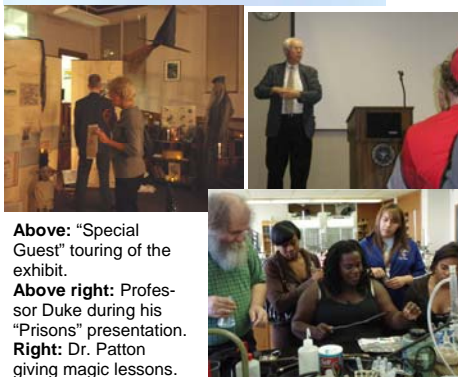


Missouri Valley College

Dates to Remember:

November:

- **NOW** - Nov. 21st
"Harry Potter's World: Renaissance Science, Magic, and Medicine"
(ALA traveling exhibition)
- 6th & 7th
Book Sale in Murrell Library lobby (**Bag for a Buck!**)
- 7th & 14th (Sat.)
Advanced Potion-Making Lab for Young Witches, Wizards and Muggles ages 8 to 80
2:00pm-3:00pm
in Science Center 211
- 17th
Screening of *Galileo's Battle for the Heavens*
7:00pm-8:00pm
in the Coffee by the Book Room



Above: "Special Guest" touring the exhibit.
Above right: Professor Duke during his "Prisons" presentation.
Right: Dr. Patton giving magic lessons.

Check these out:

New Books:

Critical Perspectives on Harry Potter

Living Water: Vodka and Russian Society on the Eve of Emancipation

A Different Mirror: A History of Multicultural America

New Videos:

In-Living Color: Seasons 1 & 2
The Life of Lewis Carroll
Planet Earth (complete series)

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Potter has Arrived

The "Harry Potter's World: Renaissance Science, Magic, and Medicine" traveling exhibition has arrived! You know what that means, right? The Potterpooza festivities have begun!

By this point in the Potterpooza Special Events line-up, the library has hosted **six** stellar programs!

The library hosted an exclusive "Special Guest" touring of the exhibit for MVC faculty and staff. Valley's very own Professor of Chemistry, Dr. Stephen R. Patton, organized two exceptional Renaissance Science and Religion Seminars; "The End of Science and Beginning of Magic" led by Dr. Patton and "The History of Prisons: from

the Biblical Holding Cell to the Quaker Prison and Beyond" led by Criminal Justice Professor Jon Duke.

Dr. Patton also volunteered to lead the young witches, wizards and muggles of Marshall in four "Advanced Potion-Making Labs" (there are still two more to go).

So, if you see a couple of kids flying on broomsticks and teachers being turned into frogs you know who to blame!

MVC alumnus, Bryan Gaskill, discussed Christopher Marlowe's tragic case of *Doctor Faustus*. Mr. Gaskill's enthusiasm for the dilemma of poor Faustus was contagious!

There are still **four** more programs to go! Don't miss out!!! Visit the library's special events page at www.moval.edu/library1/

[specialevents.asp](#) for the dates and times of all our upcoming events.

Even if none of the upcoming Harry Potter-inspired events strike your fancy, be sure to visit the FREE exhibition before November 21st.

"Harry Potter's World" was organized by the National Library of Medicine, National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, Maryland. The exhibition tour is coordinated by the American Library Association Public Programs Office, Chicago.



Above: Bryan Gaskill at the Dr. Faustus presentation

Poe Bicentennial

ber was much better suited for his celebration.

On October 13th, 2009, the library hosted "The Missing Man," its first ever murder mystery night based on the short story *The Tell-Tale Heart* by Edgar Allan Poe. Unlike most mystery parties where the object of the evening is to figure out "whodunit," the library detectives were instructed to locate the corpse of a missing old man. They were

given a map of the library, the culprit's confession and one initial clue. The first one to gather and decode the clues won (yes, there really was a "corpse").

I think Poe would have been proud!



Poe Murder Mystery Night participants.

Work Study that Work

It's that time again... time for the splendid Ron Curtis to pass on the title of AWESOME Work Study.

Ron is definitely a tough act to follow, but this month's AWESOME Work Study has proven time and time again just how deserving he really is. Congratulations **Taylor Castillo** you are Awesome Work Study of

the Month!!! Taylor is an ambitious Mass Comm. major involved in many different organizations on campus and still NEVER misses any of his work study shifts.

Taylor, the library staff has nothing but good things to say about you! We all adore your sense of humor and applaud your work

ethic. Thank you so much for being YOU! Keep up the AWESOME work!

Taylor asked that I point out to all interested ladies that he is on facebook, so add him as a friend if you want to check out his "devilish" good looks and "wicked" sense of fun.



Taylor Castillo

MySpace
and
facebook
and
twitter!

Oh, my!

George Murrell is on all three social networking sites!

Add him as your friend and be one of the first to know all the info!

Dear Libby,

No offense, but you're so old and wise... when do you think libraries will eventually die? Again, no offense, but do you think it will be just before or just after you die? I mean come on! Seriously, libraries are archaic, anything you would go to a library for can be found on the internet. You know that's true... just look around Murrell Library, more and more computers and even the most recent acquisitions lists are filled with more and more e-books.

What do you think?

The Future of the USA

Dear Dreary Future,

Your query is legitimate, but the manner in which you've chosen to inquire is foul.

You must think in 100 years when I'm gone, yes 100 years, the United States will no longer house writers, readers and in general knowledgeable people. I don't know how a college student

such as yourself would or could deny the importance of libraries. I hope you understand that Murrell Library is more than a place where books and librarians go to die.... We've embraced technology because the world has. Unless it stabs us in the back like Brutus, I think we'll be just fine.



Forever Live,
Libby

Libby the Librarian

Check them out!

"Doing research on the Web is like using a library assembled piecemeal by pack rats and vandalized nightly."

Roger Ebert

Do you have any literature on the origins of the swine flu? I think my brother may have caused the outbreak... he had flu like symptoms just before all the humans started to get it, but he thinks its "antiPIGitism"... something about humans acting out about the whole "four legs good, two legs bad" thing.



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