


## Fall 2011 Semester Newsletter

# MADONNA<sup>™</sup> UNIVERSITY Library

 *Madonna University Library advances the University mission by supporting the research needs and enhancing the information literacy skills of students, faculty, and staff. The library provides quality resources, research assistance and instruction in an atmosphere that reflects Christian service and values.*

### Welcome Back Students, Faculty, and Staff

“What refuge is there for the victim who is possessed with the feeling that there are a thousand new books he ought to read, while life is only long enough for him to read a hundred?”

**- Oliver Wendell Holmes Sr.**

American Physician, Professor, Lecturer, and Author (1809-1894)

Welcome to the Madonna University Library. We wish you success as you begin the 2011 Fall semester. The library is open seven days a week to serve all your information needs as you complete your course work. Please visit our newly refurbished website to discover the wealth of information and services available to you, including our library databases and catalog. The library databases are accessible off-campus exclusively for the convenience of our students, faculty, and staff. The library catalog is also available on our website enabling users to view personal accounts, renew books, and request holds on books that are currently checked out.

Although the Madonna University Library offers many services available via the Internet, we invite you to come in to the library and browse through our books, newspapers, and journals. There is ample space and seating in the library for those seeking a quiet place to study individually or for those participating in a study group. Please take advantage of our private study rooms for groups of three or more. We recommend reserving a study room in advance to guarantee your group will have a private and quiet area to meet. Also for your convenience, the library has computers open for use to catch up on homework, print assignments, or



research on the Internet. Copy machines are also available.

Most importantly, remember the library is here to help you. Reference service is provided by Faculty Librarians. At the Madonna Library, we pride ourselves on providing friendly and professional assistance to anyone who needs help seeking information. We look forward to seeing you at the library and to another great semester at Madonna University!

### Meet the New Faces at the Library

This past summer Madonna University welcomed two new additions to the library staff. Emma DeCenso joined the library team at the beginning of September as our new reference and instruction librarian. She is a recent

graduate of Wayne State University who is excited to start working with students and faculty.

“Every time a question is asked without an immediate answer to it, the fun begins. At the end, both the student

and myself will meet our informational needs. Also, I like people and love to interact (that is my culture). As a librarian, I fulfill that need as well,” says DeCenso.

DeCenso knew she wanted to be a librarian since she was

17 years old. As a high school student in the Republic of Macedonia, DeCenso was assigned to work at the only academic library in her city.

“The smiles and the gratitude we received by the staff and

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## Fall Term 2011 Walk-In Research Clinics

“My best friend is a person who will give me a book I have not read.”

**-Abraham Lincoln**  
16th President of the United States



Need help with your current research project? Or assistance locating the appropriate resources for an assignment? Need to improve your research skills or learn about the Library's resources? Drop into one of the Library's Walk-in Research Clinics and get the help you need!

### September

9/12	Monday	3:00-3:45pm	10/13	Thursday	1:00-1:45pm
9/14	Wednesday	noon-12:45pm	10/17	Monday	1:00-1:45pm
9/15	Thursday	7:00-7:45pm	10/18	Tuesday	3:00-3:45pm
9/21	Wednesday	1:00-1:45pm	10/20	Thursday	3:00-3:45pm
9/22	Thursday	noon-12:45pm	10/26	Wednesday	3:00-3:45pm
9/26	Monday	7:00-7:45pm	10/27	Thursday	noon-12:45pm
9/27	Tuesday	noon-12:45pm	10/31	Monday	1:00-1:45pm

### October

10/3	Monday	noon-12:45pm
10/5	Wednesday	3:00-3:45pm
10/11	Tuesday	7:00-7:45pm
10/12	Wednesday	7:00-7:45pm

### November

11/1	Tuesday	7:00-7:45pm
11/8	Tuesday	1:00-1:45pm
11/10	Thursday	7:00-7:45pm

The library welcomes all members of the Madonna Community, faculty, staff, and students to the research clinics. No reservations are necessary. Join us in room 2301. Please call the reference desk at (734) 432-5767 for further inquiries.

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“You see, I don't believe that libraries should be drab places where people sit in silence, and that's been the main reason for our policy of employing wild animals as librarians.”

**-Monty Python**

students were priceless. Helping them was the best time of my high school years. I made it my dream and 12 years later it became a reality,” DeCenso recalls.

Before coming to the United States 10 years ago, DeCenso worked as a translator, interpreter, and Peace Corps language instructor. Now, however, DeCenso is focused on learning about the university and the duties as library liaison for the College of Education.

Lauren Seppanen is also a new addition to the library staff, joining the team only one month ago. However, as a Madonna University Alumni,

she is already very familiar with the campus. Seppanen earned her Bachelor's degree in Professional and Technical Writing in December 2009. She graduated with a 3.95 GPA and received recognition as an Ernest I. Nolan Award winner. Seppanen enjoyed her time as a Madonna student so much that she decided to pursue a job at the university.

“Madonna is really a warm place to be. I felt that I was among friends in each of my classes and the professors were always kind and enthusiastic. I began checking the Madonna job postings on a regular basis because I knew

it would also be a great place to work,” explains Seppanen.

So far Seppanen's assessment about working at Madonna has been right.

“I love working at Madonna. The people I work with in the library are amazing and I'm truly enjoying my responsibilities as a library assistant,” says Seppanen.

