

@ the LRC

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Library Director Diane Ambruso to Retire



When the first issue of *@ the LRC* was published, the headline on the front page was “Diane Ambruso is New Director of LRC.” Eleven years later, Diane announced her plans to retire as Director of the Library at the end of this year.

Diane has had many accomplishments during her tenure here; she’s made the library an inviting and welcoming spot on campus. Simple touches like adding greenery, rearranging the furniture, and painting accent walls with the school’s colors gave the library a fresh look. Under her supervision, the archives were also painted and a time line of Stevens’s life was installed.

In 2004, she started the library’s book club which became known as The Mezzanine Mavens. Members selected *The Color of Water* by James McBride as its first selection. There was also a local author lecture series, which Diane planned and organized, held in the LRC seminar room. A wide range of guest speakers visited the library including Donald Kraybill, Ken Munro, Genevieve Wimer, Elizabeth Letts, and David Schuyler.

Diane was also responsible for switching the library’s information system from Voyager to Millennium; transitioning the library catalog to a more user-friendly interface aligned better with our students’ needs. In a similar manner, the library made a big change when we began to use EBSCOhost as our magazine, periodical, and journal database.

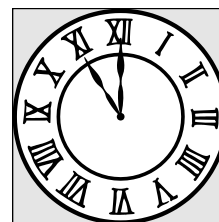
We’re all very sorry to see her go but we wish her well in her retirement and hope that she gets to spend many hours doing what she loves: traveling, gardening, cooking, and especially reading.

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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

Focus on the Archives



**Stevens Trade Squad
1934**

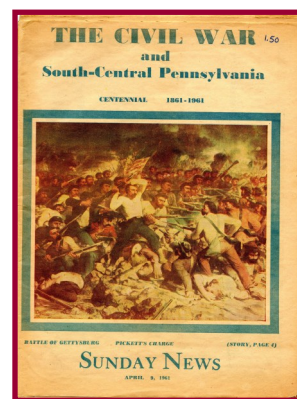
This picture was among personal items belonging to Mr. Thomas Cence that the Alumni Foundation donated to the library archives. Mr. Cence was in the Carpentry class of 1935; he recently passed away at the age of 99 years.

Throughout the years, Mr. Cence was actively involved with his alma mater. In his Presidential Update, Dr. Griscom wrote a tribute to his friend describing Mr. Cence's activities and involvement with the college. Mr. Cence was a member of the Thaddeus Stevens Alumni Association and the Thaddeus Stevens Foundation, serving terms as Secretary and President and helping establish the Alumni Housing Program. In addition to also serving on the Stevens Board of Trustees, he endowed the Thomas Cence Scholarship which has been awarded annually since 2009.

In the picture at left, Mr. Cence is in the first row, all the way to the right.

David Pytash, a custodial worker at the college, donated this interesting artifact, titled *The Civil War and South-Central Pennsylvania* to the library's archives. It was a supplement to the Sunday News of Lancaster, dated April 9, 1961, which commemorated the centennial of the nation's civil war. There are articles on the burning of the Columbia Bridge, the Christiana Riot, President Buchanan, the Battle of Gettysburg, and Thaddeus Stevens.

Titled, *Thad Stevens is Still a Controversial Figure*, the biographical piece on Stevens nicely summarizes his many achievements as a lawyer and politician (including saving the free school system in Pennsylvania) and his role in the House of Representatives during the Civil War years.



Furniture On Display

This beautiful piece of furniture, currently on display in the library, is a federal Pembroke table, made of black walnut with holly inlays. It was built by Collin Henrie from Lebanon, PA.



There is a book club once again on campus as a result of a joint effort between the Women's Center and the LRC. Here, members can be seen discussing the most recent pick, *Gender Talk Works (If You Do It Right): 7 Steps for Cracking the Gender Code at Work*.

Student Information Desk



Dakota Moorer



Jason Cotterman

Now there is a new way for students to get answers to their questions in the library. A student information desk has been set up behind the circulation desk where students can come Monday - Friday between the hours of 5:30 and 9:30 pm. Some examples of questions that students have asked are how to get added to the text alert messaging system and where to go on the portal to register for spring classes.

This is an opportunity for students to get answers to questions from another Thaddeus Stevens student. And if they can't answer your question at the desk, they guarantee a response within 12 hours.



Trish Meley is Fall's Guest Reader

Ms. Patricia Meley is the most recent guest reader to share her list of favorite books with the campus community, now on display in the library. Tricia teaches English Composition, American History, and Critical Thinking.

Born and raised in Columbia, PA, Tricia graduated with degrees in American Studies from Lynchburg College in Virginia and from Penn State University. She has had her nose in one book or another since she was four years old.

The Age of Innocence by Edith Wharton

The Poisonwood Bible by Barbara Kingsolver

A Prayer for Owen Meany by John Irving

Operating Instructions: A Journal of My Son's First Year by Ann Lamott

Man's Search for Meaning by Viktor E. Frankl

Pilgrim at Tinker Creek by Annie Dillard

You Must Remember This by Joyce Carol Oates

Working Class War: American Combat Soldiers in Vietnam by Christian G. Appy

A World of Their Own Making: Myth, Ritual, and the Quest for Family Values by John R. Gillis

Mother Tongue: English and How It Got That Way by Bill Bryson

Complete Poems by Emily Dickinson

The Trouble with Poetry and Other Poems by Billy Collins

Beloved by Toni Morrison

The Year of Magical Thinking by Joan Didion

The Phantom Tollbooth by Norton Juster



Leisha Wilt, one of the library's student workers, assembled the Christmas tree this year. Working alone, Leisha will go down in the history books for setting a new speed record in 2014.



Happy Holidays!

From the Library Staff

Diane Ambruso - Director

Tim Creamer - Librarian

Suzanne Waddell - Librarian

Brenda Smith - Library Technician

Featured Web Site - The Conversation

<http://www.theconversation/us>

With the tag line, “academic rigor, journalistic flair” The Conversation is a new web site that aims to team up academics and journalists in a totally different and innovative way. The Conversation US launched as a pilot project in October 2014; it followed The Conversation Australia in 2011 and the UK version in 2013. Based in Boston, the web site is hosted by Boston University's College of Communication. Although the newsroom is based in Boston, the team that creates content for the site is part of a global newsroom and is able to provide different points of view on current stories and cover different parts of the country.

Another lofty goal of The Conversation's team is to rebuild trust in journalism. All authors and editors sign on to an Editorial Charter, which calls for contributors to operate under journalism's best practice, free of commercial or political bias, and for the public good.

Anyone who wants to post or comment on articles needs to abide by the Community Standards policy. This

includes being respectful, considerate, constructive, and using real names, not Twitter handles. Comments made under aliases or posts that are derogatory or that include personal attacks will be deleted.

The web site itself is transparent as to who is “behind the curtain.” Click on “Our team” under “Company” to see pictures and bios of the editorial staff in the United States, Australia, and the United Kingdom.

A check of recent articles on The Conversation turned up stories with titles such as “What Next for China after Historic Climate Deal?,” and “Do Stricter Controls Curb Opioid Use?” Click on any article to see the authors, their credentials, and a disclosure statement. Furthermore, you can share or republish articles for free as long as you give proper credit as outlined in the republishing guidelines.

If you think the idea of a journalistic organization that opts for academics over correspondents sounds good, try joining The Conversation online.

