February is:
• Love Your Library Month (see inside)
• Heart Health Month
• American History Month
• Black History Month
• International Friendship Month
• National Snack Food Month
• National Wild Bird Feeding Month
• Responsible Pet Owners’ Month

**New Hours**

Library Learning Commons now opens at 7:30 a.m., Monday - Friday

With the start of the spring semester, the library learning commons began opening a half hour earlier. On the first day, more than a dozen students were waiting at the door, demonstrating how much they needed the morning prep time to print assignments and do some last-minute studying.

The Cyber Café also now opens at 7:30 a.m. which has also proved very popular with staff and students alike!

A complete list of building hours can be found at:
www.canton.edu/library.

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Welcome back to a brand-new year and an exciting new academic term!

I am delighted to be able to take this opportunity to introduce you to some of the wonderful new developments and plans that we have in store for the Library Learning Commons this semester. It is always exciting to create change and see the demonstrable effects that such changes have had on the lives and successes of the students we serve. It has been our mission for quite some time to be both proactive and responsive to the academic, social, cultural and personal needs of our students. We are committed to providing innovative, cutting-edge, engaging services, and we pride ourselves on our commitment to rise to the challenge when students tell us what they need to be successful.

Many of you have probably witnessed the continual transformation of our spaces and our services over the last several years — decisions which were fueled, in large part, by analyzing what students needed or used, or by listening to what students had to say about what would make their Learning Commons experience better. Because we listened to what you had to say, we worked hard to deliver those services or make those changes that best supported the needs that we observed or that were articulated to us.

Some of the changes have included: creating more comfortable, aesthetically pleasing spaces in the lobby, the group rooms, the common areas and in all of the labs; expanding the number of laptops we loan; piloting an iPad and electronic textbook loan program; expanding our print textbook-loan program; increasing our hours of operation in the late evenings, on the weekends, and on Fridays, and remaining open 24x7 during midterms and finals; extending availability of tutors and labs during the regular academic term, and adding additional tutoring availability during finals week; adding a full-time librarian to our evening staff to assist students with research needs; increasing the number of public-use scanners and PCs in the building; and most recently, removing stacks and shelving to accommodate the rising demand for usable tutoring or study and group space on both floors of the building. Looking back over the past several years, it is with incredible pride that we can say our growth has been so transformative.

So with that in mind, I am excited to announce that once again we are transforming services and spaces to meet additional student needs this semester. One of the most exciting changes to announce is that we will now be open every day during the academic week (M-F) at 7:30 a.m. so that students have pre-class access to printing, technology, textbooks, coffee and more! In addition, we will be working throughout the course of the spring semester on a weeding and stack-shifting project which will again open up additional student-use, tutoring or study and group spaces on the second floor. We hope to have this project completed by Fall 2013 so that you can optimize your engagement with and use of the spaces, resources and services you have come to rely on.

As always, if you have comments, suggestions or recommendations for improvement, please let us know by dropping us a line in our digital suggestion box!

Welcome back, and have a great semester!
Augmented Reality for Digital Learning Day

To commemorate Digital Learning Day on Feb 6, Southworth Library/ Learning Commons will be unveiling its new interactive digital display center. The center, located on the second floor, will highlight the innovative digital initiatives Southworth is implementing to enhance the library experience for students and faculty. The first installment will consist of an augmented reality display that will build upon the QR code technology already in use in the library.

When scanning a mobile device over a picture embedded with a QR code, the picture will activate a video that in this instance will be a book recommendation by selected Canton librarians and faculty. This is truly something that needs to be seen to be believed so head over to the library and try a “virtual” recommendation.

This project coincides with the beginning of a digital humanities program here at SUNY Canton. This semester students in Prof. O’Briens Adirondack: Life and Literature class will use library iPads in course work that will challenge them to use digital technology as a means for recording and preserving history. This collaboration demonstrates an integrated approach to teaching and learning we embrace.

Thursday, Feb. 14, is Love Your Library Day

It’s something we do every year. Why? Because it’s fun.

Love Your Library Day is a chance to take note of how Southworth Library has grown into the Learning Commons. It’s a celebration. It’s a chance for staff to show a little love to our patrons, and it’s a chance for patrons to give some back.

Events include:
• Refreshments from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the lobby.
• Valentines making station 10 a.m. until 6 p.m.
• Photo booth from 10 a.m. to closing
• Prize drawings

Prizes are donated by local businesses and are composed into a few “date nights” in a bag. Students can enter the drawings by visiting any of the points of service in the library learning commons, such as the circulation desk, reference desks, tutoring labs and Help Desk. Prize entries are limited to students.

The Cyber Café will feature red velvet cupcakes with cream cheese frosting and individual serving sizes of fudge for sale during Love Your Library.

The library will accept donations of DVDs and popular books that are in very good condition – we welcome them at any time, but donations on Love Your Library Day might get you a special Valentines’ gift in return.

And of course, this is the perfect day for letting us know why you love your library – what we’re doing right and how you’d like to see us improve. We’ll have a guest book for your comments.

Writer Visit

The Living Writers Series continues this semester with another award winning and best selling writer, William Rhoden. Author of Forty Million Dollar Slaves and Third and A Mile: The Trials and Triumphs of The Black Quarterback, Rhoden uses sports as a tool to understand society.

Third and A Mile is available in the Southworth Library Learning Commons collection.

Rhoden will visit SUNY Canton on Wens., Feb. 13, 6:30 p.m. at Roos House. The event is open to the public.

William Rhoden
Digital Books are Easy

The library is able to maximize space and update the collection most effectively by embracing digital technology.

Don’t be surprised when you’re looking for a book in the library catalog, SLEUTH, to find a link to a book where its shelf call number would normally be.

Click the link and your book will open on the screen. You will be able to navigate the book through its table of contents, search the text for specific words, and you can even print some of the pages.

The library home page has links to the catalog as well as Overdrive and EBSCOhost, which are e-book collections to which we subscribe.

Your login information for the e-book collections is the same as your campus login username and password.

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Here is a partial list of the newest titles added to the Overdrive collection:

Paraworld Zero
101 Ways to Prepare Curries
2nd Chance
The Absolutist
Aftermirth
Against a Dark Background
The Alchemyst
Alibi in High Heels
The Alienist
Anywhere But Here
Apple Turnover Murder
Asta’s Book
Baby Blessed
Battle Cries in the Wilderness
The Beauty Experiment
Before I Wake
The Best of Kim Stanley Robinson
The Best of Second City, Volume 1-3
Blue Like Jazz
The Bone Garden
The Book of Lies
Bring Up the Bodies
The Camel Club
Cat of Many Tails
Cloud Road
The Collectors
Consider the Fork
Cover of Snow
Crusoe
The Curious Incident of the Dog ...
Dads Are the Original Hipsters
Dark Places
Deadly Politics
Dear Life
A Death in China
Death of an Addict
The Death of Ivan Ilych & Other Stories
Devious
The Dilemma of Charlotte Farrow
The Drowning House
The Eden Express
Eminent Pittsburghers
Enchanted Isle
The Encyclopedia of Dead Rock Stars
Explosive Eighteen
Faceless Killers
The Fall of the Philippines 1941-42
Fathers and Sons
The First Commandment
Flight to Canada
Fort Ticonderoga
Game Changer
The Ghost of Milagro Creek
Graceling
Gravity
And many more!