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Renew Book

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<http://library.jccc.edu>

Fall and Spring Semester Hours:

Monday - Thursday	7:30 am - 10:00 pm
Friday	7:30 am - 5:00 pm
Saturday	8:00 am - 5:00 pm
Sunday	1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Banned Book Week Observed

Since 1982, Banned Book Week has been observed during the last week of each September. The purpose: to remind our citizens not to take their freedom to read for granted. The week is sponsored by a number of key well-known associations, i.e. American Booksellers Association, American Library Association (ALA), and others. It is also endorsed by the Library of Congress Center for the Book. Free expression is a valued freedom. Many people challenge because of their own beliefs or ideologies. To take away a freedom from any one citizen actually endangers the freedom of all citizens.

Banned Books is probably not the most accurate name for the list as the books are still in print and readily available for one to read. Perhaps "Challenged Books" would be a better name. Each year new titles are challenged. The intent of the challenger is to have the book restricted or removed because of perceived objectionable material. The ALA Office for Intellectual Freedom received over 500 challenges last year alone.

A challenge involves a formal, written complaint filed with a library or school, objecting to the content or appropriateness of the materials. The right to challenge is also a freedom, and should be respected as well. Most challenges involve recommended reading materials for minors. ALA collects the challenge information and enters it into a database. A compiled data report is published in *the Banned Books Week Resource Guide* and is available to the public.

While the Billington Library is not a public library, we do serve the public. Our goal is to provide the best service for all of our patrons. We recognize that with freedom comes responsibility, and yet as providers of resources and materials we are not in the business of censorship or denying access. We value the rights and privacy of all of our users as outlined in the First Amendment.

Kathy LaBelle

Online Tutoring Service at JCCC? HomeworkKansas

Courtesy of the Kansas State Library, JCCC's Billington Library can now link students to one-on-one live tutors via the Internet. HomeworkKansas is available for students at many levels, including students taking introductory college classes. Students simply log on via the Billington Library website "Tutorials" page <http://library.jccc.edu/tutorials.html>, enter their grade level and identify the subject in which they need help. Within a few minutes, they are connected to an expert tutor. College students can receive help in math, science, or English.

The tutors are certified teachers, university professors, graduate school students, students at accredited colleges, and professionals who are experts in their fields. All of the HomeworkKansas tutors have received a third party background check and have been certified through the tutor.com Training Program.

Students can connect to online tutors seven days a week, from 4 p.m. to 11 p.m. College intro level help is available in the following subjects:

- Math: algebra I, algebra II, geometry, trigonometry and calculus
- Science: earth science, biology, chemistry, physics
- English: spelling grammar, essay writing
- Spanish-speaking tutors are available in math and science, Sunday through Thursday, from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Carol Campbell
Professor/Librarian
Billington Library, JCCC

Letters, we get letters.
We get lots and lots of

Well, maybe not letters exactly, but we do get suggestions. On a regular basis our suggestion box is used by both the disgruntled and the satisfied. What type of suggestions you ask? Well, they may be of the unsolvable variety, like the library is too hot - or it is too cold. Staff is friendly - or not. Sometimes it is an outlet for complaints: too noisy, not enough supervision, need for censoring activities, too complicated a system, furniture that is uncomfortable, sometimes specific complaints about employees. For others it is used as a way to acknowledge excellence, pleasure over helpful instruction, terrific selection, readiness to please, quality of results and excitement over some new feature that has been added to what we offer and some staff member eager to find a solution or resolution to a real or perceived problem.

We take each suggestion seriously and try to improve where improvement is needed. We continue to expand our areas of service and offer the latest in the way of resources. While it isn't possible to please everyone or to solve every problem, we can do our best at correcting or improving on a daily basis. We can reinforce and build on our strengths. So, the next time you are in the Library, feel free to add to our suggestion box. It is located on the tall table next to the north double doors before entering the lobby.

Exceptions to the Billington Library normally scheduled hours for this semester are as follows:

Closed Nov. 21-24 for Thanksgiving

Normal hours Sunday, Nov. 25 1-5 p.m.

Closed weekend of Dec. 15-16

Open 8-5 Dec. 17-21

Closed Dec. 22 -Jan. 1

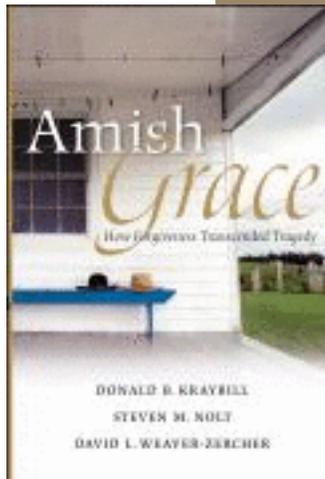
Open Jan. 2 - 8-5

For additional information please refer to our website at <http://library.jccc.edu>

The Billington Library is now equipped to offer an online payment option. When time is of the essence, students with forgotten fines will have the choice to clear these fines easily online without the need to come to campus. The link has been added to our Library home page at <http://library.jccc.edu> and click on Pay Library Fines

Amish Grace: How Forgiveness Transcended Tragedy

Last year, a lone gunman took children hostage in a small one-room schoolhouse and eventually killed five schoolgirls before turning the gun on himself. What separated this school shooting from others was the immediate and extraordinary forgiveness demonstrated by the Amish community toward the shooter and his family. How did the Amish community manage to forgive such an act? Are there lessons for the rest of us? To learn more about the Amish, search under Amish in the library catalog. To see how the Amish blend their beliefs with their life, check out the DVD The Amish not to be Modern.



