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NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK 2010

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



RENOVATION BEGINS MAY 3RD

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!



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COLLEGE DAY

On Wednesday March 24, students from the Clelian Heights School for Exceptional Children visited the library for their annual College Day event. The theme of this year's activities was *Road Trip USA*.

Pitt-Greensburg students from Prof. Marks' special education class planned the day's activities, which included *Music in America*,

Monuments & Natural Wonders, *Be a tour guide Webquest*, *Design your own dream trip & vehicle*, and *Design your own sports team*.

Pitt-Greensburg faculty and staff members donated items to be used for the day's activities.

Clelian Heights students display their certificates at the end of College Day.



A student from Prof. Marks' special education class assists with College Day activities.



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 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!

NEWS BRIEFS

Check out the new University Library System LibGuides for "Research Assistance, subject guides, and useful resources compiled by your friendly librarians. Know what we know—Find it in LibGuides!"

View the new LibGuides here: <http://pitt.libguides.com/>

There is still time to register for the Children's Literature Conference on May 7th. Speakers include Leonard Marcus and Betsy Lewin, as well as many others in the informative Breakout sessions. Visit the conference website here: <http://www.library.pitt.edu/green/webclc.html>

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.

