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FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

Let me join the rest of the library staff in welcoming everyone back to campus. We had a great fall semester here in McQuade and spring looks to be just as busy and rewarding!

As we all get used to our new building configuration, we want to hear from you – you may have noticed the Suggestion Box on the Help Desk. We received over 100 suggestions last semester: everything from book, movie and game requests, to Zest menu suggestions, to questions for IT about the GoPrint program. We're listening – we've purchased games and DVDs at your request, and we're passing along the other comments to the appropriate campus agencies.

We'll be doing some more directed information gathering this semester with the [LibQUAL](#) service quality survey – watch your email for your invitation to participate.

A generous gift from the **Foisy Family Foundation** is allowing for a renovation of the Quiet Study room on the 2nd floor – the new paint and carpet looks great, and some beautiful and comfortable new furniture is on the way. Let us know how you like it!

~ Kathryn GeoffrionScannell



WHAT'S HAPPENING?

TOLLE LEGE: CELEBRATING MERRIMACK SCHOLARSHIP

The Ninth Annual Tolle Lege Reception was a huge success!

Kudos to our fabulous speakers:

- [Audrey Falk, Education](#)
- [Kevin Finn, Health Sciences](#)
- [Mike Mascolo, Psychology](#)
- [George Nogler, Finance](#)
- [Fr. Rick Piatt, Visual & Performing Arts.](#)



This year's honorees signed their work, which will be added to the [Tolle Lege Collection](#) on the 2nd floor. There are now more than 400 contributions from over 300 different Merrimack community authors: faculty, staff, students, and alumni.

GET WHAT YOU WANT AND MORE AT THE LIBRARY SERVICES HELP DESK!

The 1st floor Library Services Help Desk, home of the library's circulation department, is the place to go when you need to check out library items and course reserves, pick up holds, or ask a question. Friendly and helpful staff are happy to assist you or refer you to a library staff member who can.

This fall was an exhilarating time at the Library Services Help Desk. Circulation staff helped patrons check out items from our

WHAT'S NEW?

NEW IMACS IN THE MEDIA CENTER

The Media Center, located on the bottom level of McQuade library, recently added four new iMacs for members of the Merrimack College community to work on media projects. The iMacs include updated editing software with a new projector for teaching and presenting.



The Media Center is open to Merrimack College students, faculty, and staff Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:30am and 4:30pm.

VENDING MACHINES IN THE LIBRARY!

It's 10PM – you're hungry and [Zest](#) is closed. What do you do?



Never fear! There are now snack and drink vending machines on the 2nd floor of the library in the IT computer lab.

The machines accept dollars, coins, and MackCards. If you have any problems with your MackCard, stop by the MackCard office (adjacent to the machines themselves).

excellent book and DVD collections located on the library's second and third floors, from our "Hot Titles" collection near the fireplace on the first floor, and from other libraries through our Interlibrary Loan service. We can proudly say that we truly have something for everyone on the campus and can get almost any item that we don't own!

As Spring 2012 semester begins, here is a list of the circulation department's newest and increasingly popular initiatives:



iPads – 10 iPads are available at the Help Desk to be checked out on your MackCard for a 24 hour period. All iPads come pre-loaded with over 40 apps. Before borrowing an iPad, patrons must sign a liability agreement and agree to adhere to certain restrictions. Go to <http://libguides.merrimack.edu/ipads> for complete information on this

popular lending program.

Dry Erase Sets – We have dry erase marker sets available to check out on your Mackcard for 2 hour use in the library. The markers are for use with the 6 Dry Erase white boards located on the library first floor on the side of the building facing Austin Hall. These boards are great for group study sessions. Many Physics and Chemistry students have spent hours using them for problem solving here at the library!



Xbox 360 and Xbox games – There are 2 Xbox consoles attached to each of the TVs near the fireplace on the first floor. Games available to check out with your MackCard, along with controllers, for 2 hour library use only. Current games include **Call of Duty MW3, Gears of War 3, Halo 3, Portal 2, and NHL 12**. More games will be added to the collection this spring!



As always, do not hesitate to ask library staff or library student workers for assistance. The staff looks forward to working with you this semester!

