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QUICK LINKS

Library Hours Calendar
http://www.alma.edu/academics/library/about_the_library/hours

Photo Archives Online
http://alma.cdmhost.com

Interlibrary Loan Request Form
http://www.alma.edu/academics/library/services/interlibrary_loan/request

or click on desired item on the Library Home page

UPCOMING EVENTS

Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration Week
Main Level- Anderson Reading Area
January 16 -20, 2006

Stop by and view all or part of these Films playing:
Monday, January 16
2:45 – 5:00 pm **Eyes on the Prize**
The Time Has Come
Two Societies
Tuesday, January 17
1:00 – 4:00 pm **Eyes on the Prize**
Power!
The Promised Land
Ain't Gonna Shuffle No More
Wednesday, January 18
1:00 – 4:00 pm **Eyes on the Prize**
A Nation of Law?
The keys to the Kingdom
Back to the Movement
Thursday, January 19
1:00 – 4:00 pm **The Rise & Fall of Jim Crow**
Fighting Back
Don't Shout Too Soon
Terror and Triumph
Friday, January 20
2:00 – 3:30 pm **Every Mother's Son**
Caught in Between

Michael Delp Reading
Main Level- Anderson Reading Area
March 15, 2006
Time: To be announced
See Article on page three

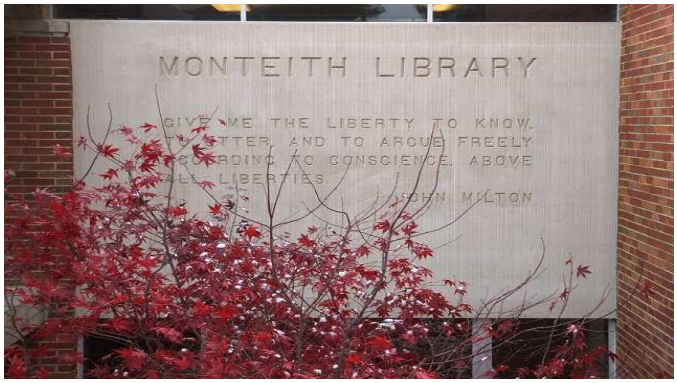
FROM THE DIRECTOR

After a very busy Fall Term the library staff is gearing up for Winter. An exciting new addition to library services is circulating laptop computers. Beginning January 23, 2006 the library will have six laptops available at the Circulation Desk. These laptops can access the Alma College wireless network. They may be checked out for use only in the library, for four hours at a time. The laptops are available to all Alma College faculty, students and staff. Please check at the Circulation Desk for more details.

We also have a new addition to the Library Home Page, Information for Faculty. This page compiles information and services specifically for faculty. Hopefully this will help streamline the information seeking process for all faculty members.

GOVERNMENT DOCUMENTS COLLECTION DECOMMISSIONED

The library has just completed the decommissioning of our government documents collection. Specific documents were claimed by the Library of Michigan and now reside in that collection. Those that remain have been cataloged and integrated into our main collection. Most documents are now available either online or through our interlibrary loan service.



ALMA COLLEGE LIBRARY MISSION

The mission of the Alma College Library is to provide services, resources and instruction to support the mission of the College. By creating an environment conducive to learning, exploration and group interaction, the Library strives to foster intellectual curiosity and academic excellence, to be responsive to changes in the delivery of information and to champion life-long learning

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STAFF NEWS

Steven Vest to Take Sabbatical Leave

Steven Vest will be on sabbatical leave from January – June, 2006. He has trips planned to California, Nevada and Indiana in order to visit Library Instruction programs that make extensive or innovative use of active/engaged learning programs and make use of flexible learning environments. He plans to visit several different programs, observe instruction sessions at each site and interview students, faculty and staff for their insights for the potential benefits of such programs.

Staff News continued:

New Staff

The Interlibrary Loan Department welcomes two new student assistants, Ashley Grizzel and Faina Polt.

