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## "Local Author Connections" featured in this year's TSCT Annual Lecture Series



Donald Kraybill will help solve the riddle of Amish culture in his upcoming lecture at Thaddeus Stevens College.

### *The Riddle of Amish Culture* by Donald Kraybill

Monday October 10, 2005 - 12 Noon

### *Crazy Quilt: Pieces of a Mennonite Life* by Cynthia Yoder

Friday, November 4, 2005 - 12 Noon

### *Sammy & Brian Mystery Series* by Ken Munro

Tuesday, December 6, 2005 - 12 Noon

### *Honor and Humility* by Genevieve R. Wimer

Thursday, January 19, 2006 - 12 Noon

### *A City Transformed: Development, Race, and Suburbanization in Lancaster, Pennsylvania* by David Schuyler

Monday, February 13, 2006 - 12 Noon

### *Quality of Care* by Elizabeth Letts

Tuesday, March 28, 2006 - 12 Noon

### *The Underground Railroad in Pennsylvania* by William J. Switala

Friday, April 21, 2006 - 12 Noon

Library Director Diane Ambroso has put together a contemporary author series for the 2005-2006 school year as a follow-up to last year's successful Centennial Lecture series. This year's group of speakers features authors who have a connection to the Lancaster area - they are either from the area or they have written about topics that are of local interest.

The kick-off lecture was given by Paul Phillip Lawrence, a graduate of Stevens Trade School (Printing '76), who published his first novel in 2004. "Death for a Dollar" was a mystery story about a serial killer with a bit of a twist.

Jack Brubaker, a columnist for the Lancaster New Era, was the guest author for September. Mr. Brubaker recently published "Down the Susquehanna to the Chesapeake" which traces the course of the Susquehanna River, examines its history, and considers its future prospects.

Next up will be Donald P. Kraybill who will speak about the Amish and their relationship with technology. Professor Kraybill is the author of *The Riddle of Amish Culture* and more than a dozen other books and Senior Fellow, The Young Center, Elizabethtown College.

All lectures start at 12 noon in the LRC seminar room; a light buffet luncheon is available before each lecture at 11:30 am.

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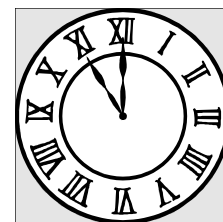
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#### Library Hours

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



## LRC Works to Improve Magazine Collection

### Library Expands Magazine Collection

The Learning Resources Center has added a number of new titles to its magazine collection this fall.

Two new titles, *The Advocate*, and *Genre*, are written for a young, gay audience. While *Bowker's Magazines for Libraries* (New York: Bowker, 2003) describes *The Advocate* as "akin to a gay and lesbian Time," *Genre* focuses more on the entertainment and celebrity news. *Curve* and *Girlfriends* are two new magazines that examine all the relevant issues in the life of today's lesbians.

*Essence* and *Jet* are both titles that will be of particular interest to our African American students. "For over 50 years, *Jet* has been the leading weekly African American newsmagazine" (*Bowker's Magazines for Libraries*) as it strives to maintain a balance between news and entertainment. *Essence* is marketed more to African American women with its articles on home and work concerns but both genders can actually appreciate *Essence*.

*Hispanic Times* magazine is "an excellent resource for job-seeking Latinos" according to *Bowker's*. Another magazine published for the Hispanic population is *Latino Leaders* which profiles successful Latinos working in the U.S. today.

*Glamour* and *Cosmopolitan* are women's magazines geared toward issues such as fashion, beauty, relationships, career, and personal financial management.

*Upscale* is another new magazine in the library aimed at middle-class African Americans; it calls itself "the magazine for the success-oriented."

*Monolid Magazine* supports the college's diversity initiative in that it covers a wide array of topics important to the Asian American community.

*Transgender Community News*, published by Renaissance, provides education, information, and support to transgender individuals.

*Venus Magazine* - the nation's premiere gay lifestyle magazine especially for people of African descent - features news, information, and events while filling the void of gay magazines for people of color.

