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Local Author Lecture Series Winds Down

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Elizabeth Letts

Local author Elizabeth Letts, who has published two novels to date, spoke to the Stevens community recently. She entertained her listeners by reading excerpts from her books and by answering the questions that she is most frequently asked by her audiences. As for where she gets her ideas for her books, Ms. Letts said that her books are a blend of her real-life experiences as a midwife and her imagination.

Franklin & Marshall College professor David Schuyler gave a fascinating talk on the history of downtown Lancaster. In his presentation, Mr. Schuyler spoke about how Park City Mall and the rise of the suburbs transformed the landscape of the city. He also discussed the attempts at revitalizing the downtown area, highlighting his lecture with many slides of Lancaster in the early 1900s.



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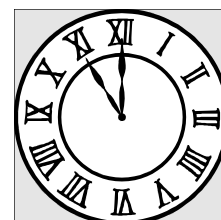
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Dinner, a Book, and a Movie: Mezzanine Mavens hold dinner/movie meeting

April's Book Club meeting was a little different from previous get-togethers. Since this month's pick, *The Notebook*, by Nicholas Sparks, had been made into a movie, the Mavens decided to have a dinner meeting and then watch the video. Many members enjoyed the book and/or the movie, which tells, through flashbacks, the story of an older couple, one of whom has developed Alzheimer's, and how they first met and fell in love back in the 1940s.



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

When the Mavens decide to make their meeting a pot-luck event, attendees can count on a spread with a variety of mouth-watering food. On the menu: chili, hamburger barbecue, pepper bread, cheese pie, potato candy, zucchini, a red beet salad, a crab salad, lemon poppy bread, and peanut butter cookies.

The Mavens are always looking for hungry, new readers to join the club.



A New Copier for the Library



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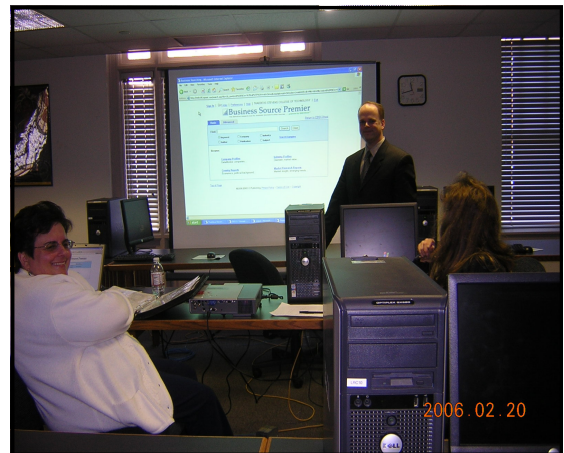
The library staff were all pleased to see our new copier come through the door in early March and take up residence in its new location in front of the circulation desk. In general, the response of students has been positive, indicating their appreciation of this new, state-of-the-art equipment.

Library Staff receives EBSCO training

At the end of last year, the Stevens campus had the opportunity to evaluate EBSCOhost (the magazine/journal/periodical database) during a 3 - month trial period. In addition to being a better value for the library, the staff ultimately decided that EBSCOhost was more user-friendly and provided more appropriate resources for the college community.

Once the final decision was made to switch vendors, Mr. David Brisendine, a customer service representative, scheduled the LRC staff for in-house training. This informal training session, held on President's Day in the LRC's computer lab, helped the staff begin to familiarize themselves with the new database.

For some tips on how to get started using EBSCOhost, see page 3.



David Brisendine of EBSCO and Diane Ambruso

Sacred Heart Students Create Thaddeus Stevens Exhibit



l to r., Brandon Strosser, Bryce Aichele, Jimmy Meehan

Three students from the Sacred Heart School recently used the library's archives, under the guidance of Tim Creamer, for a school project they were working on. The students put together an exhibit on Thaddeus Stevens for a National History Day competition and used archival information in their research. Titled "Thaddeus Stevens: Savior of Free Public Education," their exhibit did so well at the local level that it earned them the right to compete at the regional level. The regional competition was held at Penn Manor High School, where the students earned third place in the Junior Group Exhibit category. They now move on to the state competition at Penn State University in May.

Getting Started with EBSCO

To access EBSCOhost, go to the library's home page at www.stevenscollege.edu/services/library/index.htm. Use the drop down menu labeled "Resources via the Internet" and click on "Magazines, Journals, Periodicals." Clicking on EBSCO will bring you to a page that looks like Figure 1.

Next, click on **EBSCOhost Web**.

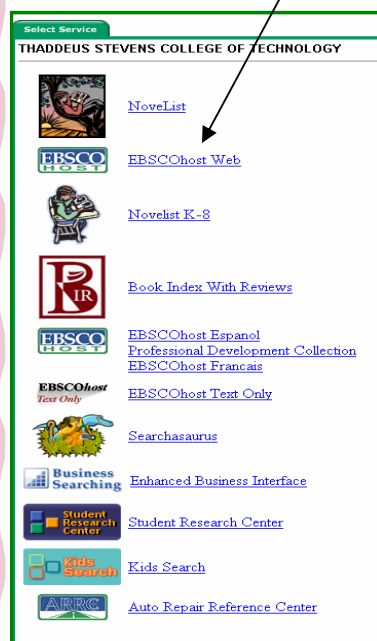


Figure 1

This will bring up a list of databases within EBSCOhost. See Figure 2. Choose the one(s) you want to search, and then click the "Continue" button. Most searches will be done in one of two databases: **Academic Search Premier** for general reference searching or **Business Source Premier** for your business research needs. The other databases are more specific and subject-oriented; most of them are index/abstract only. Now you can begin to search.