LIBRARY TEXTBOOK AWARD

The library staff members are supporting a new Library Textbook Award to help our student assistants purchase textbooks. We awarded our first two awards for Winter Term 2006 to Tiffany Balducci '06 and Stacy Morey '06. Both Tiffany and Stacy have worked in the library since their first year at Alma College and have experience in Interlibrary Loan and at the Circulation Desk. They each received a $100.00 award to purchase textbooks at the Kiltie Korner. Congratulations Tiffany and Stacy!

In order to help fund the Textbook Award the library staff maintains a book sale table located across from the Circulation Desk. We are selling hardcover books for $.50 and paperbacks for $.25. The sale books are restocked often, so take a look whenever you are in the library. And, if you have any books you would like to donate to the library, please contact the Circulation Desk.

In addition to the book sale we are also sending unneeded books to Better World Books, an organization that offers books for sale on the Internet and shares a portion of the profits with us and our literacy partner, Room to Read. (http://www.roomtoread.org)

The Better World Books store can be found at http://www.betterworldbooks.com/Bookstore. Better World Books promises that no books sent to them will end up in a landfill. So, if you have books you no longer need, please consider donating them to the library.

VIEWING STATION

The library now has equipment for viewing DVDs and VHS tapes. The viewing station is located just outside the library computer classroom and has wireless headphones available. DVDs and/or VHS tapes can be viewed.

NEW AT ALMA COLLEGE LIBRARY

Following is a summary of the contents of a new book in the library, *Hungry Planet: What the World Eats*. This book can be found in the Oversize section on the second level of the library. The call number is TX 353 .M43 2005

Imagine inviting yourself to dinner with 30 different families in 24 countries. Imagine shopping, farming, cooking and eating with those families taking note of every vegetable peeled, every beverage poured, every package opened. Well that's what photographer Peter Menzel and writer Faith D'Aluisio did for their new book, *Hungry Planet: What the World Eats*. The husband-and-wife team wanted to see how globalization, migration and rising affluence are affecting the diets of communities around the globe. Each chapter of their book features a portrait of a family, photographed alongside a week's worth of groceries. There's also a detailed list of all the food and the total cost.

The Aboubakar family of Darfur province, Sudan, in front of their tent in the Breidjing Refugee Camp, in eastern Chad, with a week's worth of food. © 2005 Peter Menzel from 'Hungry Planet: What the World Eats' NPR.org

ALMA ALUM PRESENTING HIS WORK IN LIBRARY ON MARCH 15, 2006

Michael Delp teaches Creative Writing at Interlochen Arts Academy. He received his B.A. from Alma College and has studied at Western Michigan University and Central Michigan University. His articles and poems have been published in several regional and national magazines. Delp has twice been the winner of the Passages North/NEH Poetry Competition. He is the editor of "Contemporary Michigan Poetry: The Third Coast" and has received a PEN Syndicated Fiction Award. Delp has authored a collection of poems, "Over the Graves of Horses". He has also written "Under the Influence of Water", a volume of short stories essays and poems, "The Coast to Nowhere: Meditations on Rivers, Lakes and Streams," and "The Last Good Water," a collection of prose and poetry.

INVENTORY

If you are in the library and hear beeping, the sound may be coming from a barcode scanner. During the summer of 2005 the library staff and students began an inventory of the circulating book collection. We made great progress, but were not able to finish the entire collection. Our current student assistants picked up the project and are bringing it to a conclusion. The inventory allows us to find missing and misshelved books and to identify those that are truly gone from the collection.

LOOKING FOR AN INTERNSHIP? THINKING ABOUT CAREER POSSIBILITIES?

During January and February, the library will be featuring a display of books on job hunting, career exploration and internships. Titles include*: Peterson's Internships, Gallery of Best Resumes, Careers in Entertainment and Sports* and *Great Jobs for History Majors*. The display can be found near the Library Catalog/Internet Computers next to the Circulation Desk. Circulating books in the display may be checked out and Reference books may be used in the library.