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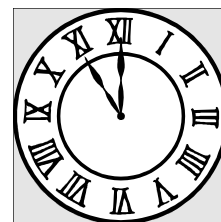
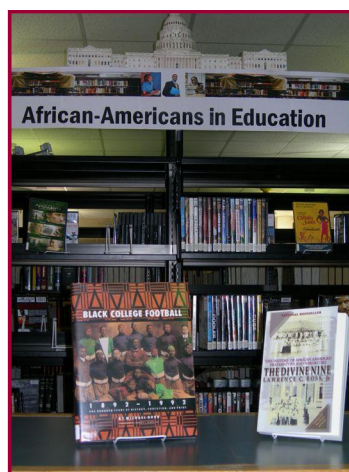
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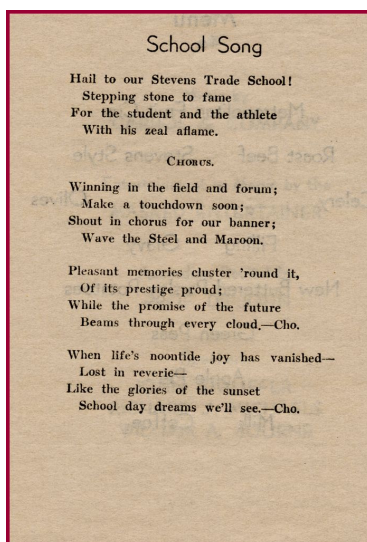
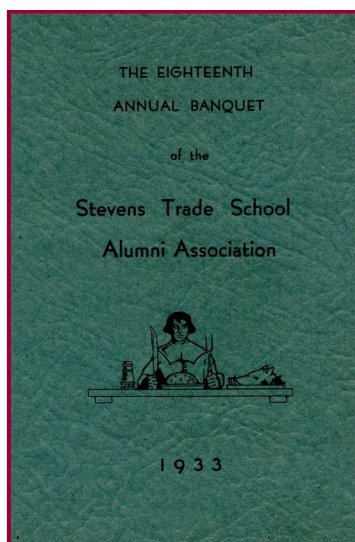


In celebration of **Black History Month**, Tim Creamer, librarian, has developed a display highlighting the significant achievements made in the field of **education** by African Americans. The library has purchased several new book titles with the generous support of the Dr. Vincent E. Miles African-American Collection. Any materials used in the exhibit may be borrowed after February 15. Please stop by and view our tribute to the African American community.

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

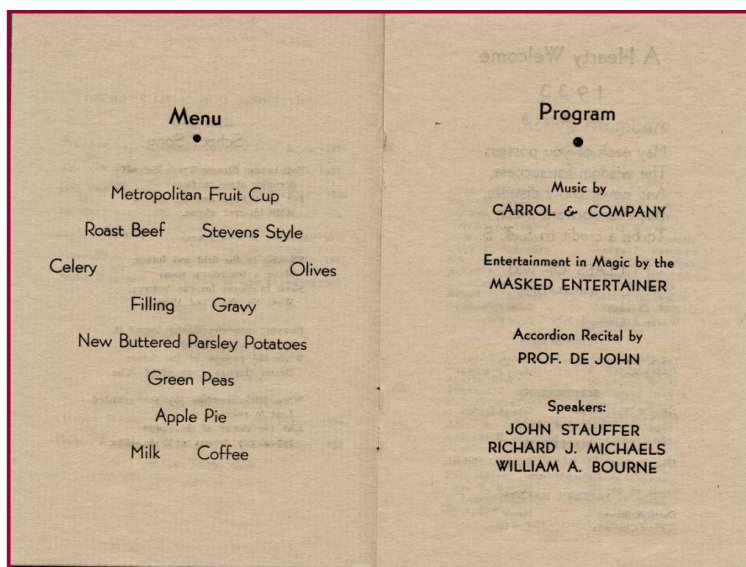
Tim's Treasures on eBay



What can you get for \$5.00 these days? That's how much Tim Creamer paid on eBay for this little gem, a program for the eighteenth annual banquet of the Stevens Trade School Alumni Association, held in 1933. The program lists all of the active alumni members from 1913 through 1932. At the time there were 251 alumni. It also lists the class of 1933 graduates and their shops: four bricklayers, four carpenters, three electricians, three machinists, and four pattern makers.

Another interesting feature of this program booklet is the appearance of a second school song. On the last page is the school song that we all know, with the chorus:

*Cheer our Alma Mater
Of our noble school
Altogether, comrades
Thaddeus Stevens School*



Another school song is printed, with the following stanza and chorus:

*Hail to our Stevens Trade School
Stepping stone to fame
For the student and the athlete
With his zeal aflame*

*Winning in the field and forum
Make a touchdown soon
Shout in chorus for our banner
Wave the Steel and Maroon*

Two more stanzas are included; no tune is given for this particular school song.

The program is on display in the archives.

