

Missouri Valley College

Dates to
Remember:

September:

• 1st

Touch of Nature Exhibit
(all month long)

• 2nd

Dorm Survival 101
(Freshman Celebration) 6-8 pm

• 17th

Constitution Alley



Your friendly library staff (Brian Hampton, Norine Gaskill, Mary Slater, Bathsheba Love and Pam Reeder) during the 2009 Lemonade on the Lawn Event

Photo by Samuel Njuguna

Check these out:

New Books:

The Day We Found the Universe

City of Thieves: A Novel

The Franks

The Rape of Serbia: The British role in Tito's Grab for Power

New Videos:

Gran Torino

He's Just Not That Into You

Planet Earth (complete series)

Stranger than Fiction

Murrell Memorial Library Newsletter

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WELCOME, Bienvenido, Bienvenue, Willkommen, Välkomnande, Boa Vinda, Serdecznie Witamy!

Salutations, Vikings! Hopefully you have had the chance to locate all of your classes, get settled into your dorm, and let the cafe food digest... after all you have had over a week here.

Once all of that has been taken care of, you will have to make time to visit the most amazing site in Marshall. It's a wonderful place filled with knowledge, creativity, fun and the most splendid staff in the world (definitely not an exaggeration). I know what you're thinking; can such a place exist in this small town? ABSOLUTELY! Its formal name is Murrell Memorial Library, but everyone around these parts simply refers to it as *Mt. Olympus* (mostly because it is a

place where library gods and goddesses reside).

Murrell Library's gods and goddesses bear many of the same abilities the Greek gods are said to have possessed.

Pam Reeder, the library director, like Zeus upholds library law, justice and morals while still managing to order books, catalog, give tours and demonstrations, help students, oversee her personnel, and so much more.

Mary Slater, the reference librarian, resembles Athena the goddess of wisdom.

Bathsheba Love is our very own Aphrodite (after all her last name is Love).

Brian Hampton is considered the library's Apollo. His hair looks like it has been kissed by the sun

and his work area is always filled with medicine (ibuprofen) and mellow music.

Tiffany Hackman is Hermes incarnate. She zips between buildings grabbing change, relaying messages, and delivering packages.

Norine Gaskill... she is undoubtedly Hades. No explanation necessary, just go and visit her in the Teacher Ed. Library.

All kidding aside, the library is a great place full of helpful staff and wonderful resources specifically for the MVC students. Hopefully all of you take advantage of the fabulous opportunities brought to you by your friendly library staff.

Dorm Survival 101

Living on-campus is not the end of the world, though it may feel like that at times. You are forced to share a room with a strange person, follow rules you cannot believe are really rules, share bathrooms that are more often than not totally nauseating, eat food that is not anything like mom's, and if

you do not have a car... you will have to **walk** or learn to hitchhike.

Fear not freshmen, help is on the way! On the 2nd of September, Murrell Library welcomes all freshmen to join their Dorm Survival 101 night of festivities. Not only will there be present-

ers with plenty of survival tips, but there will be games, tours, **snacks**, and a movie.

Dorm Survival 101 begins at 6pm, so bring all your questions and some friends, if you have any.

Harry Potter @ Your Library

The Murrell Memorial Library is pleased to announce the opening of a new exhibition, "Harry Potter's World: Renaissance Science, Magic, and Medicine" on October 21, 2009.

The traveling exhibition uses materials from the National Library of Medicine's History of Medicine collections to explore Harry Potter's world, its roots in Renaissance science and the ethical questions that affected not only the wizards in J.K. Rowling's books, but also the historical thinkers featured in the series.

Exhibit panels feature the works of 15th- and 16th-century thinkers, such as naturalist Konrad Gesner, alchemist Nicolas Flamel and occultist Heinrich Cornelius Agrippa von Nettesheim, and explore their understandings of natural philosophy, medicine and magic. The panels also highlight illustrations from Renaissance texts of some of the fantastic creatures and plants featured in "Harry Potter," including basilisks, dragons, merpeople and mandrakes, and use them to explore the intersection between the nov-

els and Renaissance thinkers, lore and practices.

"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.

Stay tuned for more information on programs and events in association with "Harry Potter's World" hosted by Murrell Memorial Library.



"I learned three important things in college - to use a library, to memorize quickly and visually, to drop asleep at any time given a horizontal surface and fifteen minutes."

- Agnes DeMille
(Dance to the Piper)

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!

Don't let this happen to you:



Libby the Librarian

Dear Libby,

I was having difficulties with my new dorm room. After moving all my stuff in I really wanted to check my email... So, I plugged my computer in and guess what? **DENIED!** After freaking out for a bit I decided to call IT. They told me I didn't have antivirus! Can you believe that? **Isn't getting tested enough?!** IT told me to come in with my computer and they would explain, but they just messed with it and sent me on my way. My roommate seems to think you can get an antivirus FREE on the internet! Maybe I should ask the nurse. What do you think? Do you use an antivirus? Is it safe?

"Safe" Student

Welcome back "Student,"

I believe the sickness you're trying to prevent doesn't really affect me, but I would like for you to know your health is important to me... I know that sounds caring and considerate, but don't be fooled. Even this glimpse of kindness is selfish. I interact with plenty of students, but when they come to me full of sickness and disease, I cringe. Keep your germs to yourself.



Honest Libby

Written by Norine Gaskill