

@ the LRC

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David Manning is Fall's Guest Reader



Mr. David Manning is an Associate Professor, Physics at Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology. He received his Bachelor's Degree in Physics from Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania, and his Master's Degree in Teaching and Curriculum from Pennsylvania State University. He shared his list of favorite books, which are currently on display at the library.

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The Lord of the Rings by J.R.R. Tolkien

The Gunslinger by Stephen King

Game of Thrones by George R. R. Martin

Ben Hogan's Five Easy Lessons: The Modern Fundamentals of Golf by Ben Hogan

Surely You Are Joking, Mr. Feynman by Richard Feynman

Primal Blueprint by Mark Sisson

Angels and Demons by Dan Brown

The Godfather by Mario Puzo

Huckleberry Finn by Mark Twain

The Naked and the Dead by Norman Mailer

The Autobiography of Malcolm X by Malcolm X

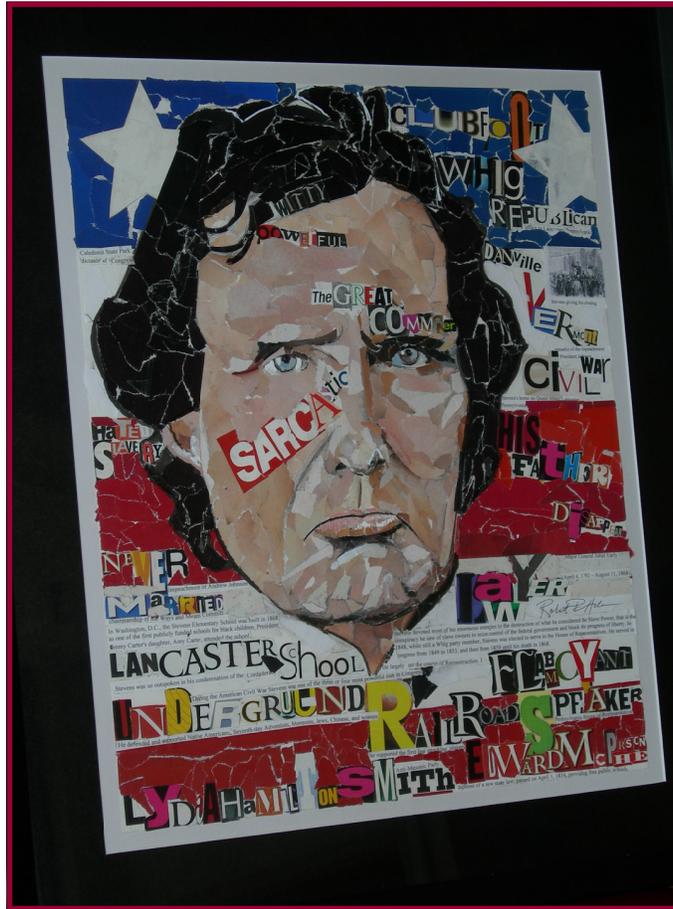
The Autobiography of Ben Franklin by Benjamin Franklin

Mutiny on the Bounty by Charles Nordhoff

Five Equations that Changed the World by Michael Guillen

Call of the Wild by Jack London

Focus on the Archives



The library added to its collection a portrait of Thaddeus Stevens by local artist, Robert P. Haldeman. Mr. Haldeman is a 4th generation artist who graduated from The Pennsylvania School of Art and Design and currently resides in South Central PA. His portraits aren't traditional drawings of a subject, but instead are colorful and unique torn paper collages.

Mr. Haldeman begins with a pencil drawing of his subject, then he searches through magazines for just the right colors, textures, words, and letters to complete the collage. Although his work may bring to mind the hodgepodge ransom note from a kidnapper, the finished effect is a very dramatic piece of artwork. In the case of Thaddeus Stevens, some of the words Mr. Haldeman added to the portrait included witty, sarcastic, club foot, Whig, Lancaster school, and underground railroad.

Because his collages incorporate biographical information, it's necessary for the artist to spend a great deal of time researching the dreams and motivations of his subjects' lives. Besides Thaddeus Stevens, Mr. Haldeman has created collages of Janis Joplin, Bob Marley, Mick Jagger, Harry Kalas, and Charles Demuth, to name a few.

Commissioned artwork is available through his Artist Representative, Susan Black, muse, innovator and founder of Artmuze, LLC. According to Ms. Black, who provided the artist's biographical information for this article, "sharing his art and being an artist brings a lifelong fulfillment" to Mr. Haldeman.

