



CLARA FRITZSCHE LIBRARY

# Book Bytes

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### Library Weeding Project

The library has started its spring cleaning early this year. Recently, Notre Dame

College faculty and staff have worked with the Library Director in culling out old, outdated and obsolete materials from its circulating book collection. A recent increase in the library budget will enable the library to purchase updated materials in all subject areas, particularly in support of new programs such as Nursing and Intelligence Analysis. To insure that materials of an historical nature or those that should be part of the core collection are not withdrawn, all of the weeded books are first checked against *Best Books for College Libraries, 2002*.

After the books have been withdrawn, subject areas are being shifted to make room for new purchases. The shelves are also being relabeled. To date, the philosophy/ psychology/ theology section (B) has been completed. It is anticipated that the weeding and reorganization project will be completed by the end of the semester.



As always, the library welcomes suggestions from all library patrons concerning additions to the collection. E-mail the Library Director at [kzoller@ndc.edu](mailto:kzoller@ndc.edu) or drop your suggestion off in the library mailbox in the ground floor mailroom in the Administration Building.

### Room to Grow: Library Gets New Storage Area

Recently a new storage room was created in the garage under the library. Two bays were sealed off, a wall was constructed and a raised linoleum floor was installed to prevent water damage and dampness. The room also has new lighting and newly painted walls. Shelving was erected, allowing plenty of room for storage of books and other items. The library would like to thank Tom Meeks and the maintenance staff for their work on this project.



The new storage room

### Falcon Café Goes Wireless

The Falcon Café now has another convenience to offer its customers. On January 16 the Café added wireless capability. People can now use their laptops to surf the internet, study or check their e-mail accounts while relaxing with a cup of coffee. The wireless range also extends up to the library's second floor reading area directly above the Café and to the lawn outside.



**New Menu Items Added**  
The Falcon Café has recently added some new menu items. It

now carries a variety of cold beverages, including Coca-Cola (regular, diet, cherry and Zero), POWERade, Red Bull and Tazo Tea in assorted flavors. Another delicious new addition is cheesecake priced at 2.95 for a generously sized slice. Little Debbies are also available at .35 each. To see the full menu selection, pick up the new carry-out menus at the Falcon Café, the library circulation desk, in the ground floor mailroom, the information table

in the Administration Building, the Keller Center information desk and the Dining Hall. The full menu may also be accessed through the Falcon Café website at [www.notredamecollege.edu/library/falconcafe.htm](http://www.notredamecollege.edu/library/falconcafe.htm).

### Other News

As an additional service to its patrons, The Falcon Café now accepts Visa and Mastercard. Gift certificates are also

Monday-Thursday 8 a.m.-7 p.m.  
Friday-Saturday 8 a.m.-4 p.m.  
nonWECO Saturdays CLOSED  
Sunday CLOSED



## Become Involved! – Join the Book-A-Year Club

In 1935 Sister Genevieve Baker, SND, the first Head Librarian of the Notre Dame College Library, initiated the Book-A-Year Club as a means of enhancing the collection of the Clara Fritzsche Library. Since then, the library has relied on the generosity of Book-A-Year Club members to help build a collection that is reflective of the mission of Notre Dame College, supportive of the curriculum of the College and responsive to the needs of the Notre Dame community. Book-A-Year Club funds are used to purchase expensive multivolume

reference sets, videos and DVD's, plus special faculty requests. Members can pick from a list of books and audio-visual materials in a variety of subject areas or simply designate an area where they would like their contribution to be directed. Books are in all price ranges and any donation is appreciated. A commemorative bookplate signed by the donor is placed in the gift book as a lasting reminder of his or her generosity. Book-A-Year Club members are also listed on a walnut plaque in the library outside of the Book-A-Year Club Gallery.

Last year's Book-A-Year solicitation generated over \$4,000 for the purchase of library materials. This year's campaign is off to an auspicious start and promises to be one of our most successful ever. Over \$3,500 has been raised since its kickoff on February 15th.

