March Madness!
*Mercer Library gears up for Spring Break 2006*

With Spring 2006 midterms and Spring break a thing of the past, Mercer Library will be open regular hours to serve patrons throughout this time. Over 250 new items have been added to the circulating and reference collections in February, and we look forward to acquiring many more before “finals season.” Drop by Mercer to see the new offerings, or just to take a mid-winter, mid-semester break in one of our “comfy” chairs!

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Library Research Workshops

Introduction to Library Research

Not sure how to find and use library information resources? This class will acquaint you with the basic elements of the research process and introduce you to the GMU library system, available electronic resources, and how to organize and evaluate information.

Sessions are held in the Mercer (Prince William Campus) Library, Occoquan (PWI) Bldg. Rm. 104J. Please call (703) 993-8348 to arrange an individual appointment.

The schedule of library training classes offered on the Fairfax campus during the Spring '06 semester is available at [http://library.gmu.edu/research/classes.html](http://library.gmu.edu/research/classes.html).

EndNote 7.0: Managing Your Information

*Short Course*: EndNote can help you organize information for both short and long term projects. Learn how to import bibliographic citations from many popular Mason Library databases into your personal EndNote database.

EndNote bibliographic management software training classes offered on the Fairfax campus during the Spring '06 semester is available at [http://library.gmu.edu/research/classes.html](http://library.gmu.edu/research/classes.html).

EndNote may be downloaded from the University Libraries website, [http://library.gmu.edu](http://library.gmu.edu). The links are located from the drop-down menu on the left.

“In the nonstop tsunami of global information, librarians provide us with floaties and teach us how to swim.” – Linton Weeks
Selected New Books

**Administration of Justice**

**Prince William Campus Stacks**  

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**Prince William Campus Stacks**  

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**Education**

**Prince William Campus Stacks**  

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**Prince William Campus Stacks**  
LB1050.5 .G545 2006.

**Prince William Campus Stacks**  

**Prince William Campus Stacks**  

**Prince William Campus Stacks**  
Biosciences

Haefner, James W.  
Modeling biological systems : principles and applications.  
**Prince William Campus Stacks**  
QH323.5 .H34 2005.

Korthals, Michiel and Robert J. Bogers.  
Ethics for life scientists.  
**Prince William Campus Stacks**  

Nunnally, Brian K., ed.  
Analytical techniques in DNA sequencing.  
Boca Raton, FL : Taylor & Francis, 2005.  
**Prince William Campus Stacks**  

Encyclopedia of genetics, genomics, proteomics, and bioinformatics.  
Chichester ; Hoboken, NJ : John Wiley & Sons Ltd., c2005.  
**Prince William Campus Stacks**  

Daniell, Henry and Christine Chase.  
Molecular biology and biotechnology of plant organelles : chloroplasts and mitochondria.  
Dordrecht, the Netherlands ; Norwell, MA : Springer, c2004.  
**Prince William Campus Stacks**  

Osborn, A. Mark, ed.  
Molecular microbial ecology.  
**Prince William Campus Stacks**  
QR74 .M635 2005.

AIT

Seiffert, U., L.C. Jain and , P. Schweizer.  
Bioinformatics using computational intelligence paradigms.  
**Prince William Campus Stacks**  

Kriete, Andres and Roland Eils.  
Computational systems biology.  
Amsterdam ; Boston : Elsevier, c2006.  
**Prince William Campus Stacks**  
QH324.2 .C638 2006.

Liang, Peng and Jonathan D. Meade.  
Differential display methods and protocols.  
**Prince William Campus Stacks**  

Yu, Zengliang.  
Introduction to Ion beam biotechnology.  
New York ; Berlin : Springer, c2006.  
**Prince William Campus Stacks**  

Periasamy, Ammasi.  
Molecular imaging : FRET microscopy and spectroscopy.  
**Prince William Campus Stacks**  
QH212.F55 M64 2005.
Recreation & Health

Prince William Campus Stacks  

Prince William Campus Stacks  

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Tourism

Prince William Campus Stacks  
TX911.3.M27 H56 2006.

