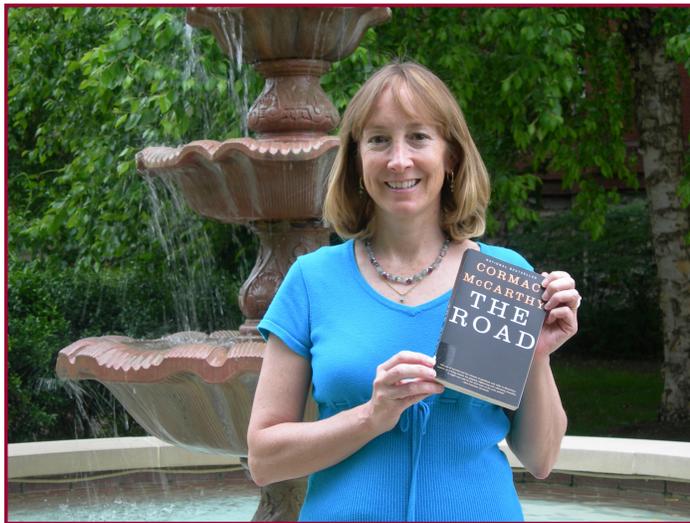


# @ the LRC

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## Beth Flynn is Fall's Guest Reader



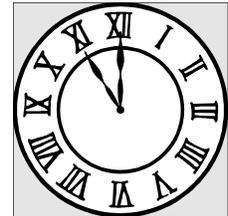
Ms. Beth Flynn is a faculty member teaching the freshmen students in the Business Administration program at Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology. Ms. Flynn is currently a member of the TSCT Restorative Justice Panel and the Faculty Senate. She shared her list of favorite books, which are currently on display in the library.

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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

Library Staff

Diane Ambruso - Director  
Tim Creamer - Librarian  
Suzanne Waddell - Librarian  
Brenda Smith - Library Technician

*The Help* by Kathryn Stockett

*The Secret Life of Bees*  
by Sue Monk Kidd

*Derailed* by James Siegel

*His Excellency: George Washington*  
by David McCullough

*Further Along the Road Less Traveled*  
by Scott Peck

*The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time* by Mark Haddon

*A Long Way Down* by Nick Hornby

*Angela's Ashes* by Frank McCourt

*The Other Boleyn Girl*  
by Philippa Gregory

*The Road* by Cormac McCarthy

*If the Buddha Got Stuck: A Handbook for Change on a Spiritual Path*  
by Charlotte Kasl

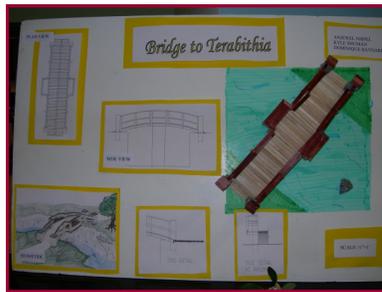
*Water for Elephants* by Sara Gruen

# Architecture @ the LRC

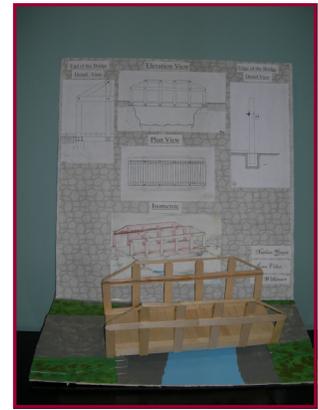


**Bridge of Relaxation:**  
Brian Zaleski, Ben Loretz, Krista Losito

## The Bridge Project On Display



**Bridge to Terabithia:**  
Anjewel Nispel, Kyle Shuman, Dominique Baynard



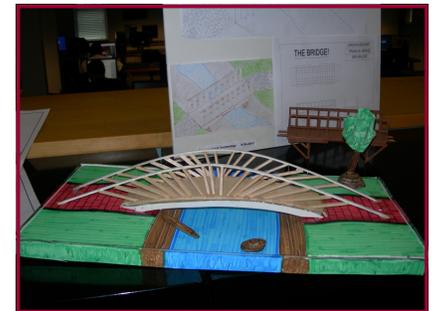
Nathan Yingst, Juan Velez, Jim Wilkinson



Liz Hornberger, Matt Specht, Tom Ufkes

First year architectural technology student projects have been on display in the library during the fall semester. The assignment used a team based approach in which the students had three days to complete their model.

