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HOMECOMING 2004

Freshmen Take Part in Fall Library Orientation

Seventeen groups of freshmen participated in the library's orientation this year. Each group listened to a Power Point presentation about the library's services and went on a half hour tour of the building facilities.

The tour gave the students an opportunity to see the library's collection and to see where the computers are located. In addition, the students were able to walk through the archives and both the English and Math Labs. At the end of the tour, all those participating in orientation received a vendacard with 50 free copies on it.



Students check out the main collection on the top floor.



Librarian Suzanne Waddell shows the students the Learning Resources Center's Computer Lab.



Library Director Diane Ambruso, above, tells the new students about the library's services in her Power Point presentation.



An orientation group tours the English Lab.



Students get a closer look at the library archives.

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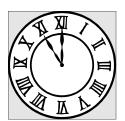
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Library Hours

Sunday 2:00 pm - 10:00 pm Monday 7:00 am - 10:00 pm Tuesday 7:00 - 10:00 pm Wednesday 7:00 - 10:00 pm Thursday 7:00 - 10:00 pm Friday 7:00 - 5:00 pm Saturday Closed

"New Books" Tab Added to Library Catalog

Check out the most recent improvement made to the library's online catalog. Over the summer, the Library Director, Ms. Diane Ambruso, added a new feature to the basic search screen - a "New Books" tab. When you click on the "New Books" tab, you'll be presented with a screen that will allow you to search for new items in the library by location - Main Collection, Reference, DVD, Video, or Display - and by time period.

Here's how to access the "New Books" tabgo to the Stevens College of Technology Library home page at http://www.stevenscollege.edu/ services/library/index.htm (Fig. 1). Clicking on "Catalog" brings up the basic search screen (Fig. 2). Then click on the "New Books" tab to bring up the search options available (Fig. 3).

Take a moment to try out this added feature to the online catalog; it's a quick and easy way to see what new materials have been added to your library.



Fig. 1 - - Library Web Site



Fig. 2 - - Basic Search Screen of Library Catalog



Fig. 3 - - Search Options for New Books

Timothy Creamer is New Librarian on Staff at Stevens



Timothy Creamer joined the LRC staff at the beginning of the fall semester. He comes to us by way of Texas where he graduated from The University of North Texas with his MLS in 2004. Before deciding on librarianship as a career, Tim worked as a DJ at a radio station in Nacogdoches, TX and as a cameraman for an ABC affiliate in Biloxi, MS. He also spent some time on Bourbon St. in New Orleans tending bar; according to Tim, "everybody needs to" do that at some point in their lives.

He moved up north after graduating in May to be with his fiancé, Suzanne, who works as an on-air personality for QVC. It didn't take too long before Tim landed his first library job here at Stevens. We wish Tim much success as he begins his career at the Tech.

Celebrate Your Freedom to Read Banned Book Week is Sept 25—Oct 2, 2004

Since 1982, libraries across the country have observed Banned Books Week during the last week of September - this year's theme is Free People Read Freely. The American Library Association (ALA) is a cosponsor of this annual event that celebrates the freedom to read.

People want books banned for a number of reasons - sexual explicitness, offensive language, violence, occult themes, homosexuality, nudity, or racism. And while it's easy to think of book banning as something that was done many years ago, it's still taking place in many schools and libraries right now. In fact, between 1990 and 2000, ALA recorded 6364 challenges (a challenge is an attempt to ban a book; banning is the actual removal of the item). That's why it's so important for libraries and booksellers to join forces and promote Banned Books Week.

Know Your LRC Student Workers

Terrence Drakeford

Terrence started working at the library this fall and is currently in the T-Step program. While the T-Step students get to experience all the different shops on campus, "T" already knows he wants to go into Metals Fabrication/ Welding. That's because he trained for a year at Job Corps in Colburn, VA to become a certified welder.

However, it was at his charter school that he first heard about Stevens College from Warren Moody. Mr. Moody was a caseworker there as well as the cross county coach here at Stevens; it was he who encouraged "T" to come here.

Terrence has a dorm room on campus but he goes home to York on week-ends to see his two beautiful boys, Terrence (1 1/2) and Tamere (6 months).

Most Frequently Challenged Books 2003

- 1. Alice series by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor
- 2. Harry Potter series by J. K. Rowling
- 3. "Of Mice and Men" by John Steinbeck
- 4. "Arming America: The Origins of a National Gun Culture" by Michael A. Bellesiles
- 5. "Fallen Angels" by Walter Dean Myers
- 6. "Go Ask Alice" by Anonymous
- 7. "It's Perfectly Normal" by Robie Harris
- 8. "We All Fall Down" by Robert Cormier
- 9. "King and King" by Linda de Haan
- 10. "Bridge to Terabithia" by Katerine Paterson

Career Services Located in LRC

Ms. Laurie Grove

Laurie Grove, the College's new Career Services counselor, can be found in her office on the upper floor of the LRC (Room 304). Her primary goal is to help students find employment and she is available to work with both current students and alumni. Her office hours are:

Tues. 9 am - 2:30 pm Weds. 9 am - 2:30 pm Thurs. 9 am - 2:30 pm

You can just drop in to talk to Ms. Grove; no appointment necessary!

Book sale in LRC Oct 1 and 2, 2004

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Kenneth W. Schuler Learning Resources Center

Our goal is to help you find the information you need at a time and place that's convenient for you. Our promise is to help you understand when information is needed, recognize where it is, and master methods to retrieve it.

Library Staff

Diane Ambruso - Director Timothy Creamer - Librarian Suzanne Waddell - Librarian Brenda Smith - Library Technician AnnaMarie Tucker - Library Assistant

Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology Centennial Lecture Series

Seven lectures that focus on Thaddeus Stevens and his legacy are planned for the 2004-2005 school year. They are scheduled to begin at 12 noon in the LRC seminar room with a light luncheon buffet served at 11:30 am.

The first lecture will be on Wednesday, Sept 29 - Ross Hetrick will speak on "Thaddeus Stevens's Struggle to Create a New Nation."

Mark your calendars now for Sept. 29!

- presented by The Centennial Committee and the Centennial Lecture Series Committee.

Featured Web Site - Tolerance.org http://www.tolerance.org

Tolerance.org, a Web site designed to "fight hate and promote tolerance," provides resources for people who are interested in building communities that value diversity.

At the top of the homepage, you'll find tabs marked "For teachers", "For Parents", "For teens", and "For Kids." Although the section for teachers is primarily aimed at K-12, there is an online magazine called Teaching Tolerance that address issues common to all educational environments. In the For Parents section, you can find advice for talking to kids about tough issues like same-sex marriage.

Also on the homepage there's a column on the right-hand side with separate sections labeled "Tolerance Watch", "Do something", and "Dig Deeper." Under the section "Do Something" is a link for 10 Ways to Fight

Hate on Campus, along with other ideas for ways to take action. Click on "Get our newsletter" to sign up for the twice monthly newsletter. "Dig Deeper" has links that urge you to explore your hidden biases and deconstruct biased language.

Tolerance.org is a web project of the Southern Poverty Law Center and has won the Webby Award for Activism.