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## Centennial Lecture Series Comes to a Close with Editor Beverly Wilson Palmer



Members of the Stevens community who attended the last lecture in the Centennial Series given by Ms. Beverly Palmer heard an excellent presentation on Thaddeus Stevens, Persuasive Writer and Orator. Ms. Palmer, formerly a faculty member at Pomona College, and her co-editor, Holly Byers Ochoa, edited the two-volume *Selected Papers of Thaddeus Stevens* and the microfilm edition, *The Thaddeus Stevens Papers*.

Before delving into her subject, Ms. Palmer described the sort of detective work that goes into editing an historical figure's writings. She explained how, in the particular instance when a manuscript was undated, she could look for clues such as to whom a speech was addressed. Then she could begin to look in local newspapers for a copy of the speech.

Another difficulty that she encountered while working on this project

was that Stevens, described as a "careless correspondent," took no measures to preserve his own legacy: he didn't hold onto his old letters or make copies of those he sent. It was only when Stevens became chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee that a clerk began to save his letters.

Ms. Palmer went on to contrast Stevens's letters, which were succinct, with his lengthy and rhetoric-filled speeches. When she lifted up specific examples of Stevens's "persuasiveness," there was an appreciative audience reaction.

After Ms. Palmer's speech, descendants of Thaddeus Stevens's family who were in the audience were presented with a portrait of "The Great Commoner." The annual commemoration of Stevens's birthday at the Shreiner-Concord Cemetery was held later in the afternoon.



Thaddeus Stevens's descendants pose with their portraits of "The Great Commoner."



Paul Cameron, VP of Student Affairs, gives welcoming remarks at commemorative service.

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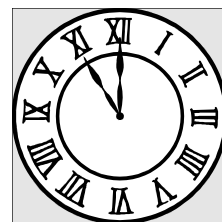
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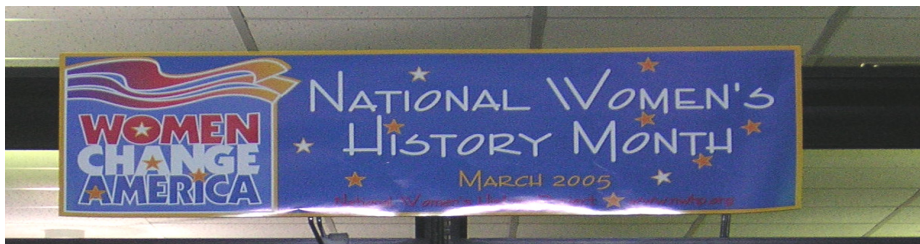
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### Library Hours

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

## March @ the LRC



The library celebrated National Women's History Month in March with a display highlighting women inventors. Several new titles featuring the achievements of these innovators were added to the collection, and Library Director Diane Ambruso put together a collection of biographies.

### Women's History Month Quiz

1. Who was the first woman granted a U.S. patent?
2. Bette Nesmith Graham was a working single mother in the '50s when she invented Liquid Paper. Who is her famous son?
3. *Making Time* is a new biography in the library that profiles Lillian Moller Gilbreth, one of the 20th century's most highly regarded engineers. What else is she known for?
4. This female doctor's last name is synonymous with the Newborn Scoring System that assesses the health of newborns. Name her.
5. How did Marion Donovan revolutionize the infant care industry?
6. What early screen legend helped invent a secret communication system during WWII?
7. Why is Laura Scudder known as "the Potato Chip Queen of the West?"
8. What Long Island, NY, housewife became a multi-millionaire with her invention of the Miracle Mop?
9. Who was the first woman to win a Nobel prize?
10. What's the name of the baby carrier that Ann Moore invented after seeing the way West African mothers toted their babies around on their backs?

Answers to the quiz are on p. 4.

