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### FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

Our first year with our fabulous new first floor has flown by. We've broken all our records for people using our facility—as well as for library instruction sessions, research consultations, and Media Center visits.

As the semester rushes to a finish, we will be making as much study space available as possible by opening the Alden Lab and Arundel Room (both on the 3rd floor) whenever we can.

Our recent LibQual survey gave us lots of food for thought. Thanks for all your praise—and we're already working to address the issues you brought to our attention. You can continue to give us feedback through our Suggestion Box—or just drop by and talk to us anytime.

Don't forget we will be here all summer! Whether you're teaching, researching, or taking a class, we are here to help with whatever you need. Summer hours (8:30 am -- 8:00 pm Monday – Thursday) start May 21st.

~ Kathryn GeoffrionScannell



### WHAT'S HAPPENING?

#### CONGRATULATIONS TO GRADUATING STUDENT LIBRARY WORKERS!

McQuade Library student workers are a vital part of the daily running of the McQuade library; they do everything from answering the phone to referring patrons to checking out DVDs and books. This May, nine of our library student workers will be graduating. We asked them to comment on their experiences working at McQuade and share their future plans. **Here are our Seniors:**

#### **Kelly Alexander, Circulation Student Worker**

I have worked at the library since my freshman year at Merrimack. I have worked during all four years, including summers and breaks. I have worked at both the circulation desk and in processing with Janet and Chris. I am a [Criminology](#) major with minors in [Sociology](#) and [Women's & Gender Studies](#). Eventually I will be getting a Masters Degree in Criminology with a concentration in Juvenile Justice. For the next year, I hope to be working as an Educational Consultant for my sorority, Theta Phi Alpha. I have loved working at the library for the past four years: I have made some great memories and have met some amazing people.

#### **Katelyn DeCarlo, Circulation Student Worker**

My experience at Merrimack has truly been one of a kind. Working at McQuade Library my sophomore year opened so many doors for me. It was my first on campus job that introduced me to many new students and faculty members. After gaining experience at the circulation desk for a year, I asked one of my supervisors to be a reference for my Resident Advisor application. Even though I have held many titles on campus including Resident Advisor, Senior Resident Advisor, Anatomy Tutor, Research Assistant, and just being an average student, you could say that being a Circulation Desk worker from my sophomore to senior year was where I got started. Just as I evolved as a student through my 4 years at Merrimack, McQuade Library has also changed in appearance and in its

### WHAT'S NEW?

#### NEW ONLINE CATALOG



Library users will soon notice big changes in McQuade's online catalog. Along with the other libraries in the North of Boston Library Exchange (NOBLE), McQuade will be switching in late May to a new online catalog and circulation system called *Evergreen*.

#### **What you need to know**

- Some remote services will not be available May 25–28, including online renewal of materials and placing hold requests.
- Electronic resources such as EBSCO periodical databases and Overdrive for downloading ebooks and audiobooks will be available as normal during the changeover.
- You will be able to create personalized, easy-to-remember usernames, instead of always needing to enter your library card number to check your online accounts.
- You will be able to create and even share personal "lists" of favorite books or books you would like to read, as well as keep track of what you have already read.
- You will be able to receive pickup notices for holds via text message or email.
- You'll keep the same library card, and records of items checked out and on hold for you will be transferred to the new Evergreen system.

#### **A Note about PINs**

You will be required to create a new PIN (password) on the new system because the old PINs will not be transferred. Users will have two options for resetting their PINs:

- [Contact the library](#) via email to verify that your current email address is on file. If it is you will be able to reset your PIN (password) online after the transition.
- After May 29th, contact the library via phone (978-837-5215) or in-person to reset your PIN (password).

social environment which has made working there even more pleasurable. I've appreciated my time at Merrimack but I will never forget the late nights and early mornings spent at the Library with the greatest staff on campus. Thanks for the memories! I am majoring in [Sports Medicine](#), concentration in Pre-Physical Therapy.

**Amanda LeLacheur, Circulation Student Worker**

For me, the library began as a means to the end of my financial woes. As a Sophomore at Merrimack I needed money to survive and a part time job that was on campus. I came to the library because Chris Condon and I went on ASB together the year before. Working at the library has opened up many opportunities for me along the way. One of those being the chance to give my opinion to President Hopey about what the renovation of the library should look like and another being the chance to meet and shadow a School Counselor, my future career path. Such experiences have given me the confidence to move forward with my future plans without the fear of failing. As of right now my major is [Psychology](#) with a minor in [Women's and Gender Studies](#). Next year I will be at the University of New Hampshire working towards my Masters of Education in Counseling. Since this is Melinda's Alma mater she was basically brought to tears when I told her I was given a full tuition scholarship for next year in the program. She even bought me my first piece of paraphernalia!

**Hope Rodkey, Media Center Student Worker**

This past year has been my second year working with Kevin Salemme in the Media Center at McQuade. As an [Art History](#) major, working in the Media Center has taught me how to handle various types of equipment and taught me about many different genres and eras of art. Knowing these skills has allowed me to present a higher standard of work to my classes as well as to my position as publisher in Merrimack College Concert Choir. My plans for the future include applying to graduate schools to study stage management for the performing arts.

**Eva Trinidad, Circulation Student Worker**

I am a senior with [Psychology](#) and [Spanish](#) majors. It has been a great experience working at the McQuade Library for this past four years! Working at the library gave me the opportunity to make new friends every day. My plans after graduation are to get into the "Real World" and apply for a Master's degree of [Science in Management](#) that is being offered right here at Merrimack College!



**We congratulate all of our seniors, including Circulation Student Workers Kerri Holt and Miguelina Medina, Circulation Student Workers, and Media Center Student Workers Jocelyn Cordell and Zachary Stevens. We wish them all future happiness and success!**

**LIBQUAL SURVEY COMMENTS**

Thanks to all those who participated in the LibQual survey this semester. We heard a lot of wonderful things about our collections, staff, and buiding in the comments section of the survey. Here's a sampling:

**NEW IN THE ERC**



Looking for hands-on resources for your classroom or project? Check out the new items that have been added to the ERC's growing collection of educational kits and games. For more information about individual kits visit the [ERC Blog](#).

**INSTRUCTION PROGRAM: A RECORD-BREAKING YEAR**

McQuade's successful [library instruction program](#) continues to expand. During the 2011-2012 academic year, our three instruction librarians taught **139** course integrated library instruction workshops, spanning across many different disciplines. In previous years, librarians have averaged 100 sessions per year. These numbers represent a greater level of collaboration and outreach with faculty, as well as an increased number of ENG/WRT 1050 sections and BUS1100W sections being taught.

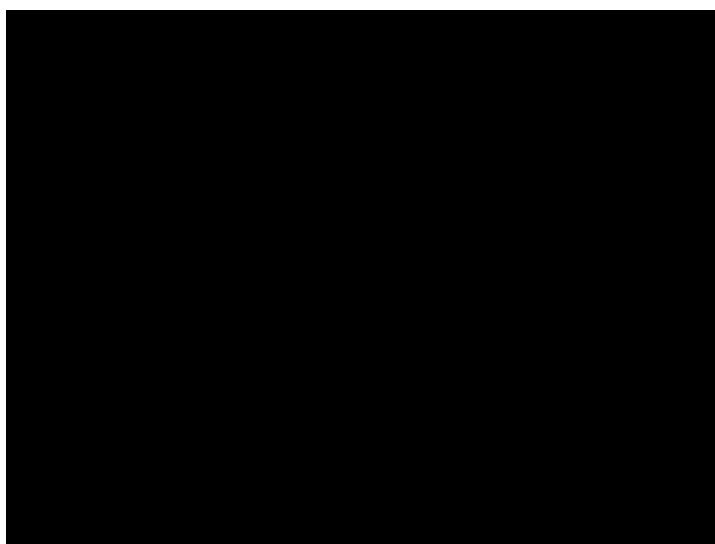
Academic Year	Number of Workshops
2009-2010	97
2010-2011	105
2011-2012	139

**YOU ASKED FOR IT: MORE OUTLETS!**

Physical plant workers are in the process of adding additional electrical outlets to the first, second, and third floors of the library. Look for them along the columns and exterior walls of the building. And, don't forget that we have powerstrips. Stop by the Library Services desk on the first floor to borrow one.

**CHANGES IN NOODLEBIB**

**Do you use NoodleBib to keep track of your citations and create bibliographies? Changes to NoodleBib will be here soon. Check out this video for details.**



**DATABASES**

**SciFinder now offers UNLIMITED ACCESS!**

No longer restricted to one concurrent user, current students and faculty have

"The librarians and staff at this library are absolutely incredible. They are knowledgeable, kind, helpful, professional, the list could go on and on. Never have I been to a college or university where the librarians work so hard to help you find the right resources, materials, learn new and innovative ways of working w/ the electronic resources, databases etc. I continually refer friends and colleagues to the website for reference. Thank you, thank you for all that you do!" — Asst. professor

"Great staff, always helpful when I have a question about research or resources regarding my graduate work." — Grad. student

"I love the library. Great, caring staff. They make the experience as great as it is!" — Undergrad. student

"They are so helpful at the Library, excellent service." — Staff member

## LIBRARY SNAPSHOT DAY 2012 @ MCQUADE



April 8–14 was National Library Week. To celebrate, McQuade joined over 200 other Massachusetts libraries in participating in SNAP MASS. On April 12th, members of McQuade's community took photographs in the library to document a day in the life of the library.

[View my 'Snapshot Day 2012' set on Flickrriver](#)



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## TOP 10 LIBGUIDES OF THE SEMESTER

	Guide	Views
#10	<a href="#">Services for International Students</a>	334
#9	<a href="#">iPad guide</a>	385
#8	<a href="#">SOC3050W Female Deviance, Crime, and Social Control (Hayden) Spr. 2012</a>	392
#7	<a href="#">COM1020 Public Communication (Burns) Spring 2012</a>	394
#6	<a href="#">WRT1050 Introduction to College Writing (Smith) Spr. 2012</a>	425
#5	<a href="#">Ebooks</a>	546



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## NEW DATABASE



Provides in-depth coverage of global affairs from different international viewpoints. [Global Researcher](#) reports are also included in [CQ Researcher](#).

Most recent reports:

## LIBRARY HOURS

### ALL LIBRARY SERVICES AVAILABLE

#### MAY 11 – MAY 18

Weekday	Time
Monday – Thursday	8:30a.m. – 8:00p.m.
Friday	8:30a.m. – 5:00p.m.
Saturday & Sunday	CLOSED

#### MAY 19 – AUGUST 10

Weekday	Time
Monday – Thursday	8:30a.m. – 8:00p.m.
Friday – Sunday	CLOSED

#### AUGUST 13 – AUGUST 24

Weekday	Time
Monday – Thursday	8:30a.m. – 8:00p.m.
Friday	8:30a.m. – 5:00p.m.
Saturday & Sunday	CLOSED

#### HOLIDAY EXCEPTIONS

May 25 – May 28	CLOSED
July 4 – July 6	CLOSED

### MEDIA CENTER HOURS

Monday – Friday	8:30a.m. – 4:30p.m.
Saturday & Sunday	Closed

### INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

Call the Campus Weather Emergency number 978-837-5700 in the event of extreme weather.

If the recording states "Merrimack College is closed" all classes are cancelled, and offices throughout the campus are closed, including the library.

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#4	<a href="#">HIS3991 Historical Methodology (Vorderer)</a>	663
#3	<a href="#">Interlibrary Loans</a>	915
#2	<a href="#">How to Cite Sources</a>	1,598
#1	<a href="#">BUS1100W Essentials of Business Analysis and Decision Making</a>	1,636



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