

# @ the LRC

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## Dr. Thompson is Guest Reader



Dr. Thompson, Vice President for Academic Affairs, is the most recent guest reader to share his list of favorite books with the campus community in the Stevens Reads @ the LRC series. Dr. Thompson is pictured holding one of his books on the list, titled *I Fish, Therefore I Am* by Patrick F. McManus.

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## Former Staff Member Authors Stevens Biography



Kathy Brabson, former Stevens employee, had her kids' book, *The Life of Thad*, published this year. Here, Ms. Brabson presents a copy of her book to Library Director Diane Ambruso and Suzanne Waddell. Ms. Waddell helped to edit and review the book.

## and the winner is...



Aeryn Snyder was announced as the winner of an essay contest jointly sponsored by the library and the Dr. Vincent E. Miles African American collection. For the contest, students were required to give their original thoughts on why Black History month is important. Here, Aeryn holds his prize, an item of his choice from the Alumni store.

## Know Your Student Workers

### Leisha Wilt



Leisha is in her first year of the Graphic Communication and Printing Technology program; she lives on campus in Bourne Hall. Leisha is originally from York, PA. When she was in the 11th grade, Leisha came to Stevens to take a tour of the campus, which is how she learned about the college and its programs.

When she's not studying, Leisha likes to read and play video games, such as Harvest Moon and Super Smash Brothers. Her favorite reading material includes science fiction with a little bit of romance thrown in, and also manga. When the weather turns warmer, Leisha enjoys being outdoors and swimming.

### Sara Dunmire



Sara is a first year student in Mechanical Engineering and she lives on campus. Sara's hometown is Kittanning, PA, near Pittsburgh. She graduated from Lenape Area Vocational Technical School, where she studied automotive as her technical major. One day a Stevens recruiter came to the Vo-Tech school, which is how Sara learned of Stevens college. Despite the distance and not knowing anyone here beforehand, Sara showed up for classes and she hasn't looked back since.

Sara admits that she studies a lot so when she has free time, she just likes to hang out with her friends. She also likes to relax by watching TV and reading for fun; her favorite genre of book currently is non-fiction.



Scenes from **Adopt-A-Kindergarten** day - kids from **Lafayette Elementary School** visited the campus on April 4. Diane Ambruso conducted tours of the library for all three groups and then presented their teachers with a book for each child.



## Women's History Month Exhibit

March was National Women's History Month and this year's theme was "Women Inspiring Innovation Through Imagination." The National Women's History Project chose the theme to recognize the contributions of women in the fields of science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM). The list of 2013 honorees covered a wide diversity of specialties including medicine, robotics, computer programming, atmospheric chemistry, architecture, and primatology. To see the list of honorees, visit <http://www.nwhp.org/whm/honorees2012.php>.



### Stevens Community of Authors

The LRC is featuring a collection of books authored by Stevens alumni, faculty, and staff. On display in the library are the following books:

- Analyzing Investment Properties* by Andrew Tompos, former faculty member
- Operation Cinder* by Todd Gontz, Stevens alumni
- History of the Thaddeus Stevens School* by James Hamilton Hartzell, former faculty member and administrator
- Life of Thad Stevens* by Kathy Brabson, former Stevens employee
- Living for Eternity* by Dr. Robert L. Cooper, Director of Residence Life
- The Bridal Bouquet* by Ginny Parfitt, adjunct faculty member
- Thaddeus Stevens: The Play* by Don Rhoads, faculty member
- Death for a Dollar* by Paul Philip Lawrence, Stevens alumni
- Celebrating the Legacy: 100 Years of The Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology* by Tom Beck, former faculty member

## Book Club Discusses *Silver Linings Playbook*



Members of the Mezzanine Mavens book club met in March to discuss Matthew Quick's *The Silver Linings Playlist*. Everyone who came to book club read the book and some members had also seen the movie. Everyone who read the book enjoyed it and those who saw the movie discussed the differences between the movie and the book. Suzanne Waddell provided "crabby bites" which were a favorite of the books' characters as they watched Sunday football games. Brownies and soda were also provided.

### Crabby Snacks

- 1/2 cup (1 stick) butter, softened
- One 6-ounce can crabmeat, drained
- One 5-ounce jar Kraft Old English cheese spread
- 1 tablespoon mayonnaise
- 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
- 6 English muffins, halved

Put the butter, crabmeat, cheese spread, mayonnaise, and garlic powder in a medium bowl; stir to combine. Spread the crab mixture on the English muffin halves.

Heat the broiler. Transfer the muffins to a baking sheet, and broil until browned and bubbly, about 5 minutes. Cut each English muffin half into quarters. Serve warm or at room temperature.

Graphics Communication and Printing Instructor Mike Brady's students created book jackets for Herman Melville's *Moby Dick* and displayed them in the library during spring semester.



## Featured Web Site - Good Reads

<http://www.goodreads.com>

Now that graduation day is fast approaching, summer is right around the corner and that means...more time to read, hopefully. Whether it's a beach read or heavier fare that you're looking for, Good Reads can help you choose your next book to read. Good Reads is probably the largest social networking site for book lovers and all things bibliophile. Here, casual readers and bookworms alike can "compare what they're reading, keep track of what they've read and would like to read, find their next favorite book, form book clubs, and much more." Launched in January 2007, Good Reads was founded by Otis Chandler, a graduate of Stanford University in Mechanical Engineering. Chandler describes himself as a voracious reader ever since he was in the second grade when he read The Hardy Boys series. He created Good Reads as a way for people to recommend books to readers rather than relying on reviews from sites such as Amazon. Chandler's theory is that people are more likely to appreciate a friend's

recommendation than that of a stranger.

The home page allows you to search and browse books by genre such as biography, cook-books, crime, gay and lesbian, manga, religion, and more. You can also play a game of literary trivia or take a book quiz. There is a Hunger Games quiz available in addition to a quiz that asks you to guess the first sentence of well-known books. Good Reads members have also compiled lists such as the best books for book clubs, the best books of the 20th century, and the best crime and mystery books. A monthly newsletter features exclusive author interviews along with even more book recommendations.

Warmer days are on the way and if it's summer reading fare you are looking for, then perhaps it's time to introduce yourself to Good Reads and "meet your next favorite book."