### New Books on Women Inventors

*Invent Radium or I'll Pull Your Hair* by Doris Drucker  
*12 Secrets of Highly Creative Women: a Portable Mentor* by Gail McMeekin  
*Nobel Prize Women in Science: Their Lives, Struggles, and Momentous Discoveries* by Sharon Bertsch McGrayne  
*Extraordinary Women Scientists* by Darlene Stille  
*Bride of Science: Romance, Reason, and Byron's Daughter* by Benjamin Woolley  
*Madame Curie: A Biography* by Eve Curie  
*Women Invent: Two Centuries of Discoveries That Have Shaped Our World* by Susan Casey  
*Ingenious Women: From Tincture of Saffron to Flying Machines* by Deborah Jaff  
*Retrieval of a Legacy: Nineteenth-Century American Women Inventors* by Denise E. Pilato  
*Patently Female: From AZT to TV dinners: Stories of Women Inventors and Their Breakthrough Ideas* by Ethlie Ann Vare and Greg Ptacek  
*Women Inventors and Their Discoveries* by Ethlie Ann Vare and Greg Ptacek  
*The Book for Women Who Invent or Want To* by Elizabeth Wallace  
*Making Time: Lillian Moller Gilbreth, a Life Beyond "Cheaper by the Dozen"* by Jane Lancaster

### LRC STAFF NOTES

While out on maternity leave after having her baby boy in December, Anna Marie Tucker resigned her position at the library. We send her our best wishes, although we know she is enjoying all her "extra" time with little Brendan!

## Know Your LRC Student Workers

### Lemuel James



When Lemuel first came into the library last semester looking for a student worker position, there were no openings. But through his perseverance, he was hired when some hours became available. Since that time, Lemuel has been responsible for “mail call” and hanging the newspapers on a daily basis.

Lemuel is finishing his first year as an architectural student. He was also involved in many extracurricular activities this past year; he participated in wrestling, boxing, cross-country, and intramural basketball. When he leaves Stevens, Lemuel hopes to have a career in international relations, and he would also like to do some traveling.

## On Display @ the LRC

And now for something completely different..... this Pennsylvania tall clock on display in the library was made out of cherry wood by sophomore **Jeff Widergren.**



## Book Club News

The most recent meeting of the Mezzanine Mavens took place Tuesday, April 5, 2005, at 12 noon. Five members attended. If you missed it, try to make next month's. Our discussion centered around our March book selection, *All That Matters*, by Jan Goldstein. The novel was not available on tape, so again some of our regular readers/listeners did not "read" it. All those who read the book agreed that, although it was an "easy read," it did not "grab you." Most also thought that the ending was somewhat trite. We had lots of food (unplanned): zucchini and sausage, chicken - tortellini salad, lime chiffon pie, fresh bread, cheese and crackers, chocolate chip cookies, lemonade and iced tea. Show up because you never know what you will find! It was agreed we will try to have the June meeting outdoors.

~ Diane Ambruso





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*Library Staff*

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

1. Mrs. Samuel Slater, in 1793, for cotton sewing thread.
2. Michael Nesmith, the former guitarist of The Monkees.
3. She's the long-suffering mother in *Cheaper by the Dozen* who raises twelve children and endures the antics of her efficiency-expert husband.
4. Dr. Virginia Apgar, who graduated from Columbia University in 1933 and went on to become Columbia's first full Professor of Anesthesiology.
5. She invented the prototype of the disposable diaper.
6. Hedy Lamarr
7. She was the first person to package chips in a waxed paper bag, a big improvement over scooping them out of a barrel - back then, no one wanted the last third of the shipment.
8. Joy Mangano
9. Marie Curie, for her work with radioactive elements.
10. The Snuggli

## Featured Web Site - All Music Guide

<http://www.allmusic.com>

So summer is almost here...time to put the top down on the convertible and crank up the volume. With that in mind, this issue's featured Internet site is the All Music Guide (AMG). Although it's one of the most comprehensive and authoritative music resources on the Net, much of the information in this database remains hidden from the major search engines like Google and Yahoo. Fortunately, AMG is well-laid out with its own very capable search tool. You can plug your keywords into the search box at the top and search by name, album, song, or classical work.

Throughout the database, 30-second music samples are available to registered users (registration is free) whenever the speaker icon appears. And everything is cross-linked, which



is the main reason why the search engines have such trouble with it.

Another search option for the true music lover is to just browse through the entire site. You can choose an entry point on the left to explore (by genre, mood, theme, country, or instrument) although searching this way requires registration, too.

There is so much information to explore here that the first time you log onto AMG, it's worth your while to check out the Site Guide: the link is right under the main search box at the top of the page. Once you get oriented to searching AMG, you are sure to find your favorite performers' biographies and discographies as well as essays about them by some of the most respected music critics in the world.