Marsha Cousino



Photo: JCCC Staff photographer, Bret Gustafson

Interlibrary Loan Requests

Interlibrary loan is a service for patrons to borrow materials from over 6,700 libraries throughout the United States and Canada. Some general things to keep in mind is that the Interlibrary Loan (ILL) cannot be used to borrow books deemed required reading, textbooks for college classes, or to borrow books that instructors wish to place on reserve. Books in our system that are checked out may not be requested on ILL. Patrons will have to place themselves on the circulation system request list. ILL requests are never accepted over the telephone. The online forms or print forms are available either in the library or online (see library website). Due to U.S. copyright laws, it is illegal to request several articles from the same issue of a journal, or even from the same year. It is difficult to obtain copies of extremely long articles (over 30 pages). Please limit book requests to the number of items you can read in a three-week time period.

Books on Interlibrary Loan will be held for patrons on the hold shelves and may be picked up from the Circulation Desk on the second floor of the library. A notice will be sent to the requestor informing him/her that the book has arrived. Requestors must bring a valid library card in order to pick an ILL book, audiovisual, or periodical. Turnaround time is usually between 7 to 10 days, however, in the case of either obscure or very popular titles, the process could take up to a month. There is usually no charge for the interlibrary loan of books, however, the patron must agree beforehand to cover any charge that we may incur.

Andrea Kempf, ext. 3286 is the supervisor of Interlibrary Loan, and **Jan Brooks**, ext 3285 is the Interlibrary Loan Assistant. They will be more than

happy to assist you in your request.



Andrea Kempf
Professor/Librarian



Jan
Brooks

Help!

My daughter's turned vegan, my son-in-law believes low-fat, low cholesterol is the answer to life's health issues and my two oldest grandsons often prefer to get their five recommended fruits and vegetables from fries and catsup. My husband believes he has lived long enough that he should be able to eat anything he wants—so seven nights of soup will work, followed by seven nights of pasta. My son and his wife follow a point plan and my youngest grandson will eat anything that can be disassembled and swallowed easily with just four teeth.

What's a wife-mother-grandmother to do for Thanksgiving when no one is even on the the same menu plan? I know you may be thinking, "Why don't you all just eat out?" but that isn't an option. Taking out the good china and eating a Thanksgiving meal in the dining room is a long-held tradition, and if you break from tradition—well, then it can no longer be a tradition, right?

I've discovered that the answers for many of life's problems can be found at the library, so isn't it fortunate that I work in one?

"Where do I start? What do I do?" I asked the librarian at the reference desk. "Are there cookbooks that could help? Do I start vegan and work my way toward the meat lovers section? Help!"

After she mentioned that it might be easier to eat out, she said, "We have quite a collection of circulating cookbooks, three are devoted to eating vegan, many more center around the vegetarian diet." She printed out a list and soon I was on my way to the second floor, sifting through the TX call numbers looking for TX837 .S2655 2001; TX837 .R6253 2003 and TX392 .S73 1998.

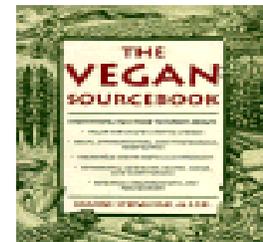
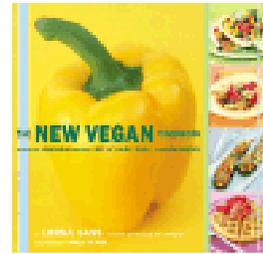
Hmmm. TX837 .S2655 2001: *The new Vegan Cookbook: Innovative Vegetarian Recipes free of Dairy, Eggs, and Cholesterol*. Not bad. This would take care of the vegan and the non-cholesterol people, but what about the others? And could there be something in here that might resemble a turkey? Back to the reference desk for some suggested websites.

Ok, so there isn't anything resembling a turkey unless I go tofu and tofu shaped turkeys won't please the 99% non-vegan family members. Maybe I'll just.....

"Mom? Did I mention that I am going to try vegan for just a month? As it is I do still plan to eat fish and I can't give up my Sushi...."

A short time before Thanksgiving and already we have a vegan morphing into a semi-liberal vegetarian. Maybe I should just hang on a bit longer to see if she slips from vegetarian to low cholesterol, low fat or a point system dieter. Or to see if those with points manage to save up enough to splurge. Turkeys are best bought right before Thanksgiving anyway.

Kathy LaBelle



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