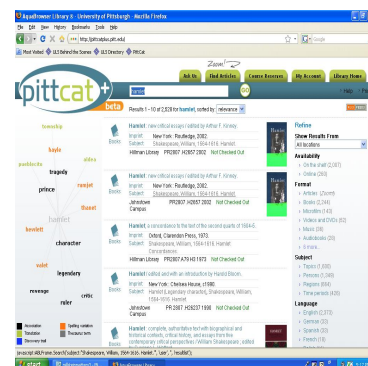
## PITTCAT+

Beginning with the Spring 2009 Semester, PittCat+ will be the default online catalog for the University Library System. It features a new interface with thumbnails of book covers and a subject cloud that suggests related terms for further searching.

Zoom! searching and article searching are now integrated into the catalog, making PittCat+ the one-stop site for all of your research needs.

"The students really like the one-box searching and the fact that it doesn't time-out," said Public Services Librarian Jacob Deininger. "They seem to prefer PittCat+ when I demonstrate it in library instruction classes."

Pittcat+ features a colorful, user-friendly interface.



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## REMOTE REFERENCE

Public Services Librarian Jacob Deininger will be stationed in the Village Hall coffeehouse on selected evenings during the spring semester. Equipped with a laptop, he will provide reference and research assistance to students who study there, but who don't make the cross-campus trek to the library.

"I offered a remote reference

service at the Coffeehouse in Village Hall during the fall term. Students responded positively so I will be increasing my hours in the Coffeehouse in the spring," Jacob said. "It's important for students to feel at ease talking to a librarian and the remote reference service is a great way to accomplish this task--and answer important questions in the process."

The University Library System

has provided a similar service on the Oakland campus for several years called "HelpHub...library help where YOU are."



## 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 UPG 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/friends.html>

**The Friends of the of the Millstein Library sponsor free evening coffee for UPG students during finals week each semester!**

## VHS TO DVD CONVERSION

The Millstein Library staff began a project to purchase the DVD versions of many popular movies and educational videos that were only available to students in VHS format.

"Many students ask for DVD versions of movies that we only have in VHS, because they don't have VCRs

anymore," said Jim Vikartosky, who staffs the library information desk in the evenings. "Also, DVDs take up a lot less space on the shelf."

The library will keep VHS videos that are not available on DVD because of age or out-of-print status. VCRs will continue to be available in

the library's stereo room for student use.

Some of the classic titles that are now on DVD in the library include: *Casablanca*, *Sleeping Beauty*, *Apocalypse Now*, *The Graduate*, and *All Quiet on the Western Front*.



## NEW MATERIALS

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

### ULS Databases

*Kikuzo II Bijuaru*

*Conference Board Database*

*Points of View*

*Feminae*

*Middle English Compendium*

*RAMBI*

*TRIS Online*

*ISN*

### Books at UPG

*I Was Told There'd Be Cake*

*The Cure Within*

*American Lion*

*The Forger's Spell*

*The Purpose of the Past*

*Our Iceberg is Melting*

*The Whiskey Rebels*

*Tales of Beedle the Bard*

*The Gnostics*

### DVDs at UPG

*Nim's Island*

*Metropolis*

*Pulp Fiction*

*Iron Man*

*Reservoir Dogs*

*12 Angry Men*

*Remember the Titans*

*The Green Mile*

*In the Heat of the Night*



## MEET THE STAFF

Jacob Deininger, Public Services Librarian, was awarded the first annual University Library System Faculty Librarian Excellence Award. The award was presented to Jacob at the annual ULS In-Service Day on the Oakland campus on Dec. 15, 2008.

The purpose of the award is "to provide recognition to ULS faculty librarians who

have demonstrated exceptional service / accomplishment, or have made significant contributions to the field of Library Science."

"I was very surprised to win the award," Jacob said. "I would like to thank the committee that selected me. Dr. Duck has been very supportive of my growth as a professional and has always

encouraged me to take on new projects."

Jacob holds a Master of Library & Information Science degree from Pitt and a B.A. in History. He has worked at the Millstein Library since 2005.



## FEATURED MOVIES IN THE LIBRARY

*Iron Man* is now available on DVD in Millstein Library. This action-packed superhero film follows the adventures of Tony Stark, a wealthy genius weapons inventor who builds a metal suit after being wounded and captured in Afghanistan.

The suit transforms the cocky playboy into a high-flying hero

who turns against his own company to destroy the deadly weapons he helped to build.

Robert Downey Jr. is perfect in the role of Tony Stark, which seems to have been written for him. *Iron Man* is a two-hour thrill ride that wisely avoids the mistake of being too long, like many other

recent superhero movies.

The film also features excellent performances by Gwyneth Paltrow as Pepper Potts and Jeff Bridges as Obadiah Stone. The outstanding special effects do not overwhelm the story. A sequel is scheduled for release in 2010.

