



Summertime Strolls

The library's third annual summer reading program for all faculty and staff began on June 2. By reading just 20 minutes a day (five days a week), participants will be eligible to enter weekly and monthly drawings for prizes. The program runs from June 2 through August 1, so it's not too late to join.

Participants simply keep a log of the number of minutes read each week. All

those who read at least 100 minutes each week will be eligible for an entry for that week's drawing. Weekly entries are then placed in a drawing for monthly prizes and the grand prize drawing. Weekly prizes include "literary lattes" which are \$10 gift cards from Barnes and Noble. Monthly prizes include book-lover's baskets or bags stuffed full of summertime reading

goodies. The grand prize this year is dinner and show for two at the Wohlfahrt Haus Dinner Theatre in Wytheville.

There's no limit to how much you can read or how many entries you can earn, so take some time to stroll through a good book!



Round-Robin Stories

As part of our reading program, we've also provided a venue for our faculty and staff who aspire to become writers. "Summertime Strolls" also contains an online component within Blackboard. Look for the NRCC

Summer Reading Program organization and then open the Information folder. There you'll find a link to two different round-robin stories that we've started for you. You'll find one entitled "Out for a Stroll" which

is based on our theme of enjoying a leisurely summer stroll. You'll also find the historical fiction story we started last year based on a Shirley Plantation tradition.

Take a look and join in the fun!

FICTION CONNECTION



Looking for a good read this summer? Try FictionConnection. This easy-to-use resource makes it a snap to find the books you're most interested in. At the website, you can simply type the title of a book in the search box to find similar books. The

new Aquabrowser feature on the left allows users to expand related keywords to find even more titles. Below the main search box, a browse feature that allows the user to find books by a particular genre, setting, topic, character, location, or timeframe can

be found.

Each title is accompanied by a summary, book reviews, and much more. Just look for FictionConnection on the library's homepage or in the Summer Reading Program link in Blackboard.



New Online Hold Feature

Need a book, but it's checked out? Just place a hold request from your home or office computer. This new feature within our online catalog allows you to request a book or other item that is currently checked out. Once the book is returned to the library, you will be contacted by phone or e-mail. The book will be held for you at the Circulation Desk for three days.

How does it work? When you search for a book within the online catalog, click on the

numeral to the left of that item. The full record for the item will display in the next screen. At the end of the record is the Loca-



tion field which displays the call number for the book. When you click on that link, you'll find out if the book is on the shelf or if it's checked out. (If

a book is checked out, a due date will display rather than "On Shelf".) For items that are checked out, you'll find the option, "Request This Item" on the right. Once you click that link, you'll be prompted for your NRCC username and password (same information that you use to log in to Blackboard). Then just enter your e-mail or phone number and an option note, if desired.

Please note that requests placed after 8:00 a.m. will be retrieved the following day.

Out with the Old; In With the New

Library users will notice some changes in our research database offerings beginning in July. PowerSearch, the search interface used to find magazine and journal articles, will no longer be available. VIVA, the Virginia college and university consortium to which we belong, terminated our contract with

PowerSearch's publisher, Gale/Cengage Learning. In its place will be an entirely new set of databases, which work in much the same way but will provide increased content, easier navigability, enhanced coverage and an updated user interface.

This change is effective July 1, although you can go ahead and search our new databases from our webpage. PowerSearch and all other Gale/Cengage databases will be available through June 30. Please note that Gale's Literature Resource Center will be retained.

A list of new databases is included below for your perusal. You'll also find these listed on the library website along with descriptions of each resource. From the library webpage, click on Search for Databases and you'll find an alphabetical and subject-arranged list. Please don't hesitate to ask for assistance in using any of these resources.

Academic Search Complete

Alt HealthWatch

Business Source Complete

Communication & Mass Media Complete

Computers & Applied Sciences Complete

Economia y Negocios

Education Research Complete

Environment Complete

Fuente Academica

Health Source - Consumer Edition

Health Source: Nursing/Academic

Hospitality & Tourism Complete

Humanities International Complete

Legal Collection

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Military & Government Collection

Newspaper Source Plus

Psychology and Behavioral Sciences Collection

Regional Business News

Religion and Philosophy Collection

Women's Studies International

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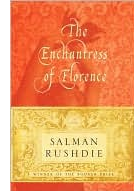
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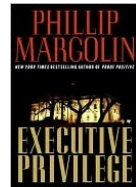
The Enchantress of Florence, by Salman Rushdie
PR 6068.U757E53

The Enchantress of Florence is really not a novel at all. It is a romance, and only a dry-hearted critic would dwell on the flaws in so delightful an homage to Renaissance magic and wonder. In these languid, languorous pages, the Emperor Akbar the Great dreams his ideal mistress into existence, a Florentine orphan rises to become the military champion of Islam, and a black-eyed beauty casts a spell on every man who sees her.



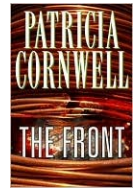
Executive Privilege, by Phillip Margolin
PS3563.A649 E94

The U.S. president becomes a murder suspect in this over-the-top political thriller from bestseller Margolin (*Proof Positive*). Young Oregon attorney Brad Miller stumbles on wrongdoing in high places while engaged in a routine pro bono case - the filing of an appeal for convicted serial killer Clarence Little.



The Front, by Patricia Cornwell
PS3553.O692 F77

As part of a new public relations campaign about the dangers of declining neighborhoods, DA Lamont is sending Garano to Watertown to "come up with a drama," and she thinks she knows just the case that will serve. Garano is very skeptical, because he knows that Watertown is also the home base for a loose association of municipal police departments called the FRONT, set up in order that they don't have to be so dependent on the state—much to Lamont's anger. He senses a much deeper agenda here—but he has no idea just how deep it goes.



Losing You by Robert Barnard PR6056.R456 L67

A mother fights to keep her composure as she hunts for her missing child in this nuanced, literate thriller from the husband-wife writing team of Nicci Gerrard and Sean French (*Killing Me Softly*).



Library Summer Hours

Monday	7:45 a.m.—9:00 p.m.
Tuesday	7:45 a.m.—6:00 p.m.
Wednesday	7:45 a.m.—6:00 p.m.
Thursday	7:45 a.m.—9:00 p.m.
Friday	7:45 a.m.—5:00 p.m.
Saturday	CLOSED
Sunday	1:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m.