Librarian's Pot de Crème...

makes a great Valentine's Day treat

- 6 oz. semi-sweet chocolate chips
- dash salt
- 2 eggs brought to room temperature
- 1 tsp. vanilla extract
- 1 c. scalded milk (don't boil)

In a blender, chop the chips a little. Add eggs, salt, and vanilla and mix 5 - 10 seconds. Slowly pour in the hot milk, while blender is on a high setting. Then pour mixture into parfait glasses as it starts to set pretty quickly. Refrigerate at least 4 hours before serving. Garnish with whipped cream and strawberries or raspberries.



~recipe from the kitchen of Mary Joan Mandel

Introduction to Ethnic News Watch

Ethnic News Watch covers news, culture, and history, but as its name implies, the information found here gives a different perspective from the mainstream. The publications that are indexed in this database are titles put out by the ethnic, minority, and native press; some examples of the publications you will find in *Ethnic News Watch* include *African Times*, *Arab American News*, *Asian Perspectives*, *Black Collegian*, *The Cherokee Observer*, *Diversity Factor (Online)*, *Hispanic Times*, *Jewish Journal*, and *Israel Studies*. Currently the database has over 1.5 million full-text articles from 279 publications.

This tab shows all of the publications included in the database.

You can use the browse function to look at suggested terms.

ProQuest Ethnic NewsWatch home page

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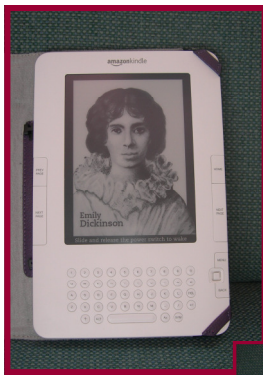
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This drop down menu allows you to choose the language for search instructions and explanations. (It will not affect the content of the articles in search results).

To get to *Ethnic NewsWatch*, click on “Online Resources” on the library's web page. Then click on the link labeled “Magazines, Journals, & Periodicals.” Choose the link labeled “ProQuest” to automatically open the basic search screen, shown above. You can either enter your own search terms or use the browse function to look at suggested terms. An advanced search screen gives additional options, such as searching only the citations and abstracts of articles.



A Kindle for Christmas

~by Diane Ambruso

My Kindle was a Christmas gift. At first I wasn't too sure how I felt about it. As a librarian I enjoy the feel of a book in my hand. So it was with some trepidation I sought to become acquainted with my new Kindle. It turns out I like it very much.

The feature I enjoy most is that it reads like a book. I initially found myself reaching up to flip the top right corner of the page. Some people may think that having the “next page” feature about halfway down the side is poor design, but just pressing the button to turn the page was an easy adjustment to make. A great feature is that it remembers your place; the next time you open the book, it takes you to exactly where you left off. Another feature I like is that you can change the size of the text. I enjoy using the text speech feature as well: if permitted by the author, the computer can read the book, magazine, or newspaper article to you.

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The Kindle's lightweight design provides the aesthetics of a page in a standard book without the bulkiness, since it weighs in at about 10 ounces, with a thickness of 1/3 of an inch. When reading on the 6-inch screen, I quickly lose sight of the technology and enjoy the story. The battery charges completely in about four hours, and it will last for one week when the wireless feature is on and two weeks without the wireless connection. I can download an entire book in 60 seconds or less, and my Kindle can hold about 1,500 books. Additionally, I can archive items in my Kindle library at amazon.com at no additional charge. Kindle literature is much less expensive than purchasing traditional books, magazines, and newspapers.

The one thing I have found I am not happy about is that you cannot borrow a book from the library on the Kindle as you can on some other readers. Overall, if you are an avid reader, I believe you will love the Kindle.

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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Suzanne Waddell - Librarian
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Brenda Smith - Library Technician*

Featured Web Site - Livemocha

<http://www.livemocha.com>

Here is a language learning web site that will keep you interested and motivated, all while having a lot of fun. And, for the most part, it's free.

Create an account to enroll in one of the free online courses by indicating which languages you currently speak and which you would like to learn. This information becomes part of your profile, but you are not limited to the language(s) you choose when you register. Once your account is created, you can enroll in any of the 36 different languages available.

Then begin to work through any of the units and lessons of the courses you've chosen. The format is very similar to the Rosetta Stone software, in that you will be asked to match phrases and words to the pictures they represent. Translation help is available, if needed.

In addition to the "learn" and "review" sections of mixing and matching,



there are also "write" and "speak" exercises. Here is where the online community comes into play, because you can submit your writing and your audio recordings to other members for review and feedback. When you submit your work for review, you may be asked to review someone else's work (someone who is learning your native language or a language you are fluent in).

As explained on the Help page, coffee is the drink of Seattle, and Seattle is also where the founders of Livemocha are based. The management team behind this particular site, a group of successful and experienced entrepreneurs, wanted to address the need that rapid globalization has created for foreign language learning.

Whether you're planning a trip abroad or just learning for fun, Livemocha should be one of your first stops on the web.