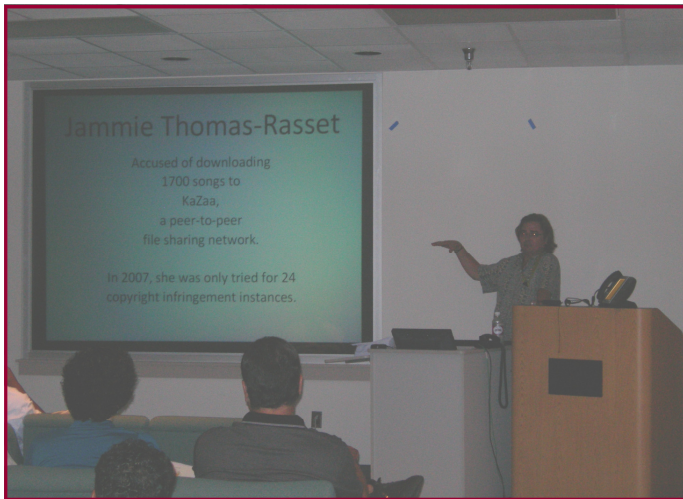# @ the LRC

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Librarians Present at Professional Development Day

Tim Creamer discusses copyright law with faculty and staff members.

Library staff were pleased to participate in Professional Development Day by making presentations on two different topics. Tim Creamer spoke first to the faculty and staff on the rules of copyright. Tim introduced his talk by describing the lawsuit against Jammie Thomas-Rasset. Originally, she was fined $220,000 for downloading songs from a file-sharing network. After losing her appeal, she was subsequently fined almost two million dollars.

While copyrighted materials may be used under "fair use" guidelines, educators need to understand what constitutes fair use to avoid copyright infringement. One of the implications of the copyright law and the fair use provision for the library is that copyrighted material may only stay on reserve up to one semester. Therefore, the library will no longer allow copyrighted items to stay on reserve indefinitely.

Tim had several handouts that were designed to help evaluate whether sharing material could be considered fair use.

Next, Suzanne Waddell introduced Arda Bascinar, Vice President of Product Management at MADCAD, the subscription database that includes over 7,000 building codes and standards. Mr. Bascinar conducted a 30-minute Webinar on how to navigate the system and use search/filter functions. During the summer, the librarians had attended a similar Webinar conducted by Mr. Bascinar and found that it greatly improved their understanding of how to search within the database.
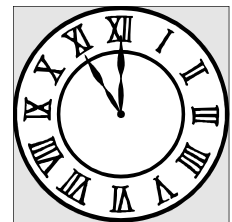
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Library Hours

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

Fall Orientation

Library staff welcomed incoming students and their family members on the Sunday before the week of freshman orientation. The library was open from 12 noon until 7 pm and offered an inviting place to relax and take a break from the check-in process. Visitors helped themselves to refreshments, which included cookies and soft pretzels. Several computers were set up in the library's computer lab for students who needed to order their books, and librarians were able to assist them if they needed help with the process.

Fourteen groups of freshmen underwent library orientation in August. These groups watched a PowerPoint presentation on library policies and how to navigate the library's Web site for information. Librarians also conducted a walk-through tour of the library with all of the groups so the students would have an idea of the general layout of the building. Students were then asked to complete a survey designed to assess their information literacy skills at the beginning of their college experience. When they are ready to graduate from Stevens, students will take the same test, and the results will be analyzed for improvement in information literacy skills.

Know Your Student Workers

Danny Mardis

Danny Mardis is a first-year student who came to Stevens for the CNSA program. Danny, originally from York, PA, graduated from Northeastern High School in 2009. One reason he stood out from the many applicants for student workers was because he worked at his high school library.

Danny started working on computers when he was just 10 years old. These days, he enjoys playing and writing his own video games. Together with one of his friends, this cool kid created an online multi-player video game for his senior project at Northeastern High.

Erica Reyes

Erica Reyes, from Allentown, PA, currently lives at the Branch Campus. After finishing her classes in Developmental Studies, she will enroll in the Respiratory Care Program. While at Milton Hershey School ('09), she spent her senior year doing clinical work at Hershey Medical Center and became a certified nursing assistant (CNA).

