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The Library@work
2013/2014

- 53,768 visits to Library by students & faculty
- 16,981 book & media loans
- 231,140 downloads from library databases
- 506,645 views of library web pages
- 1,824 questions answered
- 120 classrooms visited
- 2,205 students instructed

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Seasons Greetings from the Library!

Christmas card by Thomas Hart Benton (American Regionalist painter, 1889–1975). Sent to the James Franklin Lewis family, circa 1940s. Benton and Lewis became acquainted with each other when they were both living in Kansas City, Missouri. Lewis (1903–1945) was one of the first lay professors to teach chemistry at the College (1930–1937). He was also a prolific & accomplished poet; his writings as well as his correspondence, including this card, were donated to the College Archives by his family.

Best Friends Meet Friends

Homecoming went to the dogs this year, and Friends stopping by the Library for our 3rd annual get-together were greeted by pictures of all the student workers’ dogs, and of course the big dog, too, Storm. The cupcakes disappeared quickly, leaving lots of healthy treats for the latecomers. Pencil in Homecoming, and Friends, on your calendar for next year!
Friends ... have you been nice this year? Or just a bit naughty?

Over the last few years our homepage has featured Faculty Read What?, a reading guide for students so they can learn what reads influenced the people who are influencing them. As a nice friend, we are sure you have been checking in each month. But for you naughty friends out there, let’s see how close you have been paying attention. Match the following faculty to their favorite book and then check your score against our PNS (Personal Naughtiness Scale).

Ms. Beth LaVigne

1. _____________________________

Herman Melville. Moby Dick.


2. _____________________________

Wm. Faulkner. The Sound & the Fury.

Stephanie Meyer. Twilight.

3. _____________________________

Isak Dinesen. Out of Africa.

Homer. The Odyssey.

4. _____________________________

Louisa May Alcott. Little Women.

Wallace Stegner. Angle of Repose.

5. _____________________________

McCarthy, Cormac. All the Pretty Horses.

Nathaniel Hawthorne. The Scarlet Letter.

6. _____________________________

Dr. Tom Zelman

Mr. Wm. Bastian

Mr. Ryan Vine

Sr. Edith Bogue

Dr. James Crane

Dr. Pat Hagen

Dr. John Schifsky

Ms. Jen Rosato

Graduating student worker Shelby Lonne remembers her time in the library ... My favorite library memory is working with my friends Megan & Kindee. They're so much fun. The best days included Karen’s snow day treats. I enjoyed helping patrons out with questions they had about the library and having them be really surprised because they didn’t know they could do this or that in the library. Working in the library has been incredibly helpful to me as a student because I learned early on how to utilize the library & was able to use it to my advantage for homework and even just for fun reading. It will definitely help me in the future. As an English major, a library job will look great on a resume. I love the CSS Library and it’s been an amazing part of my college experience!

PNS (Personal Naughtiness Scale) 0: You have been demoted to Acquaintance of the Library | 1-2: Expect a visit from Krampus this year | 3-4: Sorry, Ebenezer. It’s not a piece of undercooked potato | 5-6: Better, but you’re still getting a fruitcake. | 7-8: You deserve an extra turn under the mistletoe! | 9: Unlike the Grinch, your heart is three sizes too big! | 10: What would we have done without you, George Bailey?

Thank you, Shelby. And good luck!
Library Receives Generous Gift

Last spring I was pleased to receive word that a donor was interested in making a major gift to the St. Scholastica Library. Lois Alexander met with College Advancement on behalf of the Elaine Alexander Adams estate early in 2014 and expressed interest in supporting the College in general and the Library in particular. Elaine Alexander Adams graduated from St. Scholastica in 1936 and became a teacher. Her sister Barbara graduated in 1955 with degrees in Medical Records, Psychology, and Sociology and went on to become a librarian.

Thanks to the generosity of Elaine’s estate, we were able to do a number of exciting things in the Library during 2014. First, we were able to complete our project of replacing the hard seating in the Library that began several years ago. We have now replaced all the small, squeaky chairs with larger, padded chairs. We were also able to purchase a significant electronic resource to support our growing School of Business and Technology. The InfoSci-Business collection, an electronic book collection comprised of over 470 books covering areas such as Accounting and Finance, Global Business, Entrepreneurship, Enterprise Information Systems Marketing, and Economics, was added in July. SB&T faculty and students are able to access these resources 24/7/365 regardless of whether they are located in Duluth, MN or at one of our extended campuses. Perhaps the most exciting outcome of the gift, however, is the establishment of the Barbara Alexander Endowed Scholarship for Pre-Library Students. At St. Scholastica, we have a Pre-Library advising program (similar in many respects to the Pre-Law program). Pre-Library is not an academic major itself but rather an advising program to provide students interested in gaining entrance into graduate school some direction to best position themselves for admission. Students who have declared Pre-Library as a major choose an academic program and meet with an advisor in that program as well as with me to construct an undergraduate experience geared toward a future as a professional librarian. Due to the generosity of Elaine and Barbara, a scholarship is now available to Pre-Library students at Scholastica. To be eligible, the student must be either a junior or senior and carry a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher.

I hope you are just as excited about this news from the St. Scholastica Library as I am. It is contributions, both large and small, from our friends both past and present that make the St. Scholastica Library a richer and more vibrant place to work, study, and spend time each passing year. Thank you for your support in 2014 and have a blessed 2015.

Kevin McGrew, Director

The Legend of Scholasticat

“Another time a great drought came upon the land and the gardens and fields of the monks withered and died. One morning, when their hunger was its worst, the monks slept so late that it was almost Vespers before they woke, for Scholasticat was gone. But upon opening the door of the kitchen, the cook discovered the headless bodies of two conies neatly laid out side by side. He quickly made a stew of them & it was the first meal the monks had in weeks. Each day, for the rest of the time of the famine, the cook would find a coney or a squirrel or an occasional fish outside his door. And one morning, when for the first time in weeks they were woken for matins by the yammering of Scholasticat, the monks discovered the land had been blessed by a gentle rain and that the gardens were green again, and their prayers were heartfelt that morning for the wonder of the Lord.”

Our book catalog is named after this famous feline – bibliotheca fæles (the cat of the library) - who, according to legend, among his many miracles, drove out all the rats from the granary of the Monastery of Blarney. Now you can own this great shirt with its visual homage to the Lindisfarne Gospels and those crazy Irish dudes who saved Western Civilization. Tee-shirts are $10 + postage, with all proceeds going to the Friends of the CSS Library.

NOW IN SWEATSHIRTS, TOO! Order yours at: http://libguides.css.edu/LibraryFriends/apparel
“Whatever book I want to have I can get on loan from any library, while if I wanted to borrow money to buy these books I should find no one who would lend it to me.”

- Ibn Hyyan, 13th century historian

**Keeping the Lamp of Knowledge Burning (even on the shortest day of the year).**

George Bailey, the great every man in Frank Capra’s Christmas classic *It’s a Wonderful Life*, doesn’t know the good he has done in this world until an angel on Christmas Eve shows him. Here in the Library we know the good you as Friends do, and have done, over the years. Through your friendship and support we’ve added resources for current and future students, created a research award, and built a community. In Pottersville, the dystopian parallel to George Bailey’s Bedford Falls, the opposite of happiness for Mary is becoming the town librarian. In the library world we chuckle at this, because we know librarianship is a rewarding profession with a rich past, and a present that helps people each day. As a Friend, you know that, too. Please consider continuing your support.

All the best for the Holidays to you and your family from the staff at The College of St. Scholastica Library.

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