Prints of Thaddeus Stevens's portrait are available in the Alumni Office for \$25.

Tim Creamer's ebay treasures now include a copy of the New York Tribune dated Thursday, Aug. 13 1868, which features a front page story on the death of Thaddeus Stevens. Unlike anything found in modern journalism, this article takes up 2 full columns of the front page and recounts The Great Commoner's dying hours in great detail. It was noted in the article that many personal and political friends called at his residence to inquire about his health on the day of his death. Thaddeus Stevens, Jr., his nephew, Simon Stevens, a relative, Mrs. Smith, his housekeeper, and the Sisters of Charity were also present.

Earlier in the day, Stevens conversed with his relative, Simon, on various issues of national affairs, but at 5:30 pm, his physician came to call and announced that his condition was worsening. In the evening, two colored clergymen came to see the dying man. When Stevens permitted them to enter, the clergymen sang a hymn and said some prayers with Stevens, now on his deathbed. When the Sisters of Charity learned that Stevens had never been baptized, they requested permission to perform the ceremony. Stevens said that he had no objections and shortly afterward, at precisely 12 o'clock, Stevens quietly passed away.

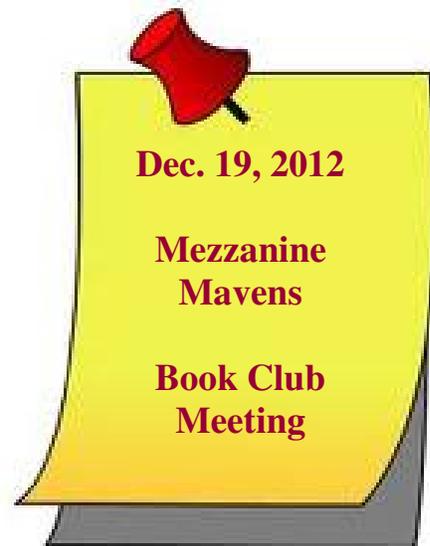


Mezzanine Mavens Book Club News

The book club met on Oct. 31, to discuss the first selection of the school year - *Sarah's Key*. It seems that everyone liked this novel told in two parallel storylines - one that takes place during the beginning of WWII in Paris and one that is set in present day Paris. The common element of both storylines is an apartment where the title character lived with her family before being rounded up by the Nazis and the French police and sent to a concentration camp. Several members expressed a preference for one of the storylines over the other, although one member enjoyed both parts of the novel equally.

Next up for the Mezzanine Mavens is *Eli* by Bill Myers, which explores the question, what if Jesus had not come until today? In Myers' novel, the celebrated birth takes place in the back of a motel laundry room and the Messiah appears in a T-shirt and blue jeans.

The next meeting is December 19, 2012, at 11:30 am in the library's mezzanine. Members are invited to bring a bag lunch to the meeting; drinks and dessert will be provided.



Furniture on Display



This entertainment center was crafted by Andrew Dunn from Wilkes-Barre and was made from ash and walnut.



The chest of drawers, above, was made from walnut by Aaron Mahl of Easton.

Happy Holidays!

From the library's student workers:

Dante Fletcher

and Sixto Saavedra



Stop in the library to check out the items on display for Christmas. Several new seasonal DVD titles were added including:

White Christmas, Miracle on 34th Street, This Christmas, Last Holiday, Four Christmases, Scrooged, Home Alone, National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation, Eight Crazy Nights, and The Perfect Holiday

Featured Web Site - Instructables

<http://www.instructables.com>

With the tag line, "share what you make," Instructables is one of the first how-to sites on the web. The site was launched in August 2005, by Eric Wilhem, a mechanical engineer who graduated from MIT. He currently acts as the site's CEO and regularly contributes articles.

From the home page, you can browse the various projects, which are organized into one of the following categories: food, living, outside, play, technology, or workshop. There are also links within each category to recent, popular, or featured projects.

Christmas project ideas can be found under the category, "Living." Here you can find plenty of



inspiration for making Christmas ornaments such as beautiful glass ornaments colored with sharpies or a nifty ornament made from Scrabble tiles that spell out "Joy." There are also instructables for advent calendars, holiday decorations, and wreaths. One interesting Christmas wreath is made from red and green shotgun shells.

If you're interested in sharing your own projects, click on the link at the top of the home page labeled "create." Here you can upload your own photos, step by step text instructions, and/or video. You will have to create an account in order to share your own creations, but registration for basic access is free.