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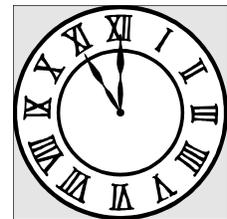
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Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology's Fall Open House took place Saturday, November 8, 2008, from 9 AM to 2 PM. The Open House this year was a standalone event; in previous years it was held at the same time as Homecoming. An admissions consultant recommended that the College hold Open House later in the semester so that a larger number of prospective students could attend.

Other changes instituted this year included the format and schedule. The MAC was open, and each program area had a table staffed by faculty; the various services and organizations on campus also had tables with appropriate staff persons providing information. Prospective students were free to peruse the tables and displays and speak with the faculty and staff.

Diane Ambruso, Director of Learning Resources, manned the library table and distributed M & Ms in the school colors, pens, magnets, and a brochure detailing library services. Ms. Ambruso also encouraged prospective students and their guests to stop by the library, which was also open from 9 AM to 2 PM. As an additional enticement, light refreshments and beverages were provided to those who chose to tour the library. That day the library had a total of 303 visitors, which the library staff considered to be a very good turnout.

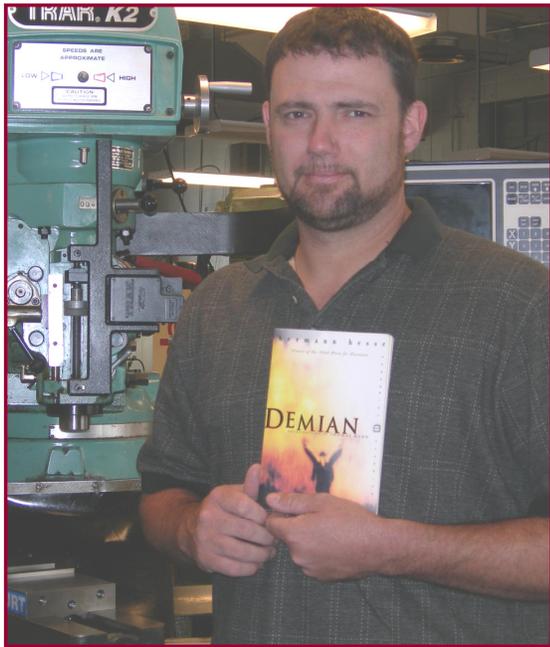
Approximately 700 visitors attended the event in the MAC. The official count at the door was 643. An additional group of 29 students attended who were not counted in the official door count. It is estimated that another 30 students, parents, etc. arrived on campus after the initial session in the MAC. After the MAC event, the prospective students and their guests had the opportunity to tour the various program areas, including those at the Clark Street Campus, the housing project, a dorm room, the MAC weight room and track, the library, and the remainder of the campus. There were two Financial Aid presentations offered - one at 11 AM and one at 1 PM. Lunch was offered in the Jones Dining Hall for a nominal fee. Overall, the campus community viewed the Open House as a highly successful event.



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

Stevens Reads @ the LRC



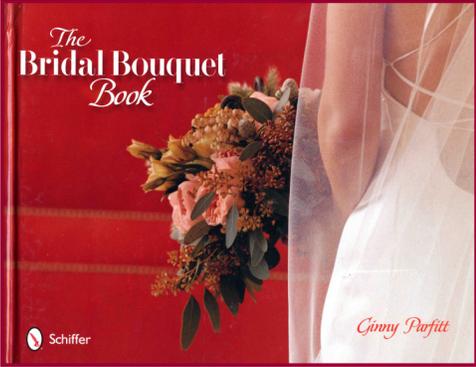
Ron Schwartz poses with one of his favorite books. His book selections have been on display in the library during the fall semester.

- Another Roadside Attraction* - - - - - Tom Robbins
- Demian* - - - - - Hermann Hesse
- The Power of Myth* - - - - - Joseph Campbell
- Lord of the Rings* - - - - - J.R.R. Tolkien
- My Brother Sam Is Dead* - - - - - James Collier
- 1984* - - - - - George Orwell
- Guns, Germs, & Steel: The Fates of Societies* - - - - - Jared Diamond
- Mr. Midshipman Hornblower* - - - - - C.S. Forester
- The Unbearable Lightness of Being* - - - - - Milan Kundera
- Winterdance: The Fine Madness Of Running the Iditarod* - - - Gary Paulson
- A Prayer for Owen Meany* - - - - - John Irving