If you want to join the Club, it is not too late. Contact the Library Director at x5266 or by e-mail at [kzoller@ndc.edu](mailto:kzoller@ndc.edu). For more information on the Book-A-Year Club, go to the library website at [www.notredamecollege.edu/library/bookay.htm](http://www.notredamecollege.edu/library/bookay.htm).



Alice Seifullah discusses her art

## Gallery Talk

### Our Gallery in the News

The library's recent "Faces of Distinction" exhibit was the subject of full-page articles in the *Call & Post* and the *City News*. The artist, Alice Seifullah, was also the subject of an interview by A. Grace Lee Mims on WCLV's "Black Arts" radio program on March 10.

Seifullah recently gave a lively gallery talk and demonstration on March 15th. Attendees had an impromptu bonus art lesson by fellow art instructor Thomas Osborne. Guests were having such an enjoyable time that the evening, scheduled to end at 8 p.m., lasted until 9:30 p.m.! Seifullah also recently received a commission for a painting to be done in memory of Halle Gibson, the eleven year-old girl who died tragically in a car crash along with her grandparents while going to visit her brother in Louisiana before he was deployed to Iraq. A friend of her brother found the artist on the internet and visited the gallery. Seifullah, touched and

inspired by the heartbreaking story and accounts of Halle's wonderful spirit, finished the painting in two days, in time for the memorial service, and charged only a nominal fee. The family, members of St. Dominic's parish in Shaker Heights, has since visited the exhibit. The beautiful comments written in the show's guestbook are a lasting treasure to the artist and a testimony of the indomitable spirit of love present in this family touched by so much adversity.

The library's next exhibit "The Art, History and Theology of Romanian Icons on Glass" was also the subject of a feature article in the "Mosaic" section of the February 21, 2006 issue of *The Plain Dealer*. For more details, see page 3 of this newsletter.

### Now Showing in the Falcon Café:

"Images" photographs by students in Malinda Smyth's AR 210 Photography II class—Sang Iahn Lee, Nico Menefield and Rosalie Ward.

### Upcoming Events

**March 30-April 30, 2006**  
**"The Art, History and Theology of Romanian Icons on Glass"** an exhibit of icons from Transylvania held in conjunction with the Seventh Anniversary of the Eastern Church Resource Center. Opening reception and lecture: Thursday, March 30 at 7 p.m.

**June 22-August 3, 2006**  
**"A Celebration of Seasons"** a series of nature scenes by Ron Friedman. Opening reception: Thursday, June 22 from 7 to 9 p.m.

**September 14-October 27, 2006**  
**"Time and Travel: A Watercolorist Visits Some Favorite Places"** works by John Pfordresher.

Opening reception: Thursday, September 14 from 5 to 7 p.m.

For more information on these and other library exhibits, contact Karen Zoller at x5267.

## Library Event Form

There is now an all-campus event evaluation form available for assessing campus events and activities. If you attend an art opening, view an exhibit, attend a lecture, poetry reading, book signing, concert or other event where evaluation forms are available, please take a few moments to fill one out. All results will be tabulated and used in the College Self-Study process.

*Remember—We value your opinion!*

## Eastern Church Resource Center Celebrates Seventh Anniversary

Notre Dame College's Eastern Church Resource Center, located on the first floor of the Clara Fritzsche Library, will celebrate its Seventh Anniversary with a lecture by the Rev. Fr. Remus Grama, D. Min., entitled "The Art, History and Theology of Romanian Icons on Glass." The lecture will take place on Thursday, March 30th at 7 p.m. with a brief question and answer session afterwards. A reception will follow and refreshments will be served. An accompanying exhibit of the same name will be on view in the Clara Fritzsche Library's Book-A-Year Club Gallery until April 30, 2006. The exhibit was made possible through the cooperation of Fr. Grama, Parish Priest of St. Mary Romanian Orthodox Cathedral, Mr. George Dobreas, Honorary Consul to Romania for Cleveland, and the Romanian Ethnic Art Museum (REAM).

