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“In its library more than in any other place the story of a college is recorded: its small beginnings, its slow progress, its ultimate success.”

-St. Agnes Somers

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Feathered Friends ...
The Library & Well-U teamed up for another campus birdwalk in the early morning of June 3rd. Led by ornithologist and author Kim Eckert, our group of CSS twitchers identified 25 different species in the glens & dales behind campus.

The list includes the Crow, Chickadee, Red-breasted & White-breasted nuthatch, Veery, Robin, Starling, Ovenbird, Nashville Warbler (heard), American Redstart (heard), Black-throated Green, & Mourning Warbler, Chipping & Song Sparrow, Northern Cardinal (heard), Red-winged Blackbird, Grackle, House Finch, American Goldfinch (heard), Canada Goose, Ring-billed Gull, Ruby-throated Hummingbird, Eastern Wood-Pewee, Red-eyed Vireo, & Rock Pigeon.

Feathered Friends ...

3rd Annual Bede Award Presented

At a reception on April 28, Library Director, Kevin McGrew, presented the 2016 Bede Award for Undergraduate Research to Chelsea Silvers. Chelsea’s winning essay described research for her paper, “Technological Changes and Their Impact on Education” which was written for Dr. Robert Larson’s course on Media Literacy. Chelsea, an English major entering her senior year this fall, is from Lonsdale, Minnesota.

The Bede Award, which is now in its third year, was established to recognize excellence in the areas of research and information literacy. The award is named after the Venerable Bede, a Benedictine scholar also known as the Father of English History. Bede’s image will be familiar to those who visit our library through Sister Constantina Kakonyi’s copper frieze of the saint which comes into view as you descend the Library stairs to the cloister walk.

The number of entrants in our competition has grown steadily from five in the first year to twelve this year. The Bede Award is sponsored by the Friends of the Library. As it happens, all three of our distinguished judges this year were charter members of the Friends’ group. They are Dr. John Schifsky, Sister Sarah Smedman, and Dr. Mary Tanner.
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Lund Leads at LSLS…McGrew Presents

The College of St. Scholastica Library hosted The Lake Superior Libraries Symposium, “a regional conference and organization designed to help library staff in the Upper Midwest develop enhanced professional networks and promote resource sharing and communication between organizations (lakesuperiorlibrariessymposium.com/). Despite a conflict of near Hamilton/Burr proportions over the merits of the taco bar, more than 60 librarians overcame their differences to attend the event.

Jason Griffey delivered the keynote address, “Keep on Rockin’ in the Free World: Privacy in Libraries,” arguing the need for present and future libraries to be a sanctuary of digital privacy in a world increasingly devoted to harvesting personal information. Librarians had the choice of attending 15 different breakout sessions during the day, including “Unschooled and Unaware: Authentic Assessment of Faculty and Student Information Literacy” presented by CSS Library Director Kevin McGrew, CSS faculty member Sister Edith Bogue, and CSS Institutional Researcher Iwalani Else, based on their research at CSS on student and faculty information literacy.

One of the organizing forces behind this year’s successful symposium was CSS’s own Jenny Lund. Jenny started working at the library as a student through the Upward Bound program. She received her BA from Scholastica and just recently completed her MLS (Master of Library Science). Jenny works as our ILL specialist and in the last year has helped organize LSLS and the PALS Fall meeting at CSS, and has served on several state wide task forces charged with selecting a new ILS (Integrated Library System). Thank you, Jenny!

Farewell to Senior Ashley Barthel…

“My fondest memories of working in the Library was working the front desk. During the winter months, you can see the blizzard of snow outside the window & all the Christmas decorations. Plus, Karen always makes yummy sweets for under the desk during finals week. By working in the Library I become acquainted with online resources & how to find articles for research papers. I graduated with a Biology degree and am currently applying to PA school. My library skills will help me immensely as I further my education. While I am applying, I am working as a CNA at Ecuman Lakeshore, PCA for private family, and Medical Scribe at St. Lukes ED.”

…And to Senior Josh Zimmer

“My favorite memory working at the Library is the overall ambience the working environment has. I enjoyed many philosophical & religious conversations while also being able to have many laughs at the same time. I believe that working at the Library has improved my professional life by allowing me to improve my communication skills with patrons in my future career. I believe the Library has helped me personally by allowing me to improve on my coworker relations and truly see what a good and caring work environment looks like. I would also like to take this time to thank everyone at the Library for four wonderful years.”
Lovin’ the Library

Love Your Library was celebrated the week of March 7 with the theme of “Find Happiness @ Your Library” and a focus on the love of hobbies. Activities included tying fleece blankets for local charities, an edible book contest, a visit from Spirit the therapy dog, a visit by the Benedictine Preschool children for story-time, adult coloring books and origami, a presentation on happiness by psychology professor Dr. Laurie Anderson, a presentation on Japanese weapons and armor by computer science professor & collector Dr. Tom Buck, a performance of Irish music, and a finale of decorating your own sugar cookie.

A Taste of old Edo

As part of Love Your Library week, Dr. Tom Buck of the School of Business & Technology brought in some of his extensive personal collection of Japanese artifacts. Dr. Buck presented on the items, including a variety of Samurai swords and sword hilts dating back to the 1300s, ivory and wood sculptures from the 17th and 18th centuries, lacquerware dishes from the 19th century, and armor, helmets, and textiles such as clothing and a wedding dress dating from various periods. Much of Dr. Buck’s collection is on loan to various museums across the country. We were fortunate to be able to display part of his collection through June.

The Legend of Scholasticat [Apocrypha & Sources, continued from Vol. 6 of F is for Friends]

Sources: The most definitive source on Scholasticat comes from the 10th century Irish manuscript Vita Sancti Finnei Radii [The Life of St. Finneous the Radiant]. St. Finneous himself might be a legend, since the stories told of him (including his pale gold curls, which were never shorn in his lifetime) themselves appear to be apocryphal, for it is said that he never grew to be more than four years of age. But more likely it is that his sweetness and innocence was such that he always appeared to be a child. Modern scholars argue that St. Finneous is a Christian bowdlerization of Finn Mac Sionnach and his golden curls are the hero light that came upon Finn as he knelt before the body of the Little Blue Dog on the hurling field of Cluain Cearbán.

St. Finneous the Radiant is the patron saint of toymakers, breakfast cereal makers, and Vikings. His feast day is May 9th.

The only surviving evidence of The Life of St. Finneous the Radiant is an abstract which appears in the 12th century manuscript Liber Canis Parvi Caerulei [The Book of the Little Blue Dog]. No copies of either Vita Sancti Finnei Radii or Liber Canis Parvi Caerulei are known to exist. Considerandum est de hoc mundo exiisse Scholasticat nunc vivimus rem amaram.

Our book catalog is named after this famous feline – bibliotheca feles (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. Available in sweatshirts, too! See: 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

A Homecoming highlight, guaranteed to delight! All that’s missing is you, for Friends, food, and tee-shirts, too!

All Friends of the Library, members or not, are invited to our annual Friend’s Homecoming Get-Together in the Library on Saturday, October 15th from 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. Last year was a big hit, with an impromptu cupcake eating contest and a surprise visit by the German students of our sister college in Leipzig. It was near perfect, with the exception of you not being there.

In between the great conversation and the great food, purchase one (or two!) of our new Friends tee-shirts. Your new closet fave features a riff on Auguste Rodin’s “The Thinker,” with artwork by an unknown artist working for the Works Project Administration poster project during the late 1930s and early 1940s.