

LIBRARY NEWS

SPRING 2008 ISSUE

THE GROUNDHOG DID NOT LIE!

Fish Tank!!!



Also Happening at the Library:

-Currently on the First Floor of the Library Gallery there is a collection of powerful photographs by Iraq War veteran Russell Lee Klika entitled "Iraq, Thru the Eyes of an American Soldier". This collection is sponsored by the Department of Journalism and Mass Communication. The curator of this exhibition is Justine Coyne. On the Lower Level, there are displays of Point Park students' photographic work. The Library Gallery is a result of student survey requests to make the empty walls more stimulating.

-The Library is featuring banners from a series called "Inside the Associated Press" depicting major events in world history such as AP coverage of wars, natural disasters, space travel, civil rights landmarks and other momentous occurrences. This exhibit is sponsored by the Department of Journalism and Mass Communication. The banners can be seen on the first and second floors of the University Center.

-In observance of the Faculty Recognition Celebration, the Library will be exhibiting faculty achievements in their fields during the month of April. The celebration reception will take place in the Ballroom on April 16th from 2:00pm to 4:00pm.

NEW TITLES

Best seller titles in fiction and nonfiction are added to our Popular Collection every month.

Some recently-added titles include:

- Charlie Wilson's War
- Barack Obama's Dreams From my Father : a Story of Race and Inheritance
- Bay Buchanan's The Extreme Makeover of Hillary (Rodham) Clinton
- Al Gore's The Assault on Reason
- Elizabeth Gilbert's Eat, Pray, Love : One Woman's Search for Everything Across Italy, India, and Indonesia
- Dan Rooney : My 75 Years with the Pittsburgh Steelers and the NFL .
- Douglas Frantz and Catherine Collins' The Nuclear Jihadist : the True Story of the Man Who Sold the World's Most Dangerous Secrets-- and How We Could Have Stopped Him

New DVD titles include:

- Eastern Promises
- Elizabeth, the Golden Age
- The Heartbreak Kid
- The Invasion
- King of California
- The Kingdom
- Right At Your Door
- Shoot 'em Up
- The Simpson's Movie

For more titles click on the New Books, DVDs, Plays and More link in Pointcat -- The Online Catalog

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LIBRARY FEATURES

Go to www.pointpark.edu to get to the <u>Library</u> link

To access databases and online books from offcampus computers, use the off-campus links and sign on with your Point Park email username and password

There are 35,000+ ebooks available through the library. Access them through <u>Pointcat-the</u> <u>Online Catalog</u> or through Ebrary in <u>Online Resources</u> and Databases.

<u>One Search</u> searches it all! Use One Search to search most of the library's databases and the online catalog at the same time.

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Order books from other academic libraries through <u>EZ-Borrow</u>.

NEW DATABASE — ECONOMISTS' VOICE

The Economists' Voice is an online journal database providing "a nonpartisan forum for economists to present innovative policy ideas or engaging commentary on the issues of the day. Readers include professional economists, lawyers, policy analysts, policymakers, and students of economics." A publication of the Berkley Electronic Press, students and faculty gain access to full-text, peer-reviewed articles written in language plain enough for even the general reader. Updated continuously, the journal offers new information on current issues discussed by economists. The database content ranges from Volume 1, Issue 1, September 2004 to the present.

Features of Economists' Voice

• Create a personalized account simply by clicking on the "My Account" tab at the top of the page and entering basic personal information in the form provided.

• "Bealerts" allow you to sign-up for email notifications of new articles based on personally selected criteria and areas of interest.

• Enable RSS feeds allowing for notification of newly posted articles in *The Economists' Voice*.

• Standard search options are available for simple browsing of publications or searches of specific interest.

CARY GRANT SLEPT HERE?!?

Can you name the Alfred Hitchcock movie in which Cary Grant's character was accused of spending the night in one of our Point Park buildings?

Take a look at the dialogue

THORNHILL (Cary Grant)

I'm not Kaplan!

VANDAMM

I do wish you would reconsider.

LEONARD

We also know your contact in Pittsburgh since Jason committed suicide.

THORNHILL

(angrily) What contact? I've never even been in Pittsburgh.

VANDAMM

On June sixteenth, you checked into the Sherwyn Hotel in Pittsburgh as Mr. George Kaplan of Berkeley, California. A week later you registered at the Benjamin Franklin Hotel in Philadelphia as Mr. George Kaplan of Pittsburgh.... (scene from the Library database — American Film Scripts)

www.pointpark.edu—>Library—>Online Resources-Databases—> All Databases—> American Film Scripts



Is this mysteriously bespectacled Cary Grant running from his seamy Pittsburgh past? What actually went on in the Sherwyn Hotel (aka *Lawrence Hall*) on June 16th? *Turn to the last page to find out the title of this movie!

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WHAT IS PEER-REVIEW???

As you consider the research paper you are going to write, remember you want the best information you can find. How will you know if a resource is reliable? Scholarly journal articles are refereed, or peer-reviewed, which means before an article is accepted for publication in a scholarly journal, it is read and critiqued by experts in the field. These experts decide whether or not an article is fit for publication. If the article is not immediately publishable (or outright rejected), changes or improvements may be necessary. The process of assessment ensures that a work is relevant, effectively communicated and conveys reliable information. In other words, peer-review is a form of quality control.

How will you know if an article has been peer-reviewed?

Sometimes a database will inform you. By clicking on its "About" page, it may tell you about the contents of the database and therefore whether or not the articles it contains are peer-reviewed. Some databases allow you to limit your search results to peer-reviewed articles. EBSCOhost allows you to do this by checking the appropriate box.



As a general rule, scholarly publications contain peerreviewed articles and you can most often tell a scholarly journal by its title, *Journal for Cultural Research*, for example. *Time* magazine, for instance, is not peer-reviewed.

If you are still uncertain, you can look up the name of the journal in a database and it should tell you if it is peerreviewed or not.





THE POINT PARK ARCHIVE NEEDS YOU???

A collection of archival photographs will be on display in University Center during the month of March. We invite the university community to help us identify people, events, and places depicted in the images. Tell us in person at the front desk or send us an email at library@pointpark.edu.

In the upcoming months, look for more opportunities to give your input about other mystery Point Park photographs and documents.



Here's a mystery for you: What's going on in this 1991 photograph? What is everyone pointing at?

Research Reminders

IM The Answer: Library staff members are available to answer your research and general library questions through Instant Messenger. If you have an AOL or Yahoo instant messenger account, contact us at **pointlibim**. This service is available during our business hours.

Email Your Questions: Library staff are available to answer your questions via email. Staff will typically answer questions from 8:00am-9:00pm, if you email your question after 9:00pm, it will be answered the following day.

EZ Borrow: If there is a resource you need that the library does not have, our EZ Borrow service allows you to search the catalogs of a number of different academic libraries to find what you are looking for. If the material is available via EZ Borrow, it will be delivered to the library for you to pick up and you will be notified via email.

Laptops: Laptops with wireless access are available at the Reference Desk for students to check out and use in the library.

Research Consultations: If you are in need of assistance with a research paper or topic, make an appointment to meet with a librarian individually.

Stop by the library reference desk and say hello to your librarians:

Liz Evans—Director Brenton Wilson — Associate Director Paul Antoline— Evening and Weekend Reference Associate Dev Albarelli—Reference / Instruction Librarian Joan Hamby — Faculty Librarian Phil Harrity — Assistant Archivist Melanie Kirchartz—Circulation Coordinator Anna Mihalega— Reference / Instruction Librarian / Archivist Andy Muskopf—Evening and Weekend Reference Associate Margie Stampahar—Technical Services Coordinator





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