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Note:

Southworth Library Learning Commons will be open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday during Spring Break. The building will be closed for the weekend. The library learning commons will resume regular hours at 8 a.m. on Sunday, April 14.

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Poetry project collaboration redefines annual celebration

Southworth Librarians are on the move and in the classroom to celebrate National Poetry Month. On April 18th Southworth Library Learning Commons will be recognizing Poem in Your Pocket Day by showcasing student created original digital poetry projects.

In collaboration with Professor Phil Lamarche’s Living Writers Series classes, Mike Magilligan has been co-teaching students in using iPads as tools for composing and capturing digital content. The students have focused a lot of energy on writing original poems and combining them with music and videos.

This blending of sights and sounds will be showcased on April 18 in two ways, as both a youtube video channel and as an audio podcast. Keep your eyes and ears open on the 18th for your poem in the pocket and prepare to experience poetry in a whole new way.

If you’d also like to participate in the digital showcase by reading an original poem, or by interpreting a favorite poem for others, please contact Mike Magilligan in the library learning commons, either by email: magilliganm@canton.edu or by phone at 386-7056.

Poem in Your Pocket Day

Poem in Your Pocket Day is a national celebration sponsored by Academy of American Poets. On a designated date each year (April 18 this year) the academy invites everyone to—poets, fans and poetry novices, all—to carry a poem in their pocket to share with others.

Library learning commons staff will be assisting patrons in locating a poem for the celebration by including QR codes on signs promoting Poetry Day. The codes will assist you in connecting to the podcast and/or the youtube channel, and other poetry day resources.

QR codes (for Quick Response code) are the pixelated squares that direct viewers, by use of free downloadable software, to use any mobile device to learn more about a product or event. The codes bypass the viewers need to locate a specific url on the internet by opening the intended page directly in the devices’ web browsers.

Southworth Library Learning Commons staff already use QR codes throughout the building, to help patrons locate materials, and as an augmented reality tool to recommend books to readers.

QR codes are scannable, two-dimensional barcodes that link to webpages, phone numbers, maps, social media sites, and videos. Free downloadable software is needed to enable any mobile “smart” device to scan the codes.

Try me.
While it may seem premature to announce the recent installation of a self-contained, indoor air conditioning unit, anyone who has attempted study in this lab on a warm and sunny day knows it is a sauna. The wall of east-facing windows is one of the room’s most attractive features—and also one of its cruelest from April until October of most years. But not this year.

The addition of the air-conditioning unit is in response to numerous student requests since the space was converted to tutoring lab space from staff office space several years ago.

Southworth LLC is voluntary collection point for international reading event

Southworth Library Learning Commons is an official collection point for books that volunteer book givers will hand out on April 23.

World Book Night is an international event sponsored by UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization) to put books into the hands of people who are not regular readers.

Two library staff members, Cori Wilhelm and Loreen Murphy, are volunteer book givers this year, having chosen respectively *Me Talk Pretty One Day* by David Sedaris, and *The Handmaid’s Tale* by Margaret Atwood.

Each year, an independent committee comprised of librarians, booksellers, writers and other literary professionals, select a list of 20 books. The authors and publishers of the selected books agree to waive their royalties and special-edition copies are printed and distributed to thousands of givers worldwide.

Givers choose their collection point to receive their books and attend a reception in their honor during the week prior to the event. Three SUNY Potsdam librarians are also participating in WBN and will be collecting their books from Southworth Library.

Although it is called World Book Night, book giveaways can take place any time on that date. The books are free and are not for resale. Because the purpose of the WBN is to encourage non-readers to try reading for pleasure, givers are encouraged to select books they’ve read and can recommend, inscribe the books they give away and find a locations outside of regular reading zones (like libraries and bookstores) to give away their books.

April 23 is the annual event date, in recognition of William Shakespeare’s birthday and Cervantes death. The date has special significance to many in the literary arts.

Book club selection examines women’s leadership roles

The campus book club spring selection, Lean In by Sheryl Sandberg looks at how business and leadership opportunities for women have evolved over 50 years, suggesting that progress has stalled.

The first discussion meeting will be at 10 a.m. on April 16 in the library Fishbowl.

The last discussion meeting is May 7, which coincides with the Women’s History Panel Discussion scheduled for later that day.

Sandberg is the chief operating officer of Facebook.
Library DVD collection is now searchable online

Because the library’s collection of DVDs is comprised almost entirely of donations, the majority of the collection has not had a record in the regular library catalog. Campus movie fans asked for a list of available titles so we’ve generated a searchable list at: researchguides.canton.edu/dvd

All titles are case sensitive with each word capitalized in the title. You may also retrieve the entire list of titles by leaving the search box empty.

Thank you for a great first annual Pi Day

Thank you to all participants in the first annual Southworth Library Learning Commons Pi Day. Contest winners are:

Scavenger hunt winner: The team of Victor Rivera and Gerardo Torres

Student pi memory recitation: Laura Irvin, with 34 decimal points!

Albert Einstein look-alike contest: David Bradford, engineering technology and physics adjunct professor.

General drawing: Audrey Oloan

For professional staff pi recitation bragging rights: John Tyo, with 122 points!

Additionally, College Association held a drawing for four free pies. Winners were: Steven Bueno, Kendyl Lasoth, Denise Vierich and Karrie Mooney.

Thank you to College Association for all of your support.

Library iPads feature new apps

iPads in the library’s circulating collection now feature a few new apps, including:

Garageband- http://www.apple.com/apps/garageband/ Apple’s popular music application that lets you touch and play smart instruments and compose music;

iMovie- http://www.apple.com/apps/imovie/ which is designed so all you have to do is tap, swipe, and drag to make movies;

JotNot Pro- https://itunes.apple.com/ca/app/jotnot-scanner-pro-scan-multipage/id307868751?mt=8 which turns the iPad into a portable scanner, capable of scanning a multi-page document; and

Aurasma- https://itunes.apple.com/gb/app/aurasma-lite/id432526396?mt=8 which is considered one of the best augmented reality platforms available.

We do encourage our patrons to make suggestions for books or materials they’d like to see us circulate. Your input is valuable to us. Please give these new apps a try and let us know what you think.