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Abstract

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The Interns at Gettysburg College's Musselman Library captured their internship experiences since the spring of 2011. Over time the blog has featured Fortenbaugh, Smith, and Holley interns. They shared updates on semester long projects, responded to blogging prompts, and documented their individual intern experience.

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The big highlight of my past two weeks was working with Janelle and Alexa in an instruction session for Environmental Science 125: Marine Megafauna. Despite some initial nerves, I enjoyed teaching about how to use MUSCAT and research books to an assortment of first-years, sophomores, juniors, and seniors. I am hopeful that there will be more opportunities to participate in instruction sessions, even in subjects I am not an expert in.

As we move on, I look forward to collection development with Clint and Carolyn and my first solo shifts at the Desk, as library patrons begin to delve into their big research papers and projects.



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