*Come check out our new magazines!*

### Library Expands Access to Its Electronic Journals - adds links to LRC Web Site

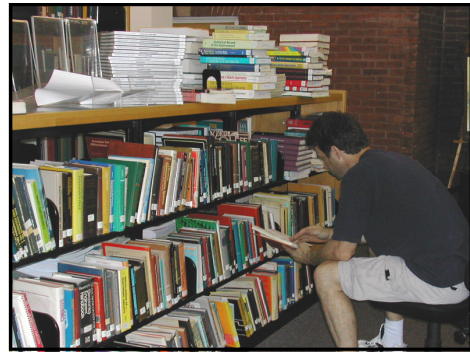
Many journal subscriptions today come with free online access to the current issue as well as archives of past issues. However, the library hadn't previously been taking full advantage of this fringe benefit so Library Director Diane Ambruso recently made it a priority for the library to gain online access to those titles that had electronic versions available. Now we have a number of new links that have been added to the LRC Web Site, some of which require passwords which students or staff can get at the circulation desk.

These new links are in the drop down menu under Resources via the Internet on the library's home page (<http://www.stevenscollege.edu/services/library/index.htm>). Click on **electronic journals** to find a list of journals with online access. Currently, that list includes the following titles:

- ◆ ABRN News
- ◆ American Journal of Respiratory and Critical Care Medicine
- ◆ Black Issues in Higher Education
- ◆ Chest
- ◆ Chronicle of Higher Education
- ◆ Community College Journal of Research and Practice
- ◆ Community and Junior College Libraries
- ◆ Conservation in Practice
- ◆ Critical Care Medicine
- ◆ Equity & Excellence in Education
- ◆ Journal of Light Construction
- ◆ Library Journal
- ◆ PC Magazine
- ◆ Physics Teacher



The book club met regularly to discuss its picks.



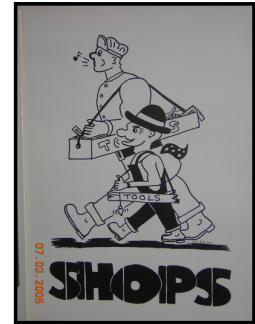
Tom Evans examines some of the books Tim Creamer weeded from the electronics section.



Books were weeded from Reference.

## Since U Been Gone

With apologies to Kelly Clarkson, we wanted to show you what happens at the library over the summer when the campus is a little less crowded. Actually, a lot of people wonder what we do in the LRC when there aren't any students around so here is a pictorial sampling of what we've been up to "since U been gone."



Tim Creamer added finds from Ebay to the archives.



We had faculty members like Greg Ott, above, stop by to say hello and check out materials.



The LRC staff was *thrilled* to get all the computers replaced in the lab over the summer.



Librarian Tim Creamer shows a group of freshmen the library's archives during fall orientation week.

## Freshmen Take Part in Library Orientation

The library staff conducted orientation for 17 groups of freshmen this past fall over a two day period. The one-hour sessions consisted of a Power Point presentation on general library information and a tour through the library and the English/Math labs. The tour allows the students to discover all the library has to offer in addition to its books - an archive collection, group study rooms, a computer lab, and a lounge area on the mezzanine.



*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*  
*Tim Creamer - Librarian*  
*Suzanne Waddell - Librarian*  
*Brenda Smith - Library Technician*

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## **Featured Web Site - Our Journeys/Our Stories: Portraits of Latino Achievement** **<http://latino.si.edu/virtualgallery/OJOS/OJOSmainMenu.html>**

This issue's selected Web site was chosen with Hispanic Heritage Month (Sept. 15 - Oct. 15) in mind. Our Journeys/Our Stories: Portraits of Latino Achievement is a virtual exhibition in the Latino Virtual Gallery, developed by the Smithsonian Center for Latino Initiatives.

The web address given above will take you to the Main menu - to see the links you need to let your mouse roll over the picture. Click when the text at the bottom says "Learn more about the individuals featured in this exhibition." Now you have a photographic gallery of 25 biographies to choose from including Nobel laureates, scientists, artists, athletes, entrepreneurs, politicians, and community activists. Although the individual narratives are short, the stories told celebrate the "achievement, self-discovery, roots, and traditions" of the Latino experience in the United States.



One such story is that of Ellen Ochoa, the first Hispanic female astronaut, whose mother took college classes one at a time over 20 years and graduated a couple of years after Ochoa.

At the bottom of the biographies are two links - Click on "Read Excerpts" for selected portions of each individual's interview or "Hear audio profile" to hear that person's actual first voice testimony. Each biography also has a link at the top that gives a Spanish translation of the page.

Clicking on the picture of the eyes labeled "OJOS" takes you back to the Main Menu where you can further explore Latinos in History or a research section that contains a bibliography and an historical essay. And when you finish with the Our Journeys/Our Stories exhibition you can take a look at the other virtual exhibitions in the Latino Virtual Gallery such as the one on Low riders.