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I hope each of you will participate in library activities that will happen early this Spring Semester.

I invite you to:

1. Take part in our LibQUAL+ survey between Jan. 30, 2006 and Feb. 20, 2006 and enter to win one of our great prizes, including an iPod Nano.
2. Attend our Tolle Lege Reception on Tuesday, February 7, from 3:30 – 5:00 p.m.
3. Check out our new [website](#)
4. Try our new resources



Read on for further details on what's happening at McQuade Library in 2006!

~ *Barbara Lachance, Library Director*



## Tolle Lege Reception

Twenty nine members of the Merrimack College Community will be honored at the Third Annual Tolle Lege Reception in McQuade Library. Twenty six faculty members and three alumni will formally add their published works to McQuade Library's Tolle Lege special collection; eight books and thirty five journal articles will be added to the collection. Four authors will speak about their work and all will participate in the signing ceremony.

This is a special opportunity to recognize the academic endeavors of our community and to celebrate their success. Please join us for this celebration on Tuesday, Feb. 7th, 2006, from 3:30 to 5:00 p.m. in the Perkins Periodicals Room, McQuade Library.



## Check Out Our New Look!



The McQuade Library web site has a new look for the New Year. This redesign helps make the library site more consistent with the “look and feel” of the main college site. While the library site looks quite different than it did, very few changes have been made to its organization, so you should still be able to find your favorite pages right where you expect them to be. However, if you have any trouble navigating the site, please ask a librarian for help!

We will be conducting usability testing with students, faculty and staff during the semester to make sure the site is as user-friendly as possible.

If you have any questions, comments, or you are interested in participating in the usability testing, please contact [Bridget Rawding](#), Head of Public Services, at x4229. We want to hear from you!



## Participate in our LibQUAL+ Survey and Enter to Win Prizes!



Every member of the Merrimack Community will be receiving an email invitation to participate in a ten-minute online survey about library services. We need input from everyone and are offering great incentive prizes, including an iPod Nano, gift certificates to Panera Restaurant and China Blossom, Rogers Center Theater Tickets, manicure from Bella Vita Salon and Day Spa and Merrimack College items.

### What is LibQUAL+?

LibQUAL+ is a comprehensive survey that measures users’ perceptions of library services – what they expect and what is actually delivered. The survey focuses on three areas of library service: 1) Affect of Service; 2) Information Control; and 3) Library as Place. Hundreds of universities and colleges participate in the survey every year. We will get our own results but also be able to compare ourselves to peer institutions. Click [here](#) to learn more about the survey.

### How long is the survey?

The survey consists of 22 standard questions, 5 customized questions, and an additional comments box. It takes about 8 to 10 minutes to answer.

### Are responses confidential?

Yes. Answers are all confidential. Email addresses are not saved with the responses. Once the responses are saved there is no way to link an individual’s responses to an email address – assuring

confidentiality when entering the incentive drawing. After the draw, the email addresses are discarded.

The LibQUAL survey is federally funded with LSTA funds through the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners.



## New Electronic Resources at McQuade

Welcome back! The library is starting 2006 with some new databases to make everyone's research faster, easier, and more comprehensive. We also have some trials running, and we hope you'll give us your [feedback](#)!

\*\* Click on a logo to search the database from on campus.

## New Databases



McQuade Library now offers our users online access to this premiere encyclopedia and suite of reference sources, including an atlas, historical timelines, country data and a quotation database. In addition, Britannica Online offers access to the Merriam-Webster Dictionary & Thesaurus and up-to-the-minute information from the New York Times, BBC News, and SBS World News from Australia. A great first stop for any research project!



"Project MUSE® is a unique collaboration between libraries and publishers providing 100% full-text, user-friendly online access to over 300 humanities, arts and social sciences journals from 60 scholarly publishers. Every journal is heavily indexed and peer-reviewed, with critically acclaimed articles by the most respected scholars in their fields. MUSE is the sole source of complete, full-text version of titles from many of the world's leading university presses and scholarly societies."

## Trials

**SCOPUS** "Scopus®, the world's largest abstract and indexing database, offers you access to 14,200 peer-reviewed titles from more than 4,000 international publishers." McQuade Library is participating in a long-term group trial of this abstracts and indexes database. The subject coverage is in the scientific, medical, and technical areas, with some social science, psychology, and economics. This is not a full text database, so search it early to allow time for document delivery!

