

We invite you to use the library and encourage your students to do the same. Here's a brief update on what's happening at the library.

Have a concern, question, or suggestion about the library? Please let us know!

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Librarians without Borders: Larry Fisher

Larry Fisher will retire at the end of the Spring term, but this humble library servant has no plans to spend time fishing and visiting the grandchildren. Instead, Larry has announced his plans to lend his efforts to Librarians without Borders. Librarians without Borders is of course the independent international humanitarian organization that delivers emergency research assistance to people affected by armed conflict, epidemics, and natural or man-made disasters. Larry has already begun to research his intended destination, Kenya. When asked about his interest in Kenya, Larry answered, "You know, Kenya has enjoyed a reputation as one of East Africa's most stable nations since achieving independence from the UK in 1963. But a booming tourism industry, impressive economic growth and decades of peace in a region scarred by conflict have served to disguise widespread poverty, violent crime, corruption, simmering ethnic tensions, and perhaps most importantly, inadequate access to library resources. Did you know that between January 16 and January 18, LWB librarians answered more than 34 reference questions in the Kibera slums of Nairobi?" Stay tuned for the announcement of Larry's retirement party.



Kenyan President Mwai Kibaki recently announced a wildly unpopular hike in overdue fines.

ARC Book Club: B.U.M.S (Books Under Mutual Study)

Join us in the CTL on Tuesday, March 4, 2008 to discuss *The Indian Clerk*, by David Leavitt (and of course to earn an hour of flex credit). I know that since the last book club meeting was canceled, some of you are doubtlessly thinking (and justifiably so) that I'm the boy who cried "book club!" If you attend on the meeting on March 4, I swear to you that I will make it up to you. I believe the words to the song Baby Come Back by the band Player best describe what I'm feeling right now:



Spending all my nights
All my money going out on the town
Doing anything just to get you off of my mind.
But when the morning comes
I'm right back where I started again.
Trying to forget the ARC book club is just a waste of time.

Baby come back, any kind of fool could see
There was something in everything about you.
Baby come back, you can blame it all on me
I was wrong, and I just can't live without you.

From Library Journal:

Set at Cambridge University in the early 20th century, this ambitious new historical novel from the author of *The Lost Language of Cranes* is based on the life of English mathematician G.H. Hardy and his partnership with the self-taught Indian genius Ramanujan... Although Leavitt has written with a very literate reader in mind and has clearly done his math homework, it is not necessary to know anything about the featured Reimann hypothesis to enjoy this excellent book. Among the many themes explored here are the conflict between scientific rationalism and ancient religious traditions, the terrible culture shock Indians felt in England 100 years ago, the disastrous effect the Great War had on life in Cambridge, and, most of all, the frailty of human relationships.

Textbooks and Library Reserves

Many students rely on textbooks in the library reserve collection to stay in school. You can help! While the library does purchase some textbooks, demand far outweighs supply (that #&@ invisible hand of the market). You can help!

- Do you have an extra copy of a current textbook? Please bring it by the library's circulation desk.
- Some textbook publishers will provide an extra copy of a textbook that has been ordered for a class. When you order textbooks, consider asking your publishing representative for an extra copy that may be placed on reserve.
- If you already mention reserve materials in your syllabus, please consider adding the call numbers of your items to make your list even more useful for your students.