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MCQUADE MESSENGER

What's Happening @ Your Library

Summer 2008

From the Director's Desk

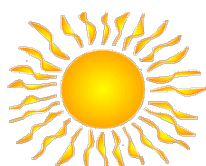
I can't believe that March 2008 marked my 10th anniversary as Director of McQuade Library. Over the ten years, the library has made significant improvements in services, thus fostering the intellectual growth of the Merrimack community of lifelong learners.

McQuade Library is certainly a thriving, evolving academic center for teaching, learning, and research. Statistics show increased usage of the building, databases, media services, and books. However, what I'm most proud of are the connections that the library staff has made with faculty, staff, and administration over the years.

Public Services librarians regularly collaborate with faculty on assignments, coursework, and teaching information literacy instruction classes that are relevant to students' research. The Media Instructional Center promotes visual literacy through collaboration with faculty, students and departments on special projects. Two recent, widely-acclaimed Anniversary exhibits of photographs and memorabilia from the archives highlighted the connections between library staff and the Alumni Office. Both circulation and interlibrary loan usage have soared over the last 10 years thanks to the connections that our Circulation Department has made with students and faculty. Our Resource Management librarians collaborate with faculty departments to insure that the materials that we acquire directly support the curricular needs of their students. The Technical Services department supports Student Life and Campus Ministry to provide outreach programs through the library. The Library Advisory Committee has been instrumental in supporting so many of our initiatives. These are just a few examples – the list is extensive.

As I reflect on the past ten years, it is this spirit of *cooperation, collaboration, and connection* that means the most to me. The library works hard to build relationships with the community based on mutual respect, professionalism, and dedication to the educational mission of the College. I am extremely proud of the library staff and I thank all the college community members who have worked with us. It is a most rewarding experience.

~ Barbara Lachance



Notre Dame High School Visits McQuade Library

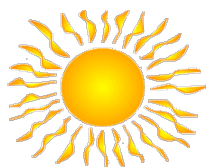


On Friday, April 18th, nearly 50 members of the senior class at Notre Dame High School in Lawrence, MA spent the day at McQuade Library learning the fundamentals of doing research in an academic library. These students are members of the first graduating class of NDHS, and this was an opportunity for them to learn more about libraries and scholarly research before heading off to college this fall.

Students enjoyed a busy day of activities, including: Library Jeopardy, a game where teams were quizzed about college life, popular culture, and library research skills; a Library Passport competition in which students 'traveled' to different areas of the library to learn more about the variety of resources and services offered; and a hands-on computer lab session where students used the library's online catalog and electronic databases to conduct research for papers they are currently writing in their Senior English class.

Our thanks to the Center for Academic Enrichment, the School of Graduate, Continuing & Professional Education, and the members of the McQuade Library staff, all of whom contributed to the success of this day.

Photograph taken by Kevin Salemme



Happy 40th Birthday, McQuade Library!

Saturday, April 26, 2008 marked the 40th anniversary of the dedication of McQuade Library.

Visit

<http://www.noblenet.org/merrimack/anniversary/home.htm> to learn more about the history of McQuade Library and to see images from its construction and early days.

What's New



Check out the latest "fun reads" in our Popular Titles

Whether or not you were around 40 years ago when McQuade Library first opened its doors, there has never been a better time to take advantage of its many resources and services!

Instant Message a Librarian

Do you have a quick question for a reference librarian?

Use your favorite Instant Messaging service to talk live with a McQuade Librarian. Just add our screen name (mcquaderef) to your contact list to get started. Or, use the web-based widget on the [help page](#) to chat with a librarian.

Booklist

[Criminology Recent Acquisitions](#)

Collection!

Databases

[Mental Measurements Yearbook](#)

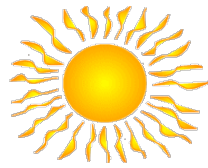
Produced by the Buros Institute of Mental Measurements at the University of Nebraska, the Mental Measurements Yearbook™ (MMY) provides users with a comprehensive guide to over 2,000 contemporary testing instruments. Single user access only.

Field options such as author, test name, publisher, test category, and keyword provides enhanced and convenient searching of the ninth edition forward.

[ACLS Humanities E-Book](#)

This electronic resource includes over 1700 full-text, cross-searchable books in the humanities selected by scholars for their continuing importance for research and teaching. Areas include: African, American, Asian, Latin American, European (Ancient, Medieval, Renaissance, and Modern), Middle Eastern, World/Comparative, Byzantine/Mediterranean and Australasian/Oceanian history, plus history of the Native Peoples of the

Americas and of Science and Technology. Plus archaeology, art history, folklore, religion, musicology, and political science.



Award Winning Children's and Young Adult Literature at the ERC



The Invention of Hugo Cabret
by Brian Selznick



Good Masters! Sweet Ladies! Voices from a Medieval Village
by Laura Amy Schlitz



Day of Tears: A Novel in Dialogue
by Julius Lester



Elijah of Buxton
by Christopher Paul Curtis

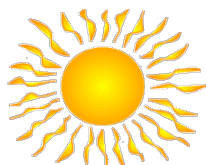
What do these books have in common?

All of these books are award winning children's/young adult literature that are located in the [Educational Resources Collection](#) at McQuade.

The collection includes current and past award winners such as the [Caldecott Medal](#) for the artist of the most distinguished American picture book for children, [Newberry Award](#) for author of the most distinguished contribution to American literature for children, [Coretta Scott King Award](#) for titles that promote understanding and appreciation of the culture of all peoples, and the [Scott O'Dell Award](#) for historical fiction.

Come visit McQuade and browse these books on the third floor in the Educational Resources Collection or find these titles in our [online catalog](#).

For the young and the "young at heart" - these books appeal to all ages!



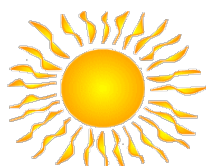
Quiet Study Area During Finals

As you prepare for finals, remember that McQuade Library has a designated Silent Study area: the **Periodicals Room**.

Talking and cell phone use is strictly prohibited in this area. During finals week, Library staff members will try to control noise in the building as much as possible.

If you have problems studying due to disruptive activity or noise, please report it to the Circulation Desk or Reference Desk on the first floor.

The entire McQuade Library staff wishes all students the best of luck during finals!



Final Exam Hours	
Friday, May 2 <i>Last day of classes</i>	7:30am - 5:00pm
Saturday, May 3 <i>Reading Day</i>	10:00am - 8:00pm
Sunday, May 4	11:00am - 12:00midnight
Monday, May 5 thru Thursday, May 8	7:30am - 12:00midnight
Friday, May 9	7:30am - 4:30pm
Saturday, May 10 and Sunday, May 11	CLOSED

Good luck with Finals!



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