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Supporting the Quest for Knowledge

Library Workshop

Only one more workshop is scheduled this semester! Walk-ins are welcome, but to register please send an email to bonnerc@ohiodominican.edu. Watch for more workshops in the spring.

E-REFERENCE RESOURCES

Faculty: Learn more about the diverse online reference resources available to you and your students. Discover general and discipline-specific online encyclopedias, other reference e-books, and related databases available through the ODU Library.

December 6 (Wed), 2:00-2:50 pm; Location: SL126c
• Christina Bonner, Reference and Instruction Services Librarian

Thank you, Everyone!!

This fall the library coordinated several activities that will contribute to worthy causes. A new promotional event, “Food for Fines,” was held in conjunction with the Campus Ministry’s canned food drive. The library accepted overdue fine payments in non-perishable food items (1 can or package = $1). We collected a grand total of 1,019 cans, representing about 38% of ODU’s total contribution to St. Stephen’s Community House.

The library’s student workers competed to see who could persuade their campus colleagues to bring in the most cans to pay their fines. Shown in these pictures are the top can collectors along with some of the donated food items. Prizes were donated by the ODU Bookstore and Innovative Interfaces, Inc.

The library’s annual Fall Book Sale netted $425, some of which will be used to purchase supplies and for a student worker appreciation event.

Beginning immediately after Thanksgiving and continuing through the winter break, the library will conduct its annual Children’s Book Drive. From November 27 through January 5, you can bring in a juvenile or young adult book (unwrapped) to the collection box on the top floor of Spangler Learning Center. All donations will go to the library at St. Stephen’s Community House. Thank you for your participation!

• Cathy Kellum, Circulation Services Librarian

New Staff Member in the Spotlight:
Matilda Davis-Northrup

In May 2006, the ODU Library welcomed Matilda Davis-Northrup as the new Technical Services Librarian. Matilda holds a Master’s degree in Library Science from the University of Kentucky and a Bachelor’s degree in Sociology from Hanover College. New to the Columbus area, she has professional experience working in a public library in South Carolina and most recently worked in the library at Wilmington College, a fellow member of the OhioLINK consortium. (Continued on next page.)
Matilda’s favorite parts of being a librarian are the knowledge that she is doing something that helps others achieve their goals, being able to learn new things via others’ questions, and working with the various library materials to get them ready for public use. So far, the things that Matilda likes best about ODU are the people, the environment of a small university, and the new challenges that have been presented to her through her work. Among those challenges include cleaning up the library’s online catalog so that it is easier for patrons to find what they are searching for, and continuing to make sure that items on the same subject are grouped together on the shelves.

Matilda’s personal research interests include Tudor England as well as ancient cultures of Egypt, Greece, and Rome. Also of interest to her is the American Wild West. In her free time, Matilda collects Depression-era glass and enjoys crocheting.

Matilda says, “I’m really exited to be here as the Technical Services Librarian. I had been hoping to get a position such as this, where I could focus my energies on the technical side of librarianship, and I’m excited to be doing so at a small institution similar to my undergraduate alma mater, Hanover.”

Laura Masonbrink, Access Services Librarian

**Did you know…?** As of October 26, 2006 the OhioLINK Library Catalog ([http://olc7.ohiolink.edu/whatsnew/](http://olc7.ohiolink.edu/whatsnew/)) now includes 10 million unique titles and a total of 45.5 million copies of books and other library materials. Ohio students, faculty, and staff from participating libraries can request these items online and pick them up in just a few days from any participating OhioLINK library, like ODU. For more information, see [http://olc7.ohiolink.edu/whatsnew/](http://olc7.ohiolink.edu/whatsnew/).

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**May your holiday season bring you peace and joy!**

**The ODU Library Staff**

**Now on Display:**

**The Art of Religious Texts**

“The Art of Religious Texts” is the title of the display of books from the library special collections now in the cases on the bottom floor of Spangler. Religious books often demonstrate fine craftsmanship and artistic detail, as exceptional presentation can be a sign of reverence and respect for the subject matter. The books selected for this display illustrate some of these special attributes.

Some of the qualities to notice while visually examining these books include elaborate illustrations, decorative bindings and covers, and special fonts and colors of text. There are at least three different languages represented by these materials: Latin, English, and German. Although the dates of these volumes span three centuries, it is apparent how traditional styles endure.

Come visit this inspirational display any time the building is open from now through the end of December.

Laura Masonbrink, Access Services Librarian

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**ODU Reading Corner**

For this issue of the ODU Reading Corner, we asked members of the Theology, Arts, and Ideas faculty and members of the Math, Computer, and Natural Sciences faculty for their suggestions. Here they are! Some of these books are available in the ODU library, and all of them can be borrowed through OhioLINK.

**Leo Madden** enjoyed these books recently:
- *Honor: a History*, by James Bowman
- *Londonistan*, by Melanie Phillips
- The *Artemis Fowl* series, by Eoin Colfer

**Michael Dougherty** offers these weighty selections:
- *Basilica: the Splendor and the Scandal*, by R. A. Scotti
- *The Suspended Middle: Henri de Lubac and the Debate Concerning the Supernatural*, by John Milbank

**Barbara Finan** recommends:
- *Left to Tell: Discovering God Amidst the Rwandan Holocaust*, by Immaculee Ilibagiza
- An essay entitled “Thinking as Prayer,” by Christopher Bamford published in the Fall 2006 issue of *Parabola*
- …and says *Beyond Belief: The Secret Gospel of Thomas*, by Elaine Pagel was an unexpected delight.

**Janette Knowles** says these are some of her favorites:
- *The Lost Painting: The Quest for a Caravaggio Masterpiece*, by Jonathan Harr
- *Color: A Natural History of the Palette*, by Victoria Finlay
- *The Summer Book*, by Tove Jansson

**Chad King** is presently reading:
- *My Story as Told by Water*, by David James Duncan
- *Refuge: an Unnatural History of Family and Place*, by Terry Tempest Williams
- *Natural Capitalism: Creating the Next Industrial Revolution*, by Paul Hawken et al.

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