The Eastern Church Resource Center was recently the subject of a feature article in the "Mosaic" section of *The Plain Dealer*. The article discussed the history of the Center and its collection books, audio-visual materials, journals and icons and included two photos. The article can be found online at:

[www.cleveland.com/search/index.ssf?base/zmosa/114016887074770.xml?zmosa&coll=2](http://www.cleveland.com/search/index.ssf?base/zmosa/114016887074770.xml?zmosa&coll=2).

In addition to this, the Eastern Church Resource Center website has recently been expanded and enhanced. A list of past events and the Eastern Church Planning Committee membership roster was added to the site. The holdings of the Center were cataloged and new spine labels with the Eastern Church Resource Center logo were affixed to the book

spines. Many of the materials in the Eastern Church Resource Center's holdings are unique among the 87 OhioLINK libraries. The collection can now be accessed through our online catalog making it possible for remote users to view the Center's holdings. Last month, the library received a reference inquiry from an individual in Canada pertaining to the Orthodox Church. When asked why she had called the Clara Fritzsche Library, she replied that our Eastern Church Resource Center web page was "the best site" for a special collection on the topic that she could find on the internet. The new enhancements will serve to make the resources in this special collection even more widely available to faculty, students, scholars and clergy.



### Mystery Photo

If you can identify the artifact pictured on the first page and where it is in the library, send your answer to [kzoller@ndc.edu](mailto:kzoller@ndc.edu). The first person to respond correctly will win a \$10 gift certificate to the Falcon Café.

## Employee Profile: Grace Spletzer

Grace Spletzer has been a Student Assistant at the Clara Fritzsche Library since September 2005. Grace is a freshman majoring in Biology and hails from Warren, Ohio. Since coming to Notre Dame, she has become involved in a variety of student activities. Grace is a member of Student Government, serving as a senator. She is also a member of Masquers, the schools drama group, and performed in the Masquers production of *Rhinoceros*. Recently Grace was selected to be a Resident Advisor in the dorms. She also participated in "Moving Minds," the recent collaboration

### Seasonal Guest (Poem #5)

Grace Spletzer

The towering pines swagger,  
In the presence of a howling wind.  
Tiny flakes whip violently about.  
Mountains of crystals congregate,  
Upon the frozen earth,  
And the frigid fingertips of winter  
Knock once more.

between Dominic Russo's graphic design class, Amy Kesegich's creative writing class and Greater Cleveland RTA. She read two of her original poetry compositions which were illustrated by students in the design class. One of these poems is reproduced on this page. Since starting at the library Grace has been an enormous help, assisting in

withdrawing materials, shifting books and organizing the periodicals collection in addition to her daily duties of making phone calls, getting the mail, and packing and unpacking interlibrary loan and OhioLINK materials. Grace is a welcome addition to the library staff.



### Library Installs New Printer

In response to increased usage and in an effort to improve printer access, the library now has a new printer located behind the circulation desk. All public access computers in the library are now connected to this printer, eliminating the need to go through the Technical Services area. To retrieve your printouts, please ring the bell for service and a library staff member will assist you.

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### It's Not Too Late!

If you have not yet filled out a library survey, you still have time to do so. Simply access the survey on the library website or the campus Intranet, or pick up a copy at the library circulation desk. Leave your completed survey in the library mailbox in the mailroom on the ground floor of the Administration Building or at the library circulation desk.