USING OVERDRIVE TO ACCESS FREE EBOOKS!

Do you have an eReader and would like to access free eBooks from McQuade's OverDrive library?

The librarians at McQuade want to help you get the most of your new technology! [Donna Maturi](#), Reference & Instruction Librarian, will show you how to browse, check-out, and download library eBooks to popular readers such as the Nook, the Kindle, and the iPad.



To set up an appointment to meet with Donna one-on-one call ext.5267, email maturid@merrimack.edu, or fill out the [online form](#).

SERVICES FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

DATABASE TRIALS



From now through the end of the semester students, faculty and staff have access to [SAGE Reference Online](#), a collection of hundreds of specialized encyclopedias and handbooks in the sciences, humanities, and social sciences.

Let us know what you think about this database by completing the [ONLINE Feedback Form](#).



The library is offering a trial of the **ProQuest Dissertations Abstracts & Index** through February 29, 2012. This database allows users to search for abstracts of dissertations and

thesis published internationally between 1861 to the present day. Subject coverage is multidisciplinary, including Business, Health & Medicine, History, Literature & Language, Science & Technology, Social Sciences, and the Arts. The database also includes a preview of the first 24 pages of the dissertations and theses. To obtain a full-text version of the document, submit an [Interlibrary Loan Form](#).

Please note: Availability of full-text dissertations varies greatly and could take up to a few weeks to obtain.

Let us know what you think about this database by completing the [ONLINE Feedback Form](#).



Several collections of historical periodicals from the American Antiquarian Society will be available during a trial period through the month of February.

- [Series 1](#) – 1693 through 1820
- [Series 2](#) – 1821 through 1837
- [Series 3](#) – 1838 through 1852
- [Series 4](#) – 1853 through 1865

Let us know what you think about this database by completing the [ONLINE Feedback Form](#).



Through March 9, 2012, the library is offering a trial of three [Archive of Americana](#) collections (Readex), which include:

- Early American Imprints, Series I. Evans (1639-1800)
- Early American Imprints, Series II, Shaw-Shoemaker (1801-1819)
- Early American Newspaper Series 1

Let us know what you think about this database by completing the ONLINE Feedback Form for the [Early American Imprints](#) and the [Early American Newspapers](#).

LIBRARY HOURS

ALL LIBRARY SERVICES AVAILABLE

Weekday

Time

McQuade librarians have prepared a special [online guide](#) for Merrimack College's international student population in conjunction with [Maura Shaffer](#), Academic Counselor for International and Intercultural Students. The guide provides information and links to library and online resources, including help with speaking and writing in English, resources for living in Massachusetts, research and study strategies, and more.

Students who need assistance are encouraged to contact a McQuade Librarian at the Library Services desk on the first floor, or at the Research Center on the second floor of the library.

NEW ONLINE CATALOG COMING SOON

As a member of [NOBLE](#) (North of Boston Library Exchange) McQuade Library will be transitioning to a new online catalog on May 29, 2011. The new catalog will be supported on the open source platform [Evergreen](#).



NOBLE's migration to Evergreen is the result of a two-year, \$400,000 LSTA grant through the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners to choose and develop an open source library system. NOBLE is one of the three library networks within the Massachusetts Library Network Cooperative to transition to the new Evergreen system. The Merrimack Valley Library Consortium (MVLCC) has already successfully made the switch, and the Central/Western Massachusetts Automated Resource Sharing (C/W MARS) is preparing to do so. Check out North Andover's Stevens Memorial Library [online catalog](#) to see what Evergreen has to offer.

Monday – Thursday	7:30a.m. – 12:00a.m. midnight
Friday	7:30a.m. – 5:00p.m.
Saturday	10:00a.m. – 5:00p.m.
Sunday	10:00a.m. – 12:00a.m. midnight

EXTENDED EVENING HOURS, MACKCARD ID REQUIRED, LIMITED SERVICES

Weekday	Time
Sunday – Thursday	12:00a.m. midnight – 7:30a.m.
Friday	5:00p.m. – 12:00a.m. midnight
Saturday	5:00p.m. – 12:00a.m. midnight

MEDIA CENTER REGULAR 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.

