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FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK



It always feels unbelievable how quickly the semester comes to a close, but here we are again. As I write these words, every corner of the library is filled with students finishing up end-of-semester projects and studying for final exams.

It has, of course, been a year of change and opportunity for McQuade Library. We are all eager to complete the renovation project and welcome you back next fall with a beautiful new first floor featuring a café, a variety of gathering spaces, and a centralized service point for assistance with all your research and information needs. I can't overstate my gratitude to the community for your patience and flexibility throughout the renovation project.

Because construction will continue throughout exam week, we have arranged for alternative quiet study spaces on campus throughout the week:

Day	Location
Monday, Wednesday & Friday	3rd Floor Lounge, Sakowich
Tuesday & Thursday	Meeting Room B, Sakowich
Monday – Friday	Suite A & Commuter Lounge, Sakowich

These rooms will be available from 7:30am to 3:30pm each day. Got a reference question and you're not in the library? No worries – you can [contact a librarian](#) via text, IM, phone, or email.

I wish everyone the best of luck with final exams (whether you are taking them or grading them!), and congratulations to all of our graduating seniors! Remember that the library is open all summer, so visit us often if you will be teaching or taking summer courses, or if you are just looking for some good books and DVDs to take along during your summer travels. Packing light? Check out our growing [collection of ebooks and digital audiobooks](#).

Whatever your plans, I hope you have a wonderful summer with plenty of time for rest, renewal, and fun!

~ Bridget Rawding

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

SPOTLIGHT ON MCQUADE LIBRARY GRADUATING STUDENT WORKERS!

McQuade Library student workers are a vital part of the daily running of the McQuade Library and they perform a variety of tasks, including answering the phone, referring patrons to staff members, and checking out patrons' DVDs and books. Nine of our library student workers will be graduating. We asked them to comment on their experience working at the McQuade Library and share their future plans.

Here are their comments:

- **Aubrey Bean** *Circulation* – I loved working at the library over these past four years. Everyone was always so nice and helpful, and it was a great opportunity to get to know the services and places throughout campus. It was a great job to have and I really liked it! I majored at Merrimack in Spanish and Secondary Education and I will be looking for a teaching position in this area.
- **Katelyn Buote** *Circulation* – I have greatly enjoyed working at the McQuade Library. Going to “work” was not really work because I enjoyed it so much. As both a student and a student worker, the McQuade Library was kind of like a second home to me and I hold great pride and appreciation for the Merrimack College McQuade Library. I am sad to leave the McQuade library, but I am excited

WHAT'S NEW

INTRODUCING LIBGUIDES!

Some members of the Merrimack College community may already be familiar with LibGuides, the McQuade Library's new online research guide platform. McQuade Library began using LibGuide to create online course research guides during the 2009 Fall semester. Librarians took time during the 2009–2010 academic year to become familiar with the software and all of its features.

Last summer the librarians began converting the old, text-heavy subject guides into the new LibGuides platform. This migration was completed during the Fall 2010 semester.

McQuade Library is proud to offer over 35 subject guides directly related to Merrimack College's curriculum, as well as many special topics guides, such as [Academic Integrity](#), [Resources for Faculty](#), [eBooks](#), [How to Cite Sources](#), [Research Help](#), [Library Renovation](#), [Gulf Oil Spill Resources](#), and [Government Information](#).

Since the fall of 2009, Instruction Librarians have also developed more than 100 online course research guides specifically geared toward course themes, topics, assignments, and requirements. Librarians work closely with faculty to ensure that course research guides are as relevant as possible to course content

for the future. My future plans are to go to graduate school for Library information science in the Fall of 2011. My goal is to work in a library while I pursue my degree.

- **Lindsey deMont Media Center** – I have been very fortunate to have the opportunity to both work and study at the library. Kevin (Head of Media Instructional Services) is extremely knowledgeable about everything and the staff have always been able to find whatever obscure art history book I was looking for! Next year I'm attending grad school to earn a M.A in Renaissance Art History and will spend the spring 2012 semester abroad.
- **Mary DeSantis Media Center** – I've only been working in the library since the beginning of this semester, but I have really enjoyed it. Working in the Media Center with Kevin is a great time and an awesome experience. I've learned some really neat stuff and I'm sorry to see it be over. In terms of the future I am taking a year off and then my plan is to go to grad school for English and try to do either editing or linguistics.
- **Kelly Fitzgerald Circulation** – I am currently in the process of applying for graduate school. I am a sports medicine major here at Merrimack and am looking to be an Occupational Therapist.
- **Tania Leeder Media Center** – Working in the Media Center has been a great experience. Going to film events provided me the opportunity to meet the people who were lecturing and learn about topics that I might not have otherwise been interested in. I'm glad I had this opportunity because it did not just lead to learning opportunities but to a greater sense of community between everyone else who works at the library. My future plans include working part time at a group home for adolescents and continuing to do research with faculty over the next year before applying to grad school.
- **Yanil Rojas Circulation** – I am a Psychology major and I have been working at the McQuade Library since fall semester of my freshmen year as a circulation student worker. I love working at McQuade because I work with the nicest people on campus. They are all like family to me and I will miss them greatly. This has been the best working experience of my life and I want to thank everyone on the staff for caring and for all their help. After graduation I plan of finding a job for the summer, start a year of service in the fall and go to graduate school right after.

We congratulate all of our seniors, including **Leah DeSalvo**, Circulation Student Worker, and **Kristine Johnson**, ERC Student Worker and wish them all future happiness and success!