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E-Resources

Featured databases and updates!

CQ Supreme Court Collection blends historical analysis with timely updates and expert commentary of Supreme Court decisions, biographies of Supreme Court justices, analysis & statistics on their voting records, Supreme Court institutional history, and the U.S. Constitution. Users can access information by topic, justice, and case name. GMU- affiliated researchers can access CQ Supreme Court Collection from the Databases category on the GMU Libraries HomePage.

Staff in the Spotlight!

Meet Michelle Rodrigue, Mercer Library Graduate Research Assistant

Michelle Rodrigue joined the Mercer Library team at the onset of the Fall 2005 semester. As a GRA, her duties are focused on working with the reference librarians on collection management by working on new item orders, assisting patrons at the reference desk, and other special projects as assigned. She is currently pursuing a Graduate degree in Biodefense, having graduated with her Bachelor’s in Chemistry from William & Mary.

Not only has Michelle proven herself extremely knowledgeable in the databases, she has an easy, friendly demeanor and is even humble through all of her talents and abilities. She has been a strong addition to Mercer Library, with patrons and staff alike appreciative of all she brings to this role. Only a part-time employee, Michelle gives her work 150% attention, care, and accuracy. Flexible with schedules, willing to pitch in on any project, and a compassionate nature patrons are drawn to, Michelle Rodrigue definitely stands out amongst her peers. She is quick to learn and take on additional responsibilities, such as editing the Mercer Library Newsletter, and although she did not write this about herself, Michelle is an excellent creative force on this task. Drop by and say hello sometime to the multi-talented Michelle at Mercer Library’s reference desk!

Congratulations to Teresa Kan & Ava Koohbor!

February and March are shaping up to be big months of big shouts of congratulations for the Mercer Library folks! Teresa Kan, Mercer Library Reserves Coordinator, was honored with an Outstanding Achievement Award for her continually EXCELLENT work with faculty and the GMU Libraries staff to ensure that reserves are handled efficiently, accurately, and quickly. The ceremony was held in Dewberry Hall on February 27th at the Johnson Center.

Ava Koohbor, Mercer Library Serials Coordinator, was honored with the ITU Employee of the Month Award. She will receive her plaque at a ceremony held on March 3rd in Joy Hughes office (Mason Hall). Ava works hard to process all incoming serials for Mercer Library, directing the binding of these materials, and is currently working nights and weekends in light of a current staff shortage. We appreciate all these wonderful ladies do to keep us running – a great big congratulations to both Teresa & Ava!

Today in History – Archive Style!

The Library of Congress provides a “Today in History” feature, available via the internet at http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/today/today.html. Showcased, are library owned items and historic documents like the March 1st “Petition for Bail from Accused Witches,” regarding the Salem witch trials, circa 1692. Along with a look at the scanned resource, Library of Congress has detailed the events surrounding the notable item. Worth a look (or a click)!
George Mason & Virginian Life in the 18th Century

Although George Mason was deeply invested in the political movements of the day, he had little patience for the pomp and circumstance of political society. His disdain for foppery and vanity are obvious in the excerpt below which is taken from a letter Mason wrote to his son while serving as a Virginia delegate to the Federal Convention of 1787:

“I begin to grow heartily tired of the etiquette and nonsense so fashionable in this city [Philadelphia]. It would take me some months to make myself master of them, and that it should require months to learn what is not worth remembering as many minutes, is to me so discouraging a circumstance as determines me to give myself no manner of trouble about them.”

-George Mason, 1787.


Properly, we should read for power. Man reading should be man intensely alive. The book should be a ball of light in one's hand.

Ezra Pound
US poet (1885 - 1972)

Congratualtions, Patriots!

Finally, we’d like to congratulate Mason’s Men’s Basketball Team for their amazing performances in the NCAA tournament. The 2005-2006 team has gone deeper in the tourney than any other GMU team in the school’s history, and how! Their hard work has brought due recognition to GMU’s athletic programs as well as good press for the University itself. Great Job, guys!

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