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Open House



Diane Ambruso hands out brochures to prospective students and their families in the MAC.

Open House was held on Saturday, November 7, 2009. The library was open from 9 am to 3 pm. Approximately 200 visitors - alumni, prospective students, and family members - toured the library and were treated to refreshments. Many of the guests enjoyed perusing the yearbooks that were on display at the circulation desk.

New Books @ the LRC



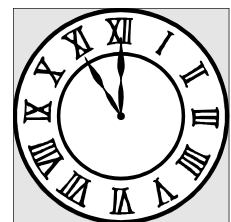
Izzy Mailen reads a selection from the new books on display at the library.

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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

Book Review



The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo by Stieg Larsson

You might want to grab a Snuggie™ and a cup of hot chocolate before delving into *The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo*, the first novel in the *Millennium* trilogy by Swedish author Stieg Larsson. This page-turner's setting in the Nordic countryside is perfectly suited for a wintry afternoon of fireside reading. The characters always seem to have a cup of coffee at the ready and they appear to need it on top of the wood-burning stove just to take away the chill in the air.

When Swedish leading industrialist Henrik Wenger summons journalist Mikail Blomkvist to a meeting at his house, Blomkvist doesn't have any idea what the old man wants from him. Having just lost a trial for libeling a prominent businessman, Blomkvist is looking at serving a three month prison sentence. But he agrees to meet with the elderly Wenger, and it is then that Mikail "Callie" Blomkvist learns of the mysterious disappearance of Wenger's niece, Harriet, nearly forty years earlier. It was a life-altering event for Wenger, and Blomkvist can't help but get caught up in the intriguing details of the case.

All these years Harriet has been presumed murdered, but her body was never found. Her uncle, now 82, wants Blomkvist, the journalist, to take one more look at all the evidence and make one last attempt to find out what happened to the teenager. Blomkvist agrees and, in the course of his investigation, acquires the services of Lisbeth Salander, a young computer hacker with the dragon tattoo of the book's title.

Author Stieg Larsson died suddenly of a heart attack in 2004 at the age of 50. He was the editor-in-chief of the magazine *Expo* and an expert on the subject of right-wing extremism and Nazi organizations. Known in Sweden as *Men Who Hate Women*, *The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo* was published posthumously. Two other novels, *The Girl Who Played with Fire* and *The Girl Who Kicked the Hornet's Nest*, also were published posthumously and complete what's known as the *Millennium* trilogy.

Know Your Student Workers

Linda Smith



Rest assured that the library has not begun engaging in the practice of nepotism, as Linda is no relation to Brenda Smith. A first-year Business Administration student, Linda grew up in Lock Haven and now resides in Strasburg. She found her way to Stevens through the YWCA's program for women called New Choices Career Development. This program offers career guidance through workshops and encourages participants to further their education.

Linda also works at the American Music Theatre, where she once met one of her favorite performers, actor/singer Harry Belafonte. She also enjoyed the performance by the Smothers Brothers at the AMT. Linda has two grown children, a son who lives locally and a daughter who lives in the Wilkes-Barre area.

Gregory Smoyer

Gregory was born and raised in Phoenixville, PA. Three years ago, while Gregory was a resident at Water Street Rescue Mission, he gave himself to Christ and began a new chapter in his life. It was also during this period that he heard Chris Metzler speak about the educational opportunities available at Thaddeus Stevens, and he decided to enroll in the CNSA program here. He had already obtained his A+ certification and Microsoft certified systems administrator from HACC through LETA (Lancaster Employment Training Agency).

In addition to his interest in computers, Gregory loves to fish (trout and bass), weight train, and do cardio workouts. He also has obtained a red belt in tai kwan do.



Cabinetmaking on Display



Cabinetmaking Instructor Rob Tobias grades a cherry chest of drawers made by Jared Hardic from Turbotville, PA.



Brian Scott of Pittsburgh, PA, stands next to his "Seymour" desk made from mahogany with holly inlays.

Introduction to NetLibrary

To access the library's eContent collection in NetLibrary, click on the box labeled "Online Resources" on the library's home page. Next, click on the link for "Books and Publishers," and then click on "NetLibrary," which will bring you to the basic search screen (shown below).

Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology's eContent collection is made up of two shared collections: one that we share with Access PA libraries and another that we share with PALINET (a library consortium). By sharing the cost of these collections with other participating libraries, we are able to purchase more content. The content in these collections, which can be described as general education, general research, and reference, was chosen by the collection development team at OCLC (Online Computer Library Center), a nonprofit computer library service and research organization, which includes Thaddeus Stevens as a member.

A screenshot of the NetLibrary website interface. The top navigation bar includes links for Home, Log In, Favorites and Notes, Create a Free Account, and Help. The main header features the NetLibrary logo and a welcome message: "Welcome to the Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology eContent Collection". Below the header, there is a "Basic Search" section with a search bar, a dropdown menu for "Full-Text", a language dropdown for "English", and a "Search" button. To the right of the search bar, there is a "In Our Collection" section with links for "eBooks", "Publicly-Accessible eBooks", and "List All Resources". At the bottom, there is a "Book of the Month" section featuring the book "Invisible China" by Amy Tan.

Library Staff

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



Holiday Hours



December 21
9 am - 1 pm
December 22 & 23
9 am - 3 pm
December 28 - 30
9 am - 3 pm
January 4 - 8
9 am - 3 pm
Regular hours resume Jan 11.

What Stevens Is Reading Now

Items that have been checked out this semester from the new book shelf:

Marine Sniper: 93 Confirmed Kills.....
by Charles Henderson

*Craft in America: Celebrating Two Centuries of Artists and Objects.....*by Jo Lauria and Stephen Fenton

*The National Parks: America's Best Idea: An Illustrated History.....*by Dayton Duncan

*Arguing with Idiots: How to Stop Small Minds and Big Government.....*by Glenn Beck

The Renewable Energy Handbook: A Guide to Rural Independence, Off-Grid and Sustainable Living.....
by William H. Kemp

*Team of Rivals: The Political Genius of Abraham Lincoln.....*by Doris Kearns Goodwin

Featured Web Site - Medpedia.com

<http://www.medpedia.com>

If you're looking for health information on the Web, there's a new source that was launched in February of this year. Medpedia - think medical encyclopedia - is a project designed to evolve into "a new model for sharing and advancing knowledge about health, medicine, and the body among medical professionals and the general public."

Click on the "all articles" link on the left-hand side of the home page to bring up a list of all the articles in the knowledge base. The editors, who are responsible for overseeing this content, are physicians or Ph.D.s in the biomedical field, all of whom have had their credentials verified. Non-editors can suggest changes to the site, but these suggestions must be approved by an editor before any changes are made.

In addition to the encyclopedia content found here, the Web site allows for indi-

viduals with shared health-related interests to come together to discuss topics. Anyone can create a community, and anyone can join. Groups, such as health-related associations, companies, hospitals, and organizations, can network and communicate with each other, too.

Another feature of Medpedia which can be accessed from the home page is a platform for displaying Twitter and news alerts. Called Medpedia Alerts, these links are aggregates of news updates from reliable sources on the Web.

Medpedia.com Inc. is funded and maintained by Ooga Labs, a group of software designers and engineers based in San Francisco. Partners in this project include Harvard Medical School, Stanford School of Medicine, UC Berkeley School of Public Health, and the University of Michigan Medical School.

