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## Library Makes the Switch to Millennium

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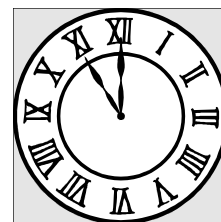
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It didn't quite happen the way that it was planned, although switching the library's automated system had been in the works for quite a while. Library Director Diane Ambruso first considered the idea of replacing Endeavor's library system, Voyager, with Innovative's Millennium more than a year ago and then continued to research the process throughout last year. Becoming a Millennium library would result in a significant cost savings for the college. Also, the library believed that Millennium's product would be more user-friendly for our students. Once the decision was made, a plan was put in place for the catalog records to be transferred to the new system.

In preparation for the transfer, library staff participated in two separate training sessions over the summer. The IT department hooked up additional computers behind the circulation desk so that training could take place there. Although the second week of training occurred during summer school, this setup enabled staff to keep the library open.

The original plan was for the library to go "live" for summer school. However, due to some scheduling delays, the library's first day of going "live" with the new system actually coincided with the first day of the fall semester.

*For a look at the library's new online catalog, please go to page 3.*



### 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

## Fall Orientation



Fourteen groups of freshmen completed their library orientation in August. Library staff conducted the hour long sessions, which included a Power Point presentation and a tour of the library building. At the end of the hour, the students took a survey designed to assess their information skills at the start of their college experience.

These same surveys will be administered to the students in their majors when they graduate. The data can then be compared to see if information literacy rates have improved once their education has been completed.

For their time and attention, the students were rewarded with a vendacard which allows them to receive 50 free copies.

## Library Added to Wireless Network

Recently the library was added as an access point for the wireless network on campus. This increased flexibility allows students to log onto their laptops anywhere in the library. If you are a member of the campus community (student, faculty, or staff), gaining access to the wireless network is easy - just send an email to [HELPDESK@stevenscollege.edu](mailto:HELPDESK@stevenscollege.edu) with "Register for wireless access" in the subject header. The body of the email should contain your full name and computer/network user ID. The CNS department will then provide you with access to the web page that outlines the necessary information to connect to the wireless network.

## Know Your Student Workers



### Michael Hewett

Michael is in the second year of the Business Administration program. He is originally from central PA, and graduated from Bellefonte High School. This past summer, Michael worked in the Washington, D.C., area as a service technician for a swimming pool company. At the end of the summer, his boss took him on a fishing trip, and Michael came home with a 40 pound tuna. Besides fishing, Michael likes playing basketball at the MAC.

### Samantha Burns



Samantha is a first year student in the Architecture program. While Samantha was a student at Boyertown High School, she studied architecture at Berks Career and Technology Center. Although she's busy with her studies now, she has always enjoyed crocheting and knitting. She and her mom once started a craft club called FVH. The letters were Samantha's great-grandmother's initials but also stood for From Various Hands. The crafters crocheted blankets, which were then donated to hospice organizations.



### Kate Love

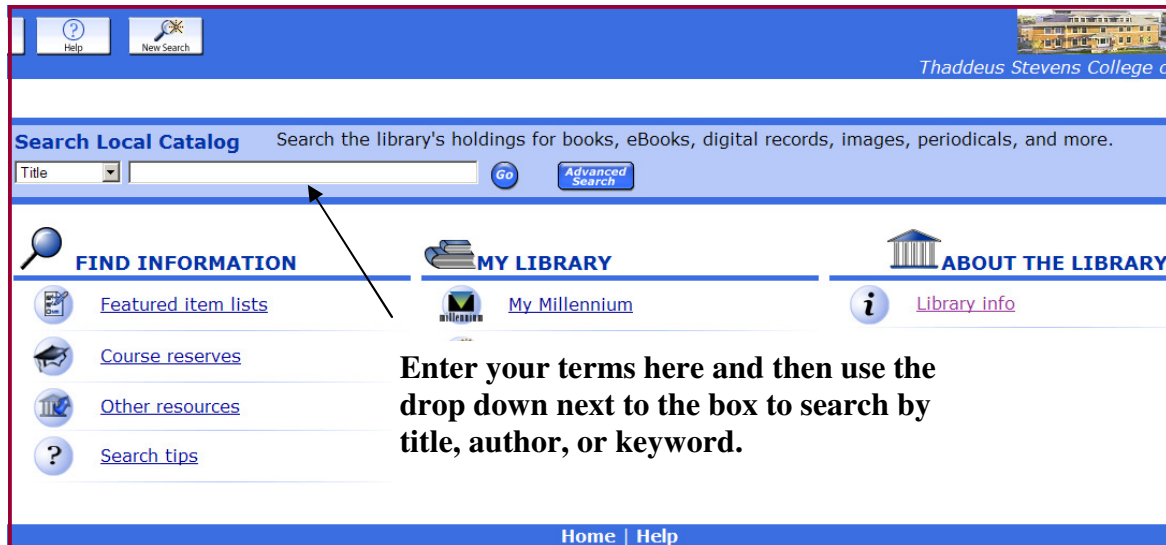
Kate is in her freshman year of the Cabinetmaking program. Although she has a dorm room on campus, Kate likes to return home to Bethlehem on the week-ends to see her pit bull, Pinky. She came to us with some previous library experience; her mom works in a public library, and Kate helped out occasionally. She's known in our library for checking out materials related to true crime and murder mysteries. During high school, Kate played drums in a jazz band for two years.