From left to right, Mary DeSantis, Tania Leeder, Yanil Rojas, Katelyn Buote. Missing – Aubrey Bean, Lindsey deMont, Leah DeSalvo, Kelly Fitzgerald, Kristine Johnson.

LIBRARY INSTRUCTION: SEMESTER IN REVIEW

The spring semester was an active one for the [McQuade Library instruction program](#). Reference and Instruction librarians met with

and meet the needs of students' research.

HEADED TO THE BEACH? STOP HERE FIRST!

SUMMER IS THE RIGHT TIME TO TRY OVERDRIVE!

As the school year comes to a close, it's time to catch up on all the leisure reading you've had to postpone to get that last paper finished or final exam completed. But now you're free! Free to enjoy all the free titles available to you all summer long through McQuade Library's [NOBLE Digital catalog](#).



McQuade Library's [NOBLE Digital catalog](#) gives you access to all the best sellers and classic titles in audio or E-book format that you've been wanting to download to your MP3 player, eBook reader or mobile device.

Is there an APP for that? If your device is an Android™, BlackBerry®, iPhone® / iPad® / iPod touch® or Windows Mobile® the answer is a resounding "Yes!" Use these apps to download directly to your mobile device.

For our ebook enthusiasts, you'll be pleased to learn that Nooks, Kobos and Sony Readers are among the growing number of ebook readers compatible with OverDrive – consult the [compatible device page](#) from Overdrive often for the latest devices added!

McQuade Library is committed to bringing you cutting edge digital technology that offers our community the content you want and need for study, work or play. Have a terrific summer!

FEATURED DATABASE: SCIEDIRECT COLLEGE EDITION

The [ScienceDirect College Edition](#) database includes full text journal articles from the current year back to 1995 in over 1900 titles from Health & Life Sciences, Social & Behavioral Sciences and Physical Sciences.

Search for a specific journal, author, article, volume or issue, or browse by subject, including Chemistry, Computer Science, Environmental Science, Business, Management, Economics, Psychology, and many others.

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over 600 students in approximately 50 course-related sessions and workshops.

Faculty Collaborations

This semester, librarians were especially pleased to go "beyond the one-shot session" and engage in many meaningful pedagogical collaborations. They worked with several faculty members to craft collaborative assignments that developed students' research skills and critical thinking. Here are a few examples:

- Melinda Malik collaborated with Dr. Lisa Michaud in her *CSC1510 Introduction to Information Technology* course. Melinda and Lisa team-taught a class on advanced web searching techniques. Using *Movie Maker* software by [Xtranormal](#), Melinda created an [online video](#) outlining the differences between the visible web and invisible web. Plans are underway for an innovative "CSI: Merrimack" web searching game for next semester!
- Lyena Chavez worked with Dr. Joanne Gurry in her *ED600G Adolescent Literature* class. Lyena and Joanne collaborated to create an author website rubric for these students to help them evaluate author websites. A comprehensive [course research guide](#) was created to support the author website assignment as well as a jigsaw research project.
- Lyena and Melinda both worked with Professor Ann McGill's *WRT3050W Business Writing* course. The two librarians led a social media workshop in which students explored various types of social media channels and examined their uses in the business world. Students found that social media offer tools which, if used carefully, are likely to be beneficial to the business community and help facilitate marketing objectives. In a second workshop, Melinda introduced the class to a [class wiki](#) in which students were given "sandbox" time to practice adding and editing content. Melinda also served as a panel judge for these students' end-of-semester presentations.
- Donna Maturi collaborated with Melinda and Dr. Clarisse Poirier to make primary sources in the McQuade collection on the [Bread and Roses Strike of 1912](#) accessible to History majors in [HIS3991 Historical Methodology](#). The Strike, which took place in Lawrence, is the focus of renewed study and analysis as its Centennial approaches. Primary Source materials, original records created at the time historical events occurred or well after events in the form of memoirs and oral histories, are the raw materials historians and students of history use to interpret the past along with other scholarly assessments. Several of the resources made available are housed in the Special Collections bookcases in the Arundel Room.

They include:

- *Report on the Strike of Textile Workers in Lawrence Mass. In 1912* by Charles P. Neill, Commissioner of Labor to the United States Senate
- *The Strike at Lawrence Mass., Hearings Before the Committee on Rules of the House of Representatives*
- *History of Lawrence Massachusetts, with war records* by Maurice B. Dorgan

Students were instructed on proper care and handling of these often fragile materials. These McQuade resources, together with the vast collections of primary resources available on the Web, permitted students to incorporate these firsthand accounts and inquiries into their research papers.

McQuade Librarians look forward to more collaborations with

SUMMER LIBRARY HOURS

FRIDAY, MAY 13TH – SUNDAY, MAY 22ND

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

MONDAY, MAY 23RD – FRIDAY, AUGUST 12TH

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

EXCEPTIONS

Memorial Day, Monday, May 30th	Closed
Independence Day, Monday, July 4th	Closed

SATURDAY, AUGUST 13TH – THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 1ST

Weekday	Time
Monday – Thursday	8:30a.m. – 8:00p.m.
Friday	8:30a.m. – 5:00p.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.

faculty members that develop effective, engaging, and creative classroom activities in the fall. To set up a library workshop or have a librarian create an [online research guide](#), please contact Lyena Chavez (x5045 or chavezl@merrimack.edu).



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