Holiday Hours for the Learning Resources Center

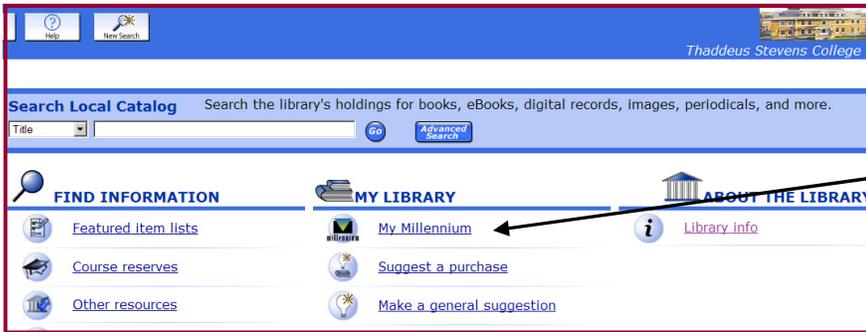
December 13-14	CLOSED	
December 15-19	9:00 am-3:00 pm	
December 20-21	CLOSED	
December 22-24	9:00 am-3:00 pm	
December 25-28	CLOSED	
December 29-31	9:00 am-3:00 pm	
January 1-4	CLOSED	
January 5-9	9:00 am-3:00 pm	
January 10-11	CLOSED	

Collection Highlights



Ginny Parfitt, an adjunct faculty member, has authored a bridal bouquet book, which the library recently added to its collection. Ms. Parfitt has had other books published; a recent check on Amazon showed a figural whiskey book for collectors, two pictorial history books of cities using postcards, and a book of royalty - free art for designers that focuses on foliage textures.

Renew Library Materials Online



Creating an account in the library's new Millennium catalog is a short and simple process.

Click on My Millennium from the library catalog's home page.

On the next screen:
Fill in your full name, last name first.

Next, type in your barcode, which is your Stevens ID number. The prefix is 78526 and if your ID number has only four digits, you must add a 0 after the prefix.

Examples:

If your ID# is 12345 then your barcode is 7852612345.

If your ID# is 1234 then your barcode is 7852601234.

Hit the Submit button.

A screenshot of a login form titled 'My Millennium Login'. It asks the user to enter their name, barcode, and PIN. There are three input fields: 'Name' (with an example 'Ex. Smith John'), 'Your Barcode' (with an example 'For example, type in your barcode and press the RETURN key.'), and 'Type in your PIN' (with an example 'You must have a PIN to use this function.'). A 'Submit' button is at the bottom left.

You will then be asked to enter a PIN and confirm it by re-typing. Again, hit the Submit button.

A screenshot of a PIN confirmation form. It asks the user to enter their name, barcode, and PIN. There are four input fields: 'Name' (with an example 'Ex. Smith John'), 'Your Barcode' (with an example 'For example, type in your barcode and press the RETURN key.'), 'Please enter a Personal Identification Number (PIN)', 'Enter Your PIN', and 'Enter Your PIN Again'. A 'Submit' button is at the bottom left.

If you are successful, you will get a message that you are logged into Access/Pennsylvania Thaddeus Stevens. From here you can go to a list of your currently checked out items, verify due dates, and renew any items you wish. However, you may renew your items online one time only.

On Display in the LRC



Jonathan Kurowski
Philadelphia, PA
Contemporary Sideboard in Walnut



Brett Ottinger
Palmerton, PA
Chippendale Partners Desk in Walnut



Kenneth W. Schuler
Learning Resources Center

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.



Mezzanine Mavens Pick This Year's Reads

The results are in, and the Mezzanine Mavens have decided what books to read through October 2009.

- December - - - - *The Kite Runner* by Khaled Hosseini
- January - - - - - *Change of Heart* by Jodi Picoult
- February - - - - - *The Story of Edgar Sawtelle* by David Wroblewski
- March - - - - - *Eat, Pray, Love: One Woman's Search for Everything Across Italy, India, and Indonesia* by Elizabeth Gilbert
- April - - - - - *Left to Tell: Discovering God Amidst the Rwandan Holocaust* by Immaculee Ilibagiza
- May - - - - - *Water for Elephants* by Sara Gruen
- June - - - - - *The Glass Castle* by Jeannette Walls
- July - - - - - *House on 1st Street* by Julia Reed
- August - - - - - *A Thousand Splendid Suns* by Khaled Hosseini
- September - - - - *The Art of Racing in the Wind* by Garth Stein
- October - - - - - *White Oleander* by Janet Fitch

*****Join us on Dec. 17th to discuss *The Kite Runner*!*****

Featured Web Site - The Bad Credit Hotel

<http://www.controlyourcredit.gov>

Checking into The Bad Credit Hotel might not *sound* like a good idea, but it's the place to go online to learn about debt management and the value of maintaining good credit. The Bad Credit Hotel is actually an online game created by the U.S. Treasury Department to help people understand how to control their credit.

The action takes place inside the rooms of a black and white, spooky looking hotel. Players begin at the front lobby and then continue to explore the library and fireplace, picking up inventory items along the way. The objective of the game is to gain access to Rm 850, which also happens to be a perfect credit score. Once a player enters Rm 850, the picture changes from black and white to color as, hopefully, the significance of a



good credit score is understood.

You do not have to play the game - immediately after the introduction, the option is given to "play the game" or to go to "information only." In addition to the financial information, two interactive tools are available: a "real cost calculator" that shows how much a purchase made with a credit card will *really* cost and a budget calculator that figures out a monthly budget.

Although the Treasury Department's campaign is aimed at the age 18-24 demographic, the information found here is valuable to everyone. It's especially timely given the tightening of credit by U.S. banks and the increasing importance of acquiring (and keeping) good credit.