## Library Survey Results – Preliminary Findings

Last fall, the library distributed a user survey to faculty, students, staff and guest patrons. Copies of the print survey were inserted in the Fall 2005 issue of *Book Bytes* in all faculty and staff mailboxes. Stacks of the survey were also placed in the mailroom, the library and other locations on campus. The survey was conducted in conjunction with the campus-wide Self Study the College is undergoing in preparation for the site visit of the Higher Learning Commission. The NorthCentral visiting team will come in March 2007 to determine academic accreditation for Notre Dame College. A section on the new Falcon Café was also included in the survey. Preliminary results indicate that, in general, there is a high level of satisfaction among library users. 74% of library users rated library service as excellent, 21% as very good and 5% as good. No one rated service as fair or poor. Library activities also received a high rating. 44% of the respondents rated library activities as excellent, 38% rated them as very good and 18% rated them as good, with no one rating library activities as fair or poor. 58% of the respondents said the thing they liked most about the library was the helpfulness of the library staff and 21% enjoyed the quiet atmosphere, 11% liked the art exhibits and 10% said availability of information through books and OhioLINK.

Suggestions for improvement were more up-to-date books (21%), new décor and more comfortable furniture (11%), reinstate the fall and spring book sales (11%), better access to printers (5%), getting new books on the shelves faster (5%), notifying library patrons by e-mail (5%), more storage space (2.5%) and better temperature control (2.5%). 37% of library users said that no improvements were needed. Activities people would like to see added were more art or art related activities (31%), more book sales (23%), children's storytime (15%), more poetry readings (12%), live music (12%) and book discussion groups (7%). Respondents said the following factors would cause them to use the library more: more time (14%), more library assignments (14%), free copies (14%), more computers, especially upstairs (7%), wireless technology (7%), extended hours (7%), current fiction, biography or books on tape (7%), current magazines display (7%), more book sales (7%), closer to home (7%), hot food in the coffee shop (5%) and CD and video rental (4%). There was a diverse array of opinions on what patrons would most like to see in the library. These included more African-American magazines, more use of the library, a bulletin board exclusively for business cards and job opportunities, a color copier, reading chairs, a wi-fi connection, more plants, more

book sales and an online inter-library loan form. 29% of respondents felt that the library was fine as it is.

### Falcon Café Findings

All respondents were aware that there was a coffee shop in the library, indicating that initial marketing was effective. 90% said they had visited the coffee shop. Only 11% said they did not plan to frequent the coffee shop in the future. Reasons included not liking the "imitation Frappuchino," not accepting credit cards or simply not liking coffee. Foods and beverages that people wanted to see added were soup (16%), sandwiches or wraps (15%), herbal or decaffeinated tea (12%), muffins, bagels and low-cal breakfast foods (11%), donuts and other pastries (10%), salads (7%) and hot foods (7%). Other suggestions included flavored coffees, free trade coffee and orange juice (1%). 21% thought the Falcon Café menu was fine the way it was. Things people would most like to see in the Falcon Café to make it more hospitable were in order of preference: 1) artwork, 2) poetry readings, 3) new furniture, magazines and live music (tied), 4) newspapers and 5) lower prices. Other suggestions included television, no television, a payphone and soft classical background music. One person said the Café was excellent and need no improvement.

## We Are Listening!

Many of your survey suggestions have already been implemented. The library is updating its collections, added a printer and is in the process of cataloging its special collections. E-mail is being used more frequently for reference questions and notifying patrons about their OhioLINK and interlibrary loan orders. We now have more storage space and work is being

done to remedy the temperature control problem. An additional venue for art has been added in the Falcon Café. More computers will soon be installed on the second floor of the library and wi-fi access is now available. Library hours have been expanded and the library now subscribes to *American Legacy*, a magazine dealing with African-American history and culture.

Since the survey was distributed, the Falcon Café has added muffins, bagels, pastries, artwork, magazines, newspapers and television. The Poetry Club now meets there regularly and credit cards are now accepted. Additional feedback and suggestions are always welcome. E-mail the Library Director at [kzoller@ndc.edu](mailto:kzoller@ndc.edu), call x5266 or stop by the library.