The Bridge Project's design problem was to design a pedestrian bridge over a stream near the front of a client's property. No vehicles will use the bridge and the design must demonstrate how people use their environment and how they relate to the bridge in personal, intimate terms.



Nathan Rinehart, Zach Painter, Adam Todd

## Library Holds Book Sale



TSCT alumnus Shane Zwally and Graphic Communications and Printing Technology student Rebekah Lesh browse through the books on sale at the LRC.

The library held a book sale during orientation week and the first few weeks of the fall semester. Books not sold in the sale were donated to SCI Chester, a correctional institute designed to treat inmates with substance abuse problems, located in Chester, PA.

## Library Strives for Quiet

One of the library's behavior policies is that headphones are required when listening to music or sound files; no one else should be able to hear the music or sound files to which you are listening.

One afternoon not too long ago, a librarian had to ask a student in the computer lab to please turn down his music. On his way out of the library, the student stopped at the circulation desk to apologize for the incident. Even more refreshing, was that another student who had been in the lab at the time, thanked the staff for addressing the noise issue and keeping the lab quiet.

If a librarian or a student worker has to ask you to turn down the volume, please be respectful and cooperative with him/her. Other students might not show it, but they very much appreciate the effort to maintain an atmosphere conducive to study and other academic pursuits in the library.

# Students Burst Onto Campus for Orientation Week

In August, the library staff conducted fourteen orientation sessions for incoming freshmen. The sessions included a PowerPoint presentation covering basic library policies, and a tour of the library building. At the end of the tour, the students were asked to fill out a brief survey regarding their current experience with the library, and then they were given a badge holder for their student ID.



Students learn where the Math and English Labs are located during the library tour.



Freshmen fill out surveys at the end of their library orientation.



Library Director Diane Ambruso talks about library policies during a PowerPoint presentation.



Students tour through the library's archives where artifacts relating to the school's history are preserved.

## Vote @ the LRC

The library is one of the sites on campus where the Stevens community can vote for the homecoming king and queen. Voting takes place until Friday, September 23. The money collected will be donated to the Central PA Breast Cancer Awareness Coalition.

The library also has tickets available for the Earl David Reed comedy show. Ticket prices are \$2 for students and \$10 for the general public.



## Mezzanine Maven Book Club News

Discussion meeting for *The Paris Wife* by Paula McLain will take place September 28, 2011, at 11:30 am on the library mezzanine. Please bring your lunch; the library will supply beverages and dessert. Please come with suggestions for the next selection.

## Featured Web Site - Khan Academy

<http://www.khanacademy.org>

Named one of the 50 best Web sites of 2011 by Time Magazine, Khan Academy is basically a library of over 2400 videos covering everything from arithmetic to physics, finance, and history. The name Khan Academy comes from Salman Khan, the sole creator (to date) of all the video material on the site. Mr. Kahn's background is in math, computer science, and investment management; he has earned three degrees from MIT and an MBA from Harvard.

In 2004, Mr. Kahn began tutoring his cousin over the Internet. When word spread of their successful partnership, Mr. Kahn found himself remotely tutoring several relatives and family friends. Trying to juggle everyone's schedule - Salman's work and his "students" extracurriculars—led him to upload his video lessons on YouTube. Eventually, he left his hedge-fund manager job to concentrate exclusively on Khan Academy.



Mr. Kahn uses Camtasia Recorder + Smooth Draw 3 + a Wacom Bamboo Tablet on a PC to produce his videos. The result is highly watchable videos accompanied by clear and concise instruction done in a conversational-style voice-over. Content for the videos is produced in digestible 10 - 20 minute chunks as opposed to being a longer video of a more conventional lecture.

In addition to the videos, there are practice exercises available to check comprehension of material. And, if you need it, you can get a hint, see the problem broken down into steps, or watch a related video.

Also, in an effort to make all this learning fun, the site has included game mechanics. Once you create an account and login, you can start earning badges and points for learning

Enroll in Khan Academy and see how you can take advantage of this free, world-class education for anyone, anywhere.