Within the next couple of years Seppanen plans on enhancing her career by earning her Master's degree in Library Science. Right now she is too busy planning her New Year's Eve wedding, setting up a recently purchased home, and raising a new puppy.

## Madonna University Library Promotes Literacy with the Red Wagon Program

On a hot August day, a bell can be heard ringing up and down the streets of a local neighborhood in Westland. Except it is not an ice cream truck; it is a red wagon full of books pulled by individuals from our very own library.

Joanne Lumetta, Anita Shiplett, Lijun Xue, and Michael Cummings have each participated in the Red Wagon program before and continue to look forward to it each year.

"I think it's worthwhile. The kids are very interested. We have been going to the same neighborhood for a while and I think the kids come to expect

us. They look forward to seeing the red wagon full of goodies," says Anita Shiplett, library assistant.

The group takes a wagon full of donated reading books, coloring books, crayons, water, and even toothbrushes to local neighborhoods to give away to children. The group makes their presence known by ringing a bell while pulling a wagon down the street.

Librarian Lijun Xue believes the program helps the community by focusing the children's attention into a positive outlet. However, the program does not just benefit kids; it helps adults, too.

"Some families are underprivileged and cannot get to a public library. As librarians, we can help by providing books. We have books for all age groups because parents want to read, too," says Xue.

The program takes donations from numerous contributors. Unfortunately, Borders Books, a big donor in the past, is now out of business. However, with the help of other businesses and individuals the Red Wagon's mission of promoting literacy will remain strong.

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"I'm of a fearsome mind to throw my arms around every living librarian who crosses my path, on behalf of the souls they never knew they saved."

**-Barbara Kingsolver**  
Novelist

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## Stigmatic Librarians in Pop Culture

When you think of a librarian, do you think of a shy, nerdy woman? Maybe a mean, no-nonsense old lady? Others prefer the image of a beautiful and mysterious seductress. There are numerous stereotypes surrounding the librarian profession. Whichever image you find most fitting for a librarian, you can be sure these roles have been exaggerated in movies, shows, and even books.

The following list shows some of the most popular movies depicting librarians in favorable and not so favorable roles.

- ◆ Sophie's Choice (1982)
- ◆ Salmonberries (1991)
- ◆ Party Girl (1995)
- ◆ The Gun in Betty Lou's Handbag (1992)

- ◆ Desk Set (1957)
- ◆ Storm Center (1956)
- ◆ It's a Wonderful Life (1946)
- ◆ The Music Man (1962)
- ◆ Soylent Green (1973)
- ◆ UHF (1989) Schmidt, Steven J. *Film Librarian*. IUPUI University Library, 2003. Web. 13 Sept. 2011.

## Celebrate the Right to Read and Learn During Banned Books Week

Banned Books Week is taking place from September 24—October 1, 2011. Although Banned Books Week is only celebrated once a year; its emphasis on the First Amendment and the freedom to read, learn, and share ideas should not be taken for granted.

The books featured during Banned Books Week are all those that have been targeted for banning. Most of the time the books are targeted by parents who want to protect young children from

age-inappropriate topics. Sexually explicit content is the number one reason a book is challenged.

While it is okay to monitor which books your own child is reading, it is not okay to restrict anyone else from reading certain books.

The following list contains the top five most challenged books from 2010.

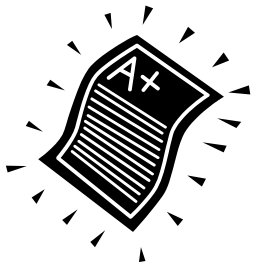
- 1) *And Tango Makes Three* by Peter Parnell and Justin Richardson

- 2) *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian* by Sherman Alexie
- 3) *Brave New World* by Aldous Huxley
- 4) *Crank* by Ellen Hopkins
- 5) *The Hunger Games* by Suzanne Collins

Please read these books and others during Banned Books Week to promote intellectual freedom. For more information, visit [www.ala.org](http://www.ala.org).

Answers to the Literature Test on Page Four:

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| 1. E |       |
| 2. H | 6. C  |
| 3. A | 7. B  |
| 4. G | 8. D  |
| 5. J | 9. I  |
|      | 10. F |



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Visit the library in room 2302 or  
call us at:  
Circulation Desk (734) 432-5703  
Reference Desk (734) 432-5767

Check us out on the Internet!  
[http://ww3.madonna.edu/  
library/](http://ww3.madonna.edu/library/)

**Library Hours for Fall  
2011 and Winter 2012  
Semesters**

**Monday—Thursday  
8:00 am—10:30 pm**

**Friday  
8:00 am—7:00 pm**

**Saturday  
9:00 am—5:30 pm**

**Sunday  
1:00 pm—5:00 pm**

## Put Your Literature Knowledge to the Test!

Match the author to the book. Answers can be found on page three.

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| 1. Catch-22                          | A. Agatha Christie  |
| 2. To Kill a Mocking Bird            | B. Jane Austen      |
| 3. And Then There Were None          | C. Ernest Hemingway |
| 4. The Bell Jar                      | D. George Orwell    |
| 5. Moby-Dick                         | E. Joseph Heller    |
| 6. The Old Man and the Sea           | F. Lewis Carroll    |
| 7. Sense and Sensibility             | G. Sylvia Plath     |
| 8. 1984                              | H. Harper Lee       |
| 9. Frankenstein                      | I. Mary Shelley     |
| 10. Alice's Adventures in Wonderland | J. Herman Melville  |