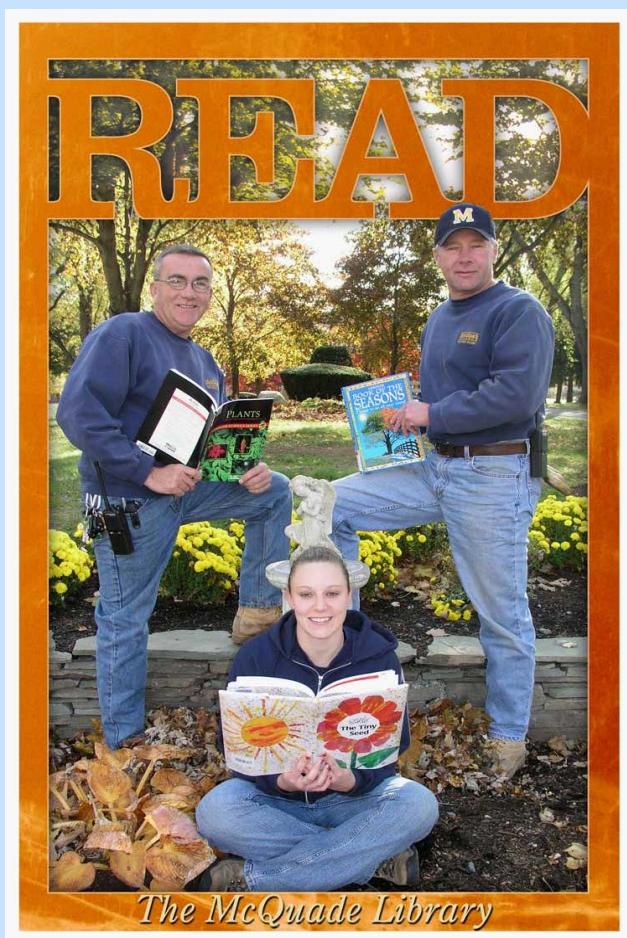
## Engineering Village 2

"Referex Engineering provides access to the broadest and deepest available coverage of engineering reference titles in ebook format." We are also trialing a subscription to Engineering Village 2. This access is being set up soon and will include titles from Compendex, Science Direct, and Referex Engineering. More details coming soon!

~ Kathryn Geoffrion Scannell, Head of Resources Management



### Another READ poster!



Our latest READ poster features Marcel Paradis, from the grounds department of Physical Plant, Lisa Kimball, a Merrimack student who works part-time with the grounds crew, and Brad Villett, Grounds Foreman of Physical Plant.

The Merrimack Celebrity READ poster series continues! Suggestions for celebrities are welcome. Please contact

### What's New

**We encourage you to continue reading this year!**

Our New Books Lists feature recent additions to the McQuade Library collection:

[December 2005 Acquisitions](#)

Are you looking for a good read? Check out

[McQuade Library](#)  [Titles](#)

Take a look at our [Booklists area](#).

Recent booklists include:

- [Winter Holidays](#)
- [AIDS/HIV Booklist](#)
- [American Indian Heritage Month](#)

Interested in learning more about plagiarism detection tools such as:



Check out our [new page](#) on our plagiarism site!

Kevin Salemme, Director of Media Services, with your ideas!



## Information Literacy Skills Set You in Motion to Succeed!

Know.

Access.

Evaluate.

Use.

(And do so ethically and legally.)

That's information literacy in a nutshell – and the librarians at McQuade are here to help.

To be successful, ask yourself the following questions:

### **Know:**

What is it I want to know?

What information do I need?

How much information do I need?

### **Access:**

What is the best way to gather the information I need?

Am I using the best terms for this search?

Which database or other source will get me this information?

### **Evaluate:**

Is this a credible source of information?

Is there another interpretation or point of view?

How does this information change what I know?

### **Use:**

What is the best method for presenting this information?

Will this image convey the message I want?

Are these quotes supportive of my ideas?

The Librarians at McQuade are there for you every step of the way, whether to help you define what information you need, suggest strategies to help you gather the best information from the highest quality sources, assist you to critically evaluate what you do find and advise you in planning as you create a product of your work.

We can help you to make it all happen, right here @ your library. Throughout this semester, you can stop by the reference desk, [email us](#) or call us. We want to help you succeed.

~ Donna Maturi, Reference/Instruction Librarian





The McQuade Library is happy to welcome former Merrimack College student Joseph St. Germain to the staff as the new Evening Circulation Supervisor!

Joe, a lifelong resident of Methuen, graduated from Merrimack in 2005 with a degree in English. At Commencement, he was awarded the Bishop Markham Award for having achieved the highest Grade Point Average in the Humanities. As a student, Joe worked in various departments at the library for four years.

His experience as a student worker should come in handy as he performs his duties, which include supervising night students, running the circulation department, assisting patrons, and overseeing the building in the evening.

Joe welcomes the opportunity afforded to him by his position. As he recently explained, "When I was a student here, I spent a lot of time working and studying in the library and I'm excited to now have the chance to play a role in making the library a Place other students can utilize and enjoy as I did."

**Welcome Back Joe!**



<b>Spring 2006 Library Operating Hours</b>	
Monday - Thursday	7:30am - 12:00 midnight
Friday	7:30am - 6:00pm
Saturday	10:00am - 5:00pm
Sunday	11:00am - 12:00midnight

[Click here for special holiday and intersession hours.](#)



### **SNOW POLICY**

Call the Campus Weather Emergency number 978-837-5700 in the event of extreme winter weather. If the recording says that day classes are cancelled, the library will be open from 11:00am -- 12:00 midnight. If both day and evening classes are cancelled, the library will be open from 11:00am -- 9:00pm. If evening classes only are cancelled, the library will close at 9:00pm.

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