



# IN THE STACKS

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## Book Discussion

by Bobbi Jacquet, Library Director

Every semester members of the faculty have the opportunity to read a selected book and get together to discuss the work. Not every faculty member is able to participate, but those who read and discuss the book enjoy the collaborative experience and the opportunity to learn something new. During the fall, the book read was Edward O. Wilson's *The Future of Life* and the discussion that followed was led by Dr. David Dunbar (Assistant Professor of Biology). Although written in 2002, Wilson's thesis is still current and especially relevant to a college community focused on the environment as Cabrini is.



The author of *The Future of Life* is the winner of two Pulitzer prizes and has won numerous scientific awards. An eminent Harvard scientist, Wilson has written books such as: *Life on Earth*; the *Diversity of Life*; *Consilience: the Unity of Knowledge*; *Sociobiology*; *Biophilia*; and *Journey to the Ants: a Story of Scientific Exploration*.

In *The Future of Life*, Wilson surveys the planet's ecosystem and finds that the present world is being cut down, plowed under, and subdivided. For example, there is a struggle between economic and ecological forces in countries like China, where rapid population growth and the need for increased food production place enormous pressure on the environment. The stress on the environment leads to the rapid extinction of species and the massive depletion of forests and natural habitats, thus correlating human population growth and the loss of biodiversity and general degradation of the environment. He advocates the creation of a "universal environmental ethic" to raise the consciousness of all human beings.

"The race is now going on between the techno-scientific forces that are destroying the living environment and those that can be harnessed to save it." According to Wilson, the tragedy of the disappearance of species is far reaching. The loss of rain forest may mean the loss of biopharmaceuticals, or ingredients with curative powers that can be, first, harvested, and ultimately, synthesized.

## Library Hours

### Spring 2006

January 17-May 16, 2006  
Monday–Thursday 8am-1am  
Friday 8am-8pm  
Saturday 9am-4pm  
Sunday 1pm-1am

Spring Break  
February 26 – March 4, 2006  
Monday–Friday 8:30am-5pm  
Saturday/Sunday Closed

Easter Break  
April 13 - 17, 2006  
Thursday–Sunday Closed  
Monday (April 17) 7pm-1am

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## Information Literacy Initiative

By Anne Schwelm, Coordinator of Information Access and User Services

The college's Information Literacy (IL) initiative went into full swing during the Fall semester. With assistance from Chris Shields (WebCT Support Specialist), the IL Skills Inventory was integrated into the 'Freshman Gateway.' The thirty-two question assessment was designed in conjunction with the SEPCHE Information Literacy Taskforce in accordance with the Association of College and Research Libraries' Standards for Higher Education. The purpose of the inventory is to gauge students' ability to identify, access, and evaluate information as well as their understanding of academic honesty issues. Four hundred and forty-nine incoming first-year students completed the inventory using WebCT, the course management software used by Cabrini College.

Results indicate that first year students understand the need to find information to support ideas and opinions, and are aware that Cabrini College has an academic honesty policy. Results further show that though first year students recognize that there are differences among information sources, they

are not yet proficient in using the different kinds of information sources or in constructing effective search strategies. As a follow-up to the IL Inventory, first-year students enrolled in College Success Seminar received an introduction and overview to the Library and its services. In the Spring semester, students will complete the online tutorial, Searchpath, as part of their Seminar 100 class. Designed specifically for information literacy, Searchpath consists of six modules and covers everything from using CAVALOG to citing sources.

Originally created at Western Michigan University, Searchpath was customized for Cabrini College by the IAUS Department of Holy Spirit Library with assistance from Mike Belsky (Hyperion Reporting Support and Web Programmer). Both the IL Skills Inventory and the Searchpath tutorial are available from the Holy Spirit Library's webpage (<http://www.cabrini.edu/library/>). Select the Information Literacy link to access the Skills Inventory and Tutorial.

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## Students, Faculty, and Librarians Collaborating Together

by Michael LaMagna, Reference Librarian

Research has evolved from a solitary exercise to a more collaborative endeavor. The change in the way research is conducted requires the Library to continually evaluate the resources and services offered to the College community. Research is no longer confined within the walls of the library; instead, students are able to research from the convenience of their dorm rooms and homes. While students are able to access the Library's resources anytime, day or night, there is a continuing demand to offer quiet, group, and social space within the walls of the Library. To facilitate the demands on the physical space the Library frequently adjusts its physical floor plan.

Preliminary planning has begun on a new building that will meet the changing needs of the College's

community. The new library will provide students, faculty, and librarians a space to collaborate and enhance the learning experience of students as they explore and research in their given discipline. The new envisioned space will allow students to access research material at anytime electronically while continuing to provide access to resources that are only available in print. The benefit of the new building will be the space for collaborative learning activities.

As the Library begins the preliminary planning stage, special consideration has been given to the current function of each department in the Library and how changes in pedagogy will effect these functions in the future.

## Recommended Readings from the Library Staff

Anderson, Lars. The All Americans. New York: St. Martin's Press, 2004. (D736 .A65 2004)

—*In November 1941, Army met Navy in front of 100,000 spectators. Nine days later the United States was at war and the players who fought as bitter rivals on the football field now found themselves fighting for their lives against the Axis powers. This is a beautifully written story that chronicles the lives of four young men who as athletes were held in high esteem and as soldiers became heroes.*—Anne Schwelm

Frey, James. A Million Little Pieces. New York: Talese/Doubleday, 2003.

—*A gripping story of drug addiction that made its way into Oprah's Book Club. Unfortunately, there are credible allegations that much of this memoir is embellished or outright fabricated.*—Michael LaMagna

Hurston, Zora Neale. Their Eyes Were Watching God. Urbana: University of Illinois Press, 1991. (PS3515 .U789 T639 1991)

—*Story of a young woman's journey to be able to speak her mind and be herself. Her life is filled with various obstacles preventing her from doing this until one day she finds the man of her dreams and he allows her to speak her mind and loves her for herself and not for her money.*—Cindy Ross

Jones, Edward P. The Known World. New York: Amistad, 2003. (PS3560 .O4813 K58 2004)

—*This historical novel focuses on slavery in antebellum Virginia. Through the telling of the story of Henry Townsend, a former slave who becomes a slaveholder himself, the moral issues of slavery are explored. The novel provides an eye-opening account of the social spectrum that existed in the pre-Civil War south.*—Rosemarie DeMaio

Montanari, Richard. The Rosary Girls: A Novel. New York: Ballantine Books, 2005. (PS3563 .O5384 R67 2005)

—*This novel is a fast-paced thriller about a serial killer "sacrificing" Catholic school girls in Philadelphia. Just when you think you know who the villain is, the plot takes another twist. The familiar locale adds interest to this page turner.*—Sherry Becht

Sirota, David. The Enthusiastic Employee: How Companies Profit by Giving Workers What They Want. Upper Saddle River: Wharton School Pub., 2005. (HF5549.5 .M6 S57 2005)

—*The Enthusiastic Employee is a book for anyone who does not like