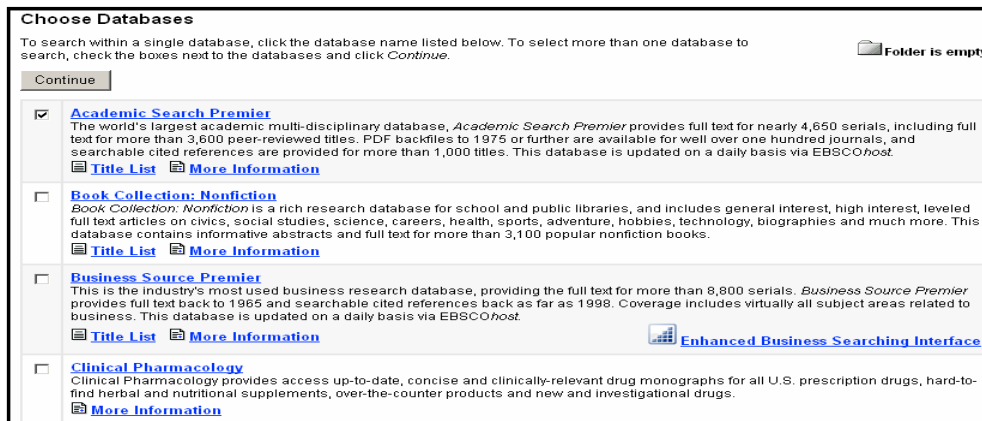
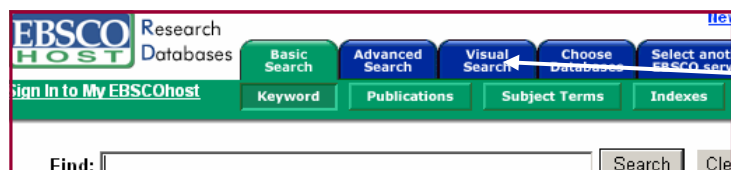
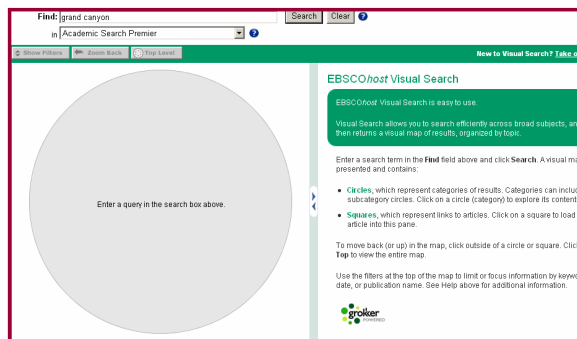


Figure 2—A partial list of databases in EBSCOhost

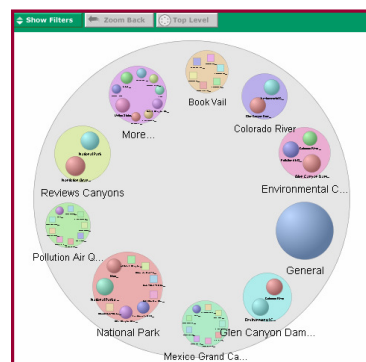
Visual Searching - A Cool Feature in EBSCOhost



Click on Visual Search in the tabs at the top of the page.

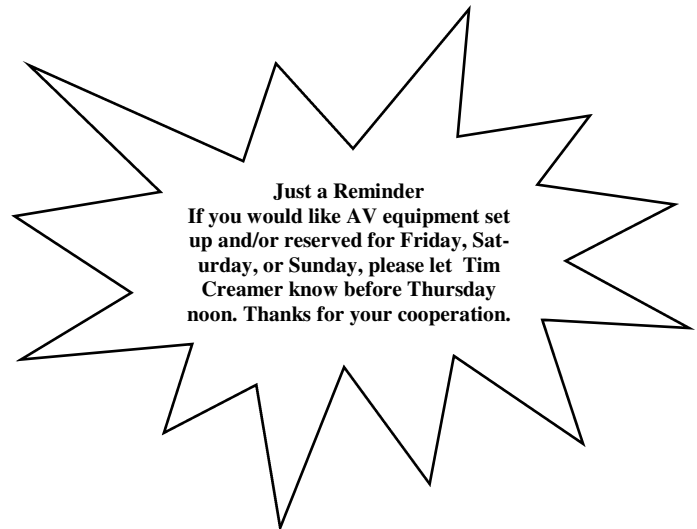


In the example above, the search terms "grand canyon" were entered in the **find** box.



Circles represent categories.
Squares represent links to articles.

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

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Featured Web Site - Elder Wisdom Circle

<http://www.elderwisdomcircle.org>

Elder Wisdom Circle is the name given to a group of volunteer seniors who provide practical advice and guidance to anyone who requests it. It's "Dear Abby" but with a twist since the pool of volunteers that make up the Elder Wisdom Circle are all at least 60 years of age. It's this "richly diverse patchwork of life experience and wisdom" that qualifies the elders to dispense their advice - that AND successfully completing a screening process for attributes such as empathy and open-mindedness. While the Elder Wisdom Circle does not provide



legal, medical, or financial advice, it does offer more than just answers to relationship problems. Although relationship problems account for roughly 75% of the letters, other categories on the submission request form include career, garden, home, and self-improvement. That explains why, if you find yourself browsing recent letters, you'll discover a wide spectrum of topics ranging from "sneaker odor" to "cat advice" to "searching for birth father." And when you read the responses, chances are you'll be struck by how wise the advice from the Elder Wisdom Circle actually sounds.