Southworth Library Learning Commons News & Events

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Take the dying out of studying!
Southworth Library Learning Commons has everything you need for Finals Week.

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Note:
Time to return books!

All library materials (books, DVDs, etc.) are due back to the library learning commons by May 10 or will automatically be reported lost.

Textbooks and other reserve items are still available for use.

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New: Finals Week Mind Spa

Although it may seem counter-intuitive, sometimes the most productive thing you can do is take a break. Most of us get a little stressed at the end of the semester when everything is due and one test can make or break a grade. A little stress can actually improve test performance, but too much stress may affect your memory and decision-making processes.

Southworth Library Learning Commons is offering a little room for relaxation during Finals Week. The Fishbowl Conference Room is being set aside as a quiet space for students to take a quick break from their studies. We’re moving the furniture out in favor of bean bags and pillows, and the lights will remain off. At times there will be ambient music or nature sounds.

This is a first for Southworth Library Learning Commons, and we hope it will be popular. Please let us know how it helps.

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It's time to return all books and DVDs

At the end of every academic year, all books and materials checked-out from Southworth Library Learning Commons become due on the last day of classes—May 10 this year. Any materials not received by that date are automatically reported lost and a hold is placed on the borrower's account. We assure you, no parents or students are ever harmed.

Avoid a lost materials hold by returning books on time. There is no penalty as long as the materials are returned, but it does take a day or more to release the hold. Textbooks and other reserve materials are still available.
24/7 Back for Finals

Southworth Library Learning Commons will be open around the clock, beginning at 8 a.m. on Sunday, May 12, and ending at 4:30 p.m. on Friday, May 17.

During this time all of the labs and the entire 2nd floor are considered quiet study areas. Please be particularly conscious of the noise you make anywhere in the building (even the lobby) because it may affect another person’s study efforts.

The Fishbowl Conference Room will be reserved for a relaxation zone from 8 a.m. on Monday to 4 p.m. on Friday.

Coffee and ice water will be served beginning at 8 p.m. each evening from Monday until Thursday.

Congratulations to all graduating students. It’s been our pleasure to serve you. We wish you luck in your future efforts.

To all students, faculty and staff who will be gone for the summer, we look forward to seeing you in the fall. Enjoy the break.

To everyone who will be on campus this summer, we will be open Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Please be sure to visit the library learning commons, we’ll be here for you.

— The Southworth LLC Staff

Pilot Poetry Podcast Proves Popular

Poem in Your Pocket Day may be an annual event, but the poetry podcast conceived of by librarian Mike Magilligan and English Prof. Phil LaMarche was a first-of-its-kind partnership, pairing students in the Living Authors course with an annual library event.

Magilligan visited LaMarche’s classes to talk to his students about composing original verses and using their poems as the foundation for digital compositions. Once the students had their poems ready, Magilligan assisted them in recording the poems with iPads and the app Garageband. Some students made YouTube videos.

Magilligan then worked a number of the class poems into a podcast that also featured original work by other campus poetry fans, such as Prof. Rajiv Narula. The podcast has the feel of a latenight radio show that might have been hosted by the hepcat Magilligan chose for project’s mascot. To hear it, go to:

http://www.canton.edu/library/podcast.html

Your Toss is Our Gain

Used books and DVDs welcome at LLC

After you’ve searched your room for any overdue books and other materials that belong to Southworth Library Learning Commons, and while you’re participating in the 2nd annual SUNY Canton Clean Your Room event (May 10-18), you may find you have gently used textbooks, popular fiction and DVDs you don’t plan to use again.

We will take them.

Southworth LLC’s very popular DVD collection is comprised almost entirely of donated DVDs. Many of our reserve textbooks are used books that were donated by faculty or students. And, our popular reading paperback collection has a number of books that were gifts from their owners.

Please make sure donated items are current and are in very good condition. Donations may be left at the LLC circulation desk. Be sure to include your contact information so we can thank you for your gift send you a tax receipt for your records.

If you’ve made use of Tutoring Services this year, please help us by taking a quick survey: http://www.cantonsurvey.com/se.ashx?s=705E3F09069F3069