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# Library Table Gets a Face - Lift

Several years ago, when Ms. Harriet Attig donated her collection of woodworking periodicals and books to the library, she also gave the library a table, pictured below. The table needed to be restored, but Library Director Diane Ambruso had a difficult time finding anyone who wanted to take on the job. Then she mentioned the table to Brad Patterson, Sales and Marketing Representative with Pennsylvania Correctional Industries (PCI); he informed Diane that PCI not only sold furniture, but did refinishing also.

PCI is essentially an inmate work program and is a Bureau within the Pennsylvania Department of Corrections. According to PCI's website, the program "reduces institutional management problems, provides inmates with vocational training and work experience, promotes public safety and contributes to the economy."



Brad Patterson , Sales and Marketing Representative with Pennsylvania Correctional Industries (PCI) stands next to the "new" table.



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**HOMECOMING 2013** 

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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 Stevens Film



David Atkinson and David Sollenberger visited the library recently to film artifacts in the archives for a biographical program on Thaddeus Stevens that is currently in the works. They are working with the Susquehanna Valley Center for Public Policy, an independent, non-partisan, non-profit public policy research organization. This project will result in a series of programs with the working title, Rediscovering Pennsylvania Historymakers, set to air on Pennsylvania Cable Network (PCN). Thaddeus Stevens is slated to be the subject of the first show.

### Fall Orientation



Fourteen groups of freshman 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.

## **Know Your Student Workers**



Sara Dunmire

Leisha Wilt



Sara is a second 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.

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.

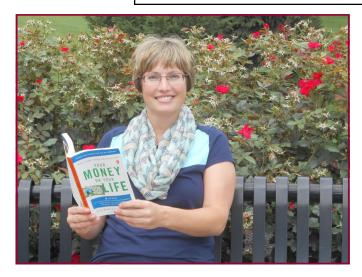
This year, Sara has gotten a reputation for making delicious coffee in the library and has gotten many of her co-workers hooked on her brew.

Leisha is in her second year of the Graphic Communication and Printing Technology program; she lives on campus in Metzger Hall. Leisha is originally from York, PA.

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.

Leisha's most memorable experience this past summer was her trip to Greece, which she took with other students from Stevens.

## Dr. Erin Nelsen is Stevens Guest Reader



Dr. Erin Nelsen is the Director of Enrollment Services. She earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in Communications and her Masters of Business Administration from Gannon University in Erie, Pennsylvania. In December of 2011, she received her Doctorate of Philosophy in Sociology from Indiana University of Pennsylvania. Erin grew up in Erie and moved to Lancaster in 1997, with her husband, Brian. The books listed below are some of the books Erin likes to read in her free time.

Theodore Boone: The Abduction by John Grisham

Shoe Done It by Grace Carroll

Eat, Pray, Love by Elizabeth Gilbert

The Red Velvet Cupcake Murder by Joanne Fluke

On What Grounds by Cleo Coyle

Your Money or Your Life by Joe Dominguez and Vicki Robin

Tuesdays with Morrie by Mitch Albom

Nickel and Dimed by Barbara Ehrenreich

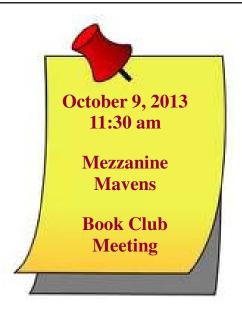
The Giving Tree by Shel Silverstein

Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day by Judith Viorst

I, Alex Cross by James Patterson

Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil by John Berendt

## **Book Club News**





The next meeting of the Mezzanine Mavens Book Club will take place October 9, 2013 at 11:30 am. Members will discuss *Bossy Pants* by comedian and Saturday Night Live alum, Tina Fey. After choosing several titles in a row that dealt with dark and sometimes disturbing subject matter, members were looking for lighter fare to read for a change.

And *Bossy Pants* fits the bill. It's the laugh-out-loud biography of a very funny woman that includes stories from her childhood, first job, comedy beginnings with Second City in Chicago, a stint at Saturday Night live, and the development of the award-winning show, 30 Rock. Along the way, the author talks about dealing with sexism in the field of comedy and her friendship with Amy Poehler that thrived on collaboration, not competition.

New members are always welcome!

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

# **Student Academic Supports**

### Math Lab Hours

Monday	8 am - 8 pm
Tuesday	8 am - 8 pm
Wednesday	8 am - 8 pm
Thursday	8 am - 8 pm
Friday	8 am - 2 pm
Sunday	1 pm - 5 pm

# **English Lab Hours**

Monday	8 am - 8 pm
Tuesday	8 am - 8 pm
Wednesday	8 am - 8 pm
Thursday	8 am - 8 pm
Friday	8 am - 2 pm
Sunday	1 pm - 5 pm

# Featured Web Site - Smithsonian Hispanic Heritage Cultural Tour

http://heritagetours.si.edu/hhm.html

Each year, Americans observe National Hispanic Heritage Month from September 15 - October 15. This year's theme is "Hispanics: Serving and Leading Our Nation with Pride and Honor." Verónica Vásquez from the US Navy, Naval Air Systems Command (NAVAIR) in California submitted the winning theme.

In honor of the many contributions Hispanics have made to our nation, the Smithsonian Institution has put together an online Hispanic heritage cultural tour. Twelve objects were chosen to help visitors explore Latino history and culture in a new way. Included in the tour: a dress belonging to singer Celia Cruz, baseball player Roberto Clemente's uniform, a carnival mask, and a papier mâché skull to be used in the Day of the Dead celebration.

Clicking on the "Explore" button allows the user to read about the object and its place in Latino history. Other icons link to a timeline, a glossary, a quiz, and information on the object's location in the museum.



# Please stop in and view

The Hispanic Heritage Month display currently in the LRC

### **Featuring**

Latino novelists, poets, artists, and leaders