### Dylan Mumma



Dylan Mumma is a second-year CNSA student. He graduated from Dauphin County Technical School in 2007. In keeping with his major, Dylan likes to fix computers, work on forums, and play videogames. One of his favorite video games is Portal. Recently, Dylan added playing pool to his list of extra-curricular activities.

## Electronic Resource: The Library Catalog



**Featured item lists** links to the current and archived issues of the library newsletter and the current and archived reading lists of the Mezzanine Mavens, the library's book club.



**Course reserves** allows the user to search course reserves by course name or by the professor's name.



**My Millennium** allows patrons to create accounts so they can renew their own library materials one time. Additional renewals require the approval of library staff.

## On Display in the Library



The lectern above was constructed by Lisa Stephon and is made from mahogany and tiger maple wood. Although Lisa graduated last year, she left behind her woodworking project for all of us here to enjoy.



This chess set was the result of a joint effort between the Machine and Woodworking programs. Rob Tobias provided the wood for the board and Tom Dennes's students created the chess pieces.

"Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology" is carved into one side of the board, while the other side reads "Machine Shop Class of 2008."



*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*

## Book Club News



The Mezzanine Mavens, the library's book club, continues to hold monthly meetings on the mezzanine level of the library. The library provides drinks and desserts to members, who may bring their own bag lunch to the meetings. This month the group will discuss the book, *What the Dead Know* by Laura Lippman. Ms. Lippman is a best-selling mystery novelist living in the Baltimore area. This is the last book on the 2008 reading list. If you would like to make any suggestions for next year's reading list, please email Diane Ambruso as soon as possible. The group will be voting on all the suggestions to create a new reading list for next year. At the next meeting, members will also discuss what day of the week to hold future get-togethers.

The current reading list, along with archived lists, is now available on the library's web site at <http://www.stevenscollege.edu/325974.ihtml>.

*New members are always welcome!*

## Featured Web Site - On the Issues

<http://www.ontheissues.org>

The presidential elections are almost upon us, and if you haven't yet made up your mind, here is a useful web site that summarizes the major candidates' voting records. *On the Issues* promises to give readers the positions of "every political leader on every issue" by providing nonpartisan information for voters. The web site's staff get their information daily from newspapers, speeches, press releases and the Internet. The names and credentials of the people responsible for the site are listed in the "About Us" section.

There is a lot of information on this site, but it's straightforward and worth wading through. At the top of the home page are photos of all the current contenders for the White House. Click on the person you would like to know more about, and you will get the person's views on a variety of subjects, along with his or her

voting record on these issues.

Also on the home page, below the presidential nominees, there is an interactive map of the U.S. with links to the views and opinions of state and federal officeholders. On the left hand side of the home page are links to books from presidential contenders, past and present. And then there is the 2008 Presidential VoteMatch quiz (found under the tab labeled Quizzes). By answering just 20 questions on individual rights, domestic issues, economic issues, and defense/international issues, you can find out which presidential candidate most closely matches your views.

If you would rather vote on the issues instead of media reports of fundraising or poll results, then you should definitely look at who is saying what *On the Issues*.

*Thanks to Laurie Grove for suggesting this web site.*

