



Murrell Memorial Library Newsletter

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Dates to Remember:

December:

- **5th & 6th**
Book Sale
- **8th**
All books are **due back**
- **10th - 13th**
Fall Finals Week
(Good Luck! Don't forget to come back in January)

Check these out:

New Books:

- **Mexican Whiteboy**
- **Superstition: Belief in the Age of Science**
- **The Mighty Aztecs**
- **The Encyclopedia of Jazz in the Sixties**

New Videos:

- **The Children Nobody Wanted**
- **Iron Man**
- **Model T**

George of the Library, Friend to You and Me

For those of you who are having a difficult time figuring out who George Murrell is, please continue reading this article. George Murrell is not only the name of the college library, but the name of a very well respected man. He lived, and died, before any of us could get to know him. Luckily his very generous son discovered a marvelous way to keep his father's memory alive and give to the community. He commissioned the Murrell Memorial Library to be built and the rest is history. Well, not really.

Recently, the formal title is so much more relaxed and simply known as "The Library." In an effort to not

lose touch with George Murrell, the library staff has rejuvenated him. George is now the person to add on all the social networking



An assortment of people enjoying folk singing in the Library

sites like Facebook and MySpace. Seriously, the intention of George as a presence on these sites is geared toward the establishment of communication

between the Library and Missouri Valley College students.

The staff posts upcoming events, photos of the participants at events, allows the book clubs to interact through blogging to accommodate the chaotic schedules of attendees, and is a place to suggest anything from books the library should get to having air freshener in the bathroom. The Murrell Library is a place which not only serves academic requirements, but also exists to serve the campus' needs as well.

Believe it or not the Murrell Memorial Library is the spot to be. Just ask George.

Election Roundup

On November 4, 2008 the Murrell Library concluded their Debate Watch activities with an *Election Night Extravaganza*.

By 7p.m. over 25 people joined **Cathy Barton and Dave Para**, local folk singers, to celebrate the timely tradition of political mudslinging. They not only brought and played a wide variety of unique instruments like the Jew's Harp,

mouthbow, and the didgeridoo, but also shared the historical significance of each object and song. Their performance had people singing along to our nation's most memorable songs and dancing in their seats.

By 8p.m. the Candidate's Favorite Cookie Election was underway. The voter turnout was amazing. For those of you who have not yet heard Senator McCain's favorite,

oatmeal-butterscotch, beat out the 44th President's favorite, shortbread.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the festivities.



*Cathy & Dave
Election Night Extravaganza*

Join the discussion Spring 2009!

Christian Urban
Novel Book Club

Graphic Novel Book Club

Kid's Reads for Adults
Book Club

Mystery Book Club

Non-Fiction Book Club



Work Study that Work

It's about that time again, time for Tracie Kohn to pass the torch to yet another "Awesome" library worker. This month's winner should feel very proud of himself for not only being named Awesome, but because this is the last recipient for

2008. Did we save the best for last? Maybe...

Shane Jennings, the year is coming to a close and you have pulled ahead! You make the office a brighter place with your smile and helpful attitude. We know how hard it can be to fit in work study when you're involved in Track & Field, do-

ing homework, socializing, sleeping, and eating, but you make it look easy.

Though I've heard rumors of your departure from being our work study to possibly becoming an RA, the library staff would like to thank you for being awesome you. We all hope to get to keep you.



Shane Jennings

Libby the Librarian

Dear Libby,

Why do I have to turn in all my books into the library by Dec. 8th? If I give you all my books you're just going to go on Amazon or whatever and sell them and make money. What does the library need money for? My mom is going to be really mad at you guys; she bought my text books for me. . . She might not be so mad if she could get a receipt for like a tax write off.

-Momma's Favorite

Dear "Favorite,"

Please pay close attention to what I'm about to tell you—only return LIBRARY BOOKS by the 8th of December. That simply means books which you have checked out from the library. They are easily detected by the barcode on the front cover and the call number (a series of letters and numbers that looks like it could possibly be a code or even another language) on the spine

of the book.

You must have misunderstood the dozens of emails and flyers. We do not want your text books. All you need to worry about is getting our books back to us.

Lethargic Libby

(Please forgive me, it has been a terribly long semester)



"Every time a bell rings an angel gets his wings."

-ZuZu Bailey



You don't have to love the color to Go Green

Most of us Californians should remember *Recycling Rex*, the spokesdinosaur for the state's Department of Conservation. Unless you've come across him online, or you're from California, chances are you've never heard of him. His message is simple, "Recycle, reduce, reuse and close the loop." He was developed to teach children the importance of R³.

Rex was right, but there is so

much more to R³ mentality. Recently the efforts for environmental consciousness have skyrocketed thanks to those organizations truly dedicated to the movement. *GreenFILE*TM is an electronic resource which provides a unique perspective on the positive and negative ways humans affect the ecology.

The *GreenFILE*TM database contains scholarly and general interest titles, as well as

government documents and reports. It is a great resource for academic and personal projects.

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F Y I Patrick Henry once said, "I know not what course others may take; but as for me, give me liberty or give me death!" Your friendly library staff feels just as strongly about our books. Without books we would simply be a building. **So, please remember to have ALL our books back to us by December 8th, or be prepared to pay the price. . . \$120/item, plus lots of nagging.**

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