Family is very important to Erica; she enjoys going shopping and spending time with them. She also likes to watch movies, go to Wal-Mart, and eat out with the friends she has made at Stevens.

Collection Highlights

In July, Dr. Griscom recommended that the entire campus community read *Shop Class As Soul Craft: An Inquiry into the Value of Work* by Matthew Crawford.

Recently, Mr. Crawford was interviewed for the program *All Things Considered* on NPR by one the show's hosts, Guy Raz. To hear the interview and/or to read an excerpt of the book, you can go to http://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=106513632.

The library has three copies of this book in its collection, which may be borrowed for a three week period. If all three of the copies are checked out, we will put your name on a waiting list and notify you when a copy becomes available.

Dr. Vincent E. Miles African American Collection

The Dr. Vincent E. Miles African American Collection was dedicated last spring during an emotional ceremony that included many of Dr. Miles's family and friends. The collection, which is housed on the mezzanine level of the library, is now open and accessible to library patrons. Below are some of the decorative art pieces that accentuate the books in this special collection.

Introduction to MADCAD

MADCAD is a reference database that provides access to a comprehensive, cross-referenced collection of building, electrical, mechanical, plumbing, fire, and maintenance codes. To access the database, go to the library's Web site and click on Online Resources. Next, choose Codes, and then click on MADCAD - Building Codes and Standards Online. This brings up the front page of the database with a gray box on the left hand side, labeled Proceed to eLibrary. Clicking on the gray box should produce a screen similar to the one below.

There are no PDFs in the database; everything is formatted in HTML. This means the user can copy and paste text, tables, and figures into reports without losing any of the formatting.

Recent Webinars on the new 2009 International Building Codes are on YouTube and can be found at http://www.madcad.com/learnmore.php#webinars.

search box searches across all books simultaneously

filter by publisher and/or date

list of subscribed books

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

Copyright Links

Checklist for Fair Use:
http://louisville.edu/copyright/files/fair%20use-checklist-UofL.pdf

Copyright on the Internet Printable Quiz
http://literacy.kent.edu/Oasis/Workshops/copyquiz.html

Digital Copyright Slider
http://www.librarycopyright.net/digitalslider/

Fair Use Evaluator
http://librarycopyright.net/fairuse/

Exceptions for Instructors in U.S. Copyright Law
http://www.librarycopyright.net/etool/

Motion Picture Licensing Corporation FAQ
http://www.mplc.org/faq.php

Featured Web Site - Snopes
http://www.snopes.com
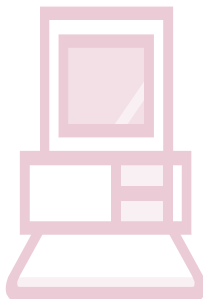
Recently, there was an e-mail circulating on the Internet that told of a child named Rachel Arlington, who had brain cancer and needed an operation her parents couldn't afford. Maybe it even found its way to your inbox. The good news, the email went on to say, was that for every person the recipient forwarded this message to, AOL and ZDNet would donate 32 cents to the cause. A quick check on Snopes.com, however, reveals that the child, her illness, and the dubious fundraising scheme are all a hoax.

Run solely by the husband and wife team of Barbara and David Mikkelson, Snopes has become one of the Web's leading resources for verifying and debunking rumors. In 1995, researching wild claims, rumors, and urban legends was a hobby for the Mikkelsons; today, it is their full-time profession. And while they derive their income from advertising revenues, as the FAQ section points out, they have no sponsors, investors, or partners.

Finding information on the site is simple: you can either browse through the various categories on the home page or enter keywords from a specific urban legend into the search box. The authors have assigned a colored bullet to each entry according to the site's ratings key: red for false, green for true, mixed red and green for multiple truth values, yellow for undetermined, and gray for unclassifiable veracity.

If you are over a certain age, you may recognize the rumor that you can hear a real scream in the Ohio Players' song "Rollercoaster". At Snopes, you can see that the rumor is false, read the different variations of this legend, and find out how it originated. At the end of the page is the date when the information was last updated and a list of sources used to write the entry.

Before you forward that email on to your entire distribution list, run it through the debunking site Snopes. com. Your friends will thank you for it.