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## National Library Week April 18-24

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The Learning Resources Center celebrates National Library week this month with the addition of some new American Library Association celebrity "READ" posters. These posters are a familiar sight in both public and school libraries; the first one appeared in 1985 and featured actor/comedian Bill Cosby. Celebrities donate their time and the copyright use of their photographs for the posters. And the books? They are chosen by the celebrities themselves.

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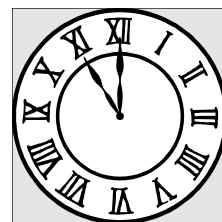
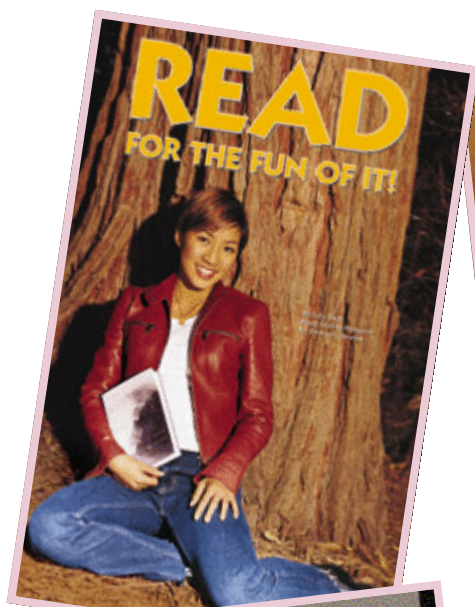
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### Library Hours

Sunday 1:30 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 - 4:00 pm  
Saturday Closed

# Stevens' Faculty Writes

## Steve Latta

Fine Woodworking recently published an article by Steve Latta in its March/ April issue. Titled "Cutting It Close Safely," it explains how to cut small workpieces on the tablesaw without sacrificing safety OR accuracy. Other articles by Latta include:

Latta, Steve. "Combination Squares." Fine Woodworking 159 (2002): 68-72.

A review of combination squares that includes the cost for different models along with comments on how to get the best tool for your budget.

Latta, Steve. "Bookshelves in a Day." Fine Woodworking 158 (2002): 32-35.

A knockdown unit is engineered for stability and speedy assembly

Latta, Steve. "Pattern Cutting on the Tablesaw." Fine Woodworking 155 (2002): 62-65.

Use this method to duplicate parts quickly and safely using templates.

Latta, Steve. "Two Types of Dentil Moldings." Fine Woodworking 154 (2002): 100-104.

Covers two common types of dentils: block and Greek key.

Latta, Steve. "Tablesawn Dovetails." Fine Woodworking 152 (2001): 56-61.

Achieve accuracy and a hand-cut look with this tablesaw method.

Latta, Steve. "Fast and Accurate Table Joinery." Fine Woodworking 148 (2001): 50-55.

A Sheraton-style table comes together easily, using this efficient approach.

Latta, Steve. "Where Door Meets Door." Fine Woodworking 142 (2000): 72-77.

Describes how to minimize the gap between stiles and how to choose and install appropriate hardware (bolts, catches, and locks).

Latta, Steve. "Strong, No Clamp-Up Corner Joints." Fine Woodworking 129 (1998): 62-65.

Tablesawn miters for case work are assembled using clear packing tape

## Andy Tompos

Andy Tompos's book, "Analyzing Investment Properties," is available on Amazon.com in the 1998 paperback edition. Mr. Tompos's intent when he wrote his book was to help investors, realtors, buyers, and sellers of investment properties make good decisions regarding their investment properties. Reviews (both customer and editorial) were very favorable; one customer wrote in his review:

Mr. Tompos shows that he understands the value of using "real-life" situations..actual case studies. He deftly shows the reader how to use an inexpensive and portable hand-held calculator... to make all of the critical calculations needed to evaluate an investment property. I am a professor of finance and would recommend this book to any of my students who want to know the "how to" side rather than the "theoretical" side of the real estate investment process. A must read for all who claim an interest in understanding how to analyze investment properties.

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## AV Update

The library recently purchased a DVD player for its audio-visual equipment collection. So now when movie night in the LRC seminar room rolls around, you have the option of renting DVD's from your local Blockbuster's.

Also, the campus community can check out a Dell Inspiron laptop at the library. It does not have a zip drive but students can burn a copy of their presentation onto a CD in the (lower level) computer lab. The laptop does have an attachment to allow for the A: drive; however, most projects do not fit on a floppy. If you'd like to borrow the laptop, library staff will have you fill out a form and then hold your ID until the laptop is returned.

## Know Your LRC Student Workers

### Jason Breitigan

Jason Breitigan recently added Kenneth W. Schuler Learning Resources Center to his resume when he picked up a couple of hours in the evening at the library. Jason had previously been enrolled at TSCT in the Machine Shop (which explains why he looks so familiar) but left during his second semester due to illness. When he comes back this fall, he plans to go into Graphics.

Choosing one program was difficult because he's got a lot of interests: he loves the arts, playing around on his computer, making Web sites, and playing video games. Around the holidays, Jason helps out and volunteers at the Milagro House.

Long-range plans include attending an Art Institute after graduating from Stevens and perhaps living somewhere outside the country. Jason is originally from the Lancaster area; he lived in Manheim and graduated from Manheim Central High.

## Book Club Chooses Next Six Picks



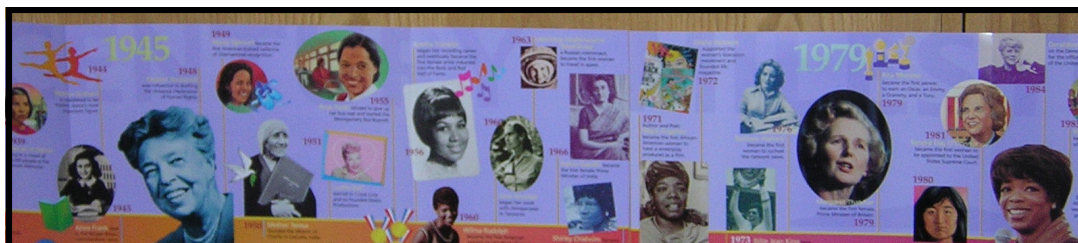
The newly formed Book Club met on March 26 to discuss its first selection, The Color of Water by James McBride. Members enjoyed pizza as they volunteered their impressions and opinions about the book which was "a black man's tribute to his white mother." All the members that attended the first meeting agreed that they very much liked reading this selection. Book club members also agreed on the next six titles for the upcoming months:

April - - - - - The Da Vinci Code by Dan Brown  
May - - - - - Green Grass Grace by Shawn McBride  
June - - - - - Gracefully Insane by Alex Beam  
July - - - - - The Fountainhead by Ayn Rand  
August - - - - - The Price of a Child by Lorene Cary  
September - - - Purple Hibiscus by Ngozi Adichie

## Women's History Month at the LRC

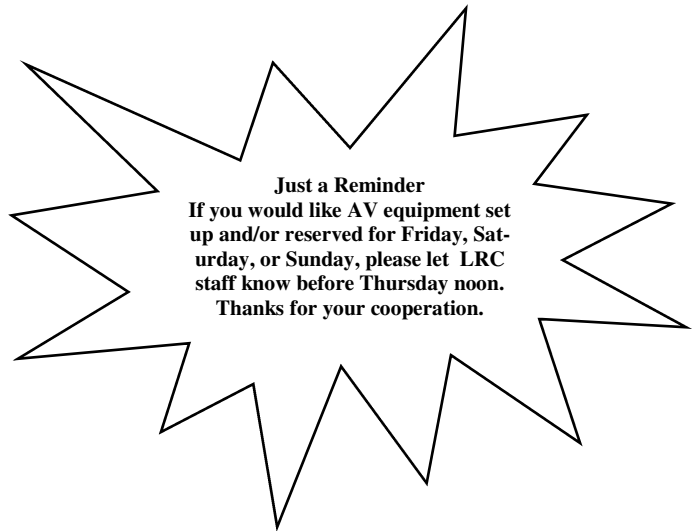


**March was Women's History Month at the LRC and a display featuring prominent women graced the circulation and reference area of the library. Women writers on display included Eudora Welty, Ayn Rand, Pearl S. Buck, Willa Cather, and Katherine Anne Porter.**





*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  
Suzanne Waddell - Librarian  
Brenda Smith - Library Technician  
AnnaMarie Tucker - Library Assistant*

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## **Featured Web Site - Dear Reader** **<http://www.dearreader.com>**

*Dear Reader.com* is an online book club with a bit of a twist. Sign up for this free service and you'll get part of a chapter of a book in daily emails. It started when the book club owner, Suzanne Beecher, would email parts of books to her employees and the idea just grew from there. The emails take about 5 minutes to read so you get to sample about 20 pages of a new book every week. Then, if you decide you want to finish the book, you can check it out at the library or purchase a copy.

There are a number of different genres that you can choose



from when you subscribe: nonfiction, fiction, business, audio, teen, science fiction, good news, romance, mystery, horror and pre-publication. And if you don't like that week's pick, Suzanne urges the club's members not to

feel guilty about hitting the delete key. But, whether you love it **or** hate it, you can share your thoughts and comments with other readers at the Book Club Forum (at: <http://www.emailbookclub.com/talk.html>).

As Suzanne says in her daily emails to book club members, "it's so great to read with friends."

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