

MILLSTEIN MATTERS

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COMING ATTRACTIONS

About five years ago I used to enjoy summer session at the Millstein Library. I had time to catch up on all those projects I had started during the past academic year and start planning new projects for the next year. Such is not the case anymore. As I write this I have already survived the first summer orientation session of about 200 students. Although there are only four SOAR sessions, it seems they come sooner and sooner after graduation even though they are scheduled the same time each summer!

What can you expect from the Millstein Library this fall? Well, for one thing we will be "under construction" on the first floor with a new outdoor patio off the reading room and enhanced lighting /power /fixtures in the indoor reading room. We will also be constructing two new group study rooms to accommodate all those hours you will be spending with us in fall 09!

So, welcome class of 2013!

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STUDENT RECOGNITION & AWARDS

On Friday, April 17, the Friends of the Millstein Library presented their 2009 scholarship to Christine Watson, who will be pursuing a Master of Library & Information Science degree.

Also, three student library workers were presented with service awards: Tom Miller: 4 years, Sarah Fitzpatrick: 3 years, and Jessica Blaho: 2 years.

Student workers are an important part of the Millstein Library staff, providing services including book processing, shelving, shifting, and information desk service. Thank you to all our student workers!



Dr. Greenfield presents Christine Watson with the Friends of the Millstein Library Scholarship

CHILDREN'S LITERATURE CONFERENCE

The 13th Annual Pitt-Greensburg Children's Literature Conference was held on Friday May 1, 2009. Award-winning authors Gary D. Schmidt and Jacqueline Woodson were the featured speakers.

A total of 120 attendees, presenters, and staff attended the conference to learn about the various aspects of children's

literature and get an opportunity to interact with their peers. The conference also offered informative breakout sessions, a continental breakfast, a hot buffet lunch, and a book signing.

The Pitt-Greensburg Children's Literature Conference serves educators and librarians in the Western Pennsylvania community and

beyond. The next conference will be held on May 7, 2010 and feature Leonard Marcus and Betsy Lewin.

For more information, visit www.library.pitt.edu/green/webclc.html



Gary D.
Schmidt

Jacqueline
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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>

To join the friends of the Millstein library, go to:

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

COLLEGE DAY

On March 25, students from the Clelian Heights School for Exceptional Children visited the library for their annual College Day event.

This year's theme was "Around the World," and the students enjoyed many activities such as creating flags and passports, listening to international music, and

taking a 'world tour' in the library.

College Day was coordinated and planned by Prof. Melissa Marks and Pitt-Greensburg students in the Teaching Exceptional Children course.

26 students attended this year's College Day, and Pitt-Greensburg faculty and staff

donated items to be used for the students' activities.



Students from Clelian Heights enjoy College Day in the library.

NEW MATERIALS

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

ULS Databases

African HealthLine

Jazz Music Library



Books at UPG

Dr. Seuss Goes to War

Man on Wire

Existentialist Cinema

You Majored in What?

I Am Murdered

Passion Brands

Joker One

Africa's World War

Autophobia

DVDs at UPG

The Curious Case of Benjamin Button

Religulous

Gran Torino

Darfur Diaries

The Wrestler

Man on Wire

Defiance

Lives for Sale



MEET THE STAFF

Bonnie Chambers began working as a library specialist at the Millstein Library in 1995. Her main areas of responsibility include interlibrary loan, faculty reserves, and assisting with the UPG archives. Prior to coming to UPG, she worked in the periodicals department at Pitt's Hillman Library and occasionally taught English composition at WCCC.

Bonnie holds a Master of Library and Information Science degree from Pitt, and a Master of Arts degree in Teaching English from IUP.

When not following the Rolling Stones on tour, Bonnie enjoys visiting museums, watching Pittsburgh sports, and relaxing with her cat, Spirit. Asked which famous person she would like to have lunch

with, she exclaimed, "Anthony Bourdain! I had the opportunity to briefly chat with him when he lectured in Pittsburgh last year. He was so pleased with the Ramones onesie that I gave him for his baby daughter that he gave me personalized autographs. He is a bit of a renaissance man, so you know the conversation would include discussing music, food, and his various travels."



FEATURED MOVIES IN THE LIBRARY

Gran Torino, directed by Clint Eastwood, is now available on DVD in Millstein Library. Eastwood plays Walt Kowalski, a Korean War veteran and retired auto worker who becomes disgusted when Hmong immigrants move in next door after his wife's death.

When Hmong teenager Thao

tries to steal Walt's *Gran Torino* as a gang initiation, Walt is enraged. But then Walt hires Thao to work to redeem himself, and later defends Thao and his family from the gang.

Eastwood delivers a brilliant performance as an angry, disgruntled man who finds redemption and achieves a

final victory for himself and his Hmong neighbors.

Both hilarious and heartbreaking, *Gran Torino* may be Eastwood's final acting performance. The box office hit was unfairly ignored by the Academy Awards, but deserved more than one Oscar. Check it out today!

