

ALMA COLLEGE LIBRARY NEWS

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Upcoming Events in the Library

Dr. Scott Messing, Music Department, will read from his recent book, *Schubert in the European Imagination*
February 1, 2007, 7:00 p.m.

Steve Amick
February 21, 2007, 7:30 p.m.
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Dorothy Allison, award-winning novelist, will read from selected works. Event is sponsored by Departments of English and Women's Studies.
March 15, 2007, 8:00 p.m.

Visit our web page for additional updates
www.alma.edu/academics/library

From the Director

by Carol Zeile

After a busy summer of moving books and renovation, work was complete and the space opened on October 7, 2006.



Highland Java sponsored an opening celebration after the Homecoming football game.



Beginning in the Fall Term the renovated Olofsson Room and the new computers provide a great space for students to work on assignments and do research. We continue to use it as an instruction space when necessary and find it to be much more flexible. The Smith Room is a big hit with students and faculty. The space is used daily for meetings, instruction and as a student study space. Moving the Writing Center to the main level makes it more visible and accessible. The new study rooms are always busy and add much needed space for group work. And, the computers on the lower level are very popular. Now students can use the study rooms and have easy access to computers.

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Librarians to Present Research at Michigan Academy Conference

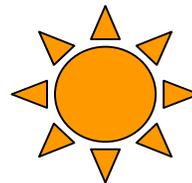
by Jennifer Starkey, Reference and Instruction Librarian

Angie Kelleher and Jennifer Starkey were accepted to present a paper at the Michigan Academy Conference at Ferris State University in Big Rapids, Michigan on March 9-10. The paper is entitled *Venturing off the island: Librarian involvement in the campus community* and it examines college and university libraries' expectations and attitudes about librarians' service and campus involvement. Angie and Jennifer noticed that Alma College and the library are very flexible about schedules when it comes to service to the campus and community. We became curious about how other institutions and libraries view service. Does service mean committee work or volunteering? What are attitudes about work absences and longer service projects such as alternative breaks? How do librarians define service at their various institutions? These are some of the questions we hope to answer with our study. The information will be gathered through interviews of librarians from a variety of colleges and universities around Michigan.

Juvenile Collection Grows from Collaboration with EDC Students

by Angie Kelleher, Access Services Librarian

Did you know that our library has a collection of over 3800 juvenile books? If you haven't already, take some time to browse this collection, located on the Upper Level of the Colina Wing, by the elevator. After librarian Steven Vest was hired at Alma, he took it upon himself to update the long-neglected Juvenile collection. Slowly, but surely, Steven and other library staff have weeded out many of the old and worn books, and replaced them with new, appealing titles. The process was accelerated when Dr. Janet Navarro constructed a new assignment for the students in her Children's Literature classes. She asked that each student recommend ten children's books, and make a case to the librarians for why each book was important to the juvenile collection. Since the first group of students submitted their assignments at the end of Fall 2004, the library has purchased 228 books based upon their recommendations. The library also designed a book plate for each book, which lists the name of the student who recommended it. This unique collaboration has allowed Education students to apply what they've learned in their class, while also assisting the librarians in developing the Juvenile collection.



This book was suggested for
the Alma College Library
Juvenile Collection by

a student of EDC 142

The librarians also continue to purchase children's and young adult books based upon their own research, while regularly evaluating the collection for currency and utility. While the Juvenile collection is primarily used to support the curriculum of Education students it is also used by community members, children of staff and faculty, and Alma College students who just need to take a break and read the latest Harry Potter book.

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Michigan Author Steve Amick Coming to Alma College

by Jennifer Starkey, Reference and Instruction Librarian

On February 21st Michigan author Steve Amick will be coming to Alma College to talk about his craft of fiction writing. He will be visiting some classes and will give a talk in the library at 7:30 pm. He has published many short stories and published his first novel *The Lake, The River and The Other Lake* in May 2005. The book takes place in a small fictional town on a small lake somewhere in northern Michigan and is centered around several characters whose lives become interconnected one summer. The book is a hilarious satire about vacation towns and their inhabitants, poking fun at “fudgies,” “townies,” and “summer people” alike. It is a completely original dark comedy that succeeds in creating memorable characters and, as a good comedy should, has a hint of social commentary. Topics include Native American rights, law enforcement, pornography and environmentalism. The book was named a *Michigan Notable Book* for 2006.



Alma College Library to Say Goodbye to Four Seniors

by Melissa Hovey, Circulation Desk Manager

The Library has four seniors graduating this year. We will be sad not to have them here with us anymore, but happy to see them off to their next adventure in life.



Elizabeth Espinosa has been a valued member of the Circulation department for four years. She is graduating with majors in Foreign Service and Spanish.



Megan Hachet has also worked at the library for four years. Megan is graduating with majors in Psychology and Political Science.



Steven Sanchez also started working at the library as a first year student. He is graduating with a degree in Political Science.



Amanda Zielinski joined the library staff during her sophomore year and is graduating with a degree in Economics and Business Administration.

We have grown very close to them over the years and we are very proud of their accomplishments. Good Luck to them all.

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The Library Welcomes Five New Students to its Ranks

by Melissa Hovey, Circulation Desk Manager

There are some new faces behind the Circulation Desk. Jacob Hanley and Sarah Zimmerman started this fall. Jacob is a sophomore from Memphis, Michigan and Sarah is a first-year student from Owosso. They have both already made themselves indispensable to the Circulation Department by taking on numerous weekend shifts. Their positive attitudes are quite an asset to the library. Winter term DeAnna Daniels from Chicago and Evan Pardue from Roseville are set to join the ranks of the Circulation Assistants.

Ashley Turner began work fall term scanning archive photos. Ashley is a first year student from Potterville. We look forward to having them all join our library family.

Circulation Desk



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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.

Textbook Award Support Continues

by Carol Zeile, Library Director

The library staff members continue their support of the Library Textbook Award. Each Fall and Winter Term library student assistants participate in an application process in order to be selected to receive an award to purchase books from the Kiltie Korner. The students are assessed on quality of service, dependability and growth in knowledge of library services.

For Winter 2007, the library staff is very pleased to be able to present four \$100 awards. The recipients are: Brittany Fales '09, Caitlin Fowler '08, Kim Lyon '09, and Amanda Zielinski '07. All four have made significant contributions to the Alma College Library during their years here. We are fortunate to have such dedicated student assistants to help us provide excellent service. Congratulations Brittany, Caitlin, Kim and Amanda!

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 literary partner, Room to Read.

Anyone wishing to make a tax-free donation to the Library Textbook Award can do so by contacting the Alma College Advancement Office or Carol Zeile, Library Director, at zeile@alma.edu.