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TWIN CITIES CAMPUS LIBRARY HOLIDAY NEWSLETTER



LIBRARY USAGE CLIMBS THROUGH THE CHIMNEY BY RACHEL MCGEE

During the holiday season, there is nothing I enjoy more than to curl up in a cozy chair by the fire with a mug of eggnog and a stack of library statistics. Well, happy new year to me! Library usage has climbed through the chimney roof. In 2011, Twin Cities Librarians answered 25% more reference questions (2010: 8683; 2011: 11293), added 80% more new books and videos to the collection (2010: 411; 2011: 1093), and filled 11% more interlibrary loan requests (2010: 5890; 2011: 6579).

2011 has been a great year for Twin Cities Library, and we have you, our dedicated patrons, to thank for that. Have a wonderful holiday and happy new year!



DECK THE HALLS WITH CANS OF CHILI BY JANE LITTLEFIELD

Is there anything Steve Swanson *cannot* do? He is the brain behind Twin Cities Library's "Can Your Fine" outreach program—a library campaign that raises non-perishable food donations for the food shelf at Lutheran Social Services' Center for Changing Lives, our next-door neighbors at 2400 Park Avenue.



How *can* you participate? Return an overdue book, donate three cans of food, and we will wipe the late fee off your library account. *Can* you be even more awesome? Return your book on time and donate non-perishable food anyway. Your donated food is distributed to Minnesotan families twice a month—over 150 households come to the Center for assistance. Learn more about the Center for Changing Lives [here](#).



MAKING ROOM AT THE INN...LIBRARY BY STEVE SWANSON

We have been fortunate to experience growth in many ways this year—and that's included an ever-expanding collection! In fact, our collection grew so much this year that we have added two new bookshelves to our library. The librarians, with the invaluable assistance of custodian Carlos Hernandez, had a great time constructing the new additions. So watch out—don't get lost among all the new shelves!



INTERNS...A GIFT TO SAINT MARY'S UNIVERSITY BY CARRIE KEILLOR

We will sorely miss our two interns, Paul Lei and Trent Brager, who joined us during fall semester. Paul came to us from the University of St. Thomas, where he was an instructor in the English department. He recently began the Master of Library and Information Science (M.L.I.S.) program at St. Catherine University. He is learning how to crochet, and he has a crazy, beagle-ish dog named Giles.



Trent is a substitute teacher, who is also enrolled in the M.L.I.S. program at St. Catherine University. He is a hockey fan who dreams of becoming Canadian—and an instruction and reference librarian, of course! Thank you both for your contribution to Saint Mary's University!

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THE GENEROSITY OF SGPP FACULTY AND STUDENTS BY REBECCA GANZEL

It's been kind of like Toys for Tots around the SMU library lately, except with books. (Which, for librarians, are better than toys!) Starting in July, four large donations from generous patrons, two retired faculty members, and, sadly, the estates of two late members of our SMU community, have left us with big smiles, countless overflowing boxes, and one frantic (but happy) cataloger trying to keep up with all the new work.

We're grateful to everyone who gives us a book, DVD, or assessment test we can really use; you're awesome! If you have a practically new item you'd like to donate, talk to one of us about it. Even though not everything we get makes it to our shelves (it has to fit with the library's overall academic mission), we'll make sure we find a good home for your treasures.



BRINGING GOOD TIDINGS OF GREAT JOY BY STEVE SWANSON

This summer, Rachel McGee and Steve Swanson changed how Twin Cities Library communicates with interlibrary loan users by creating messages that could be sent with the click of a button. This new method streamlined procedures, saving three weeks of staff time per year while maintaining high-touch service. In October, Rachel and Steve shared their innovation with librarian peers at the Upper Midwest User Group conference in Fargo, North Dakota.

CALL FOR ARTISTS

Art on Park is accepting applications now until January 1, 2012. Click [here](#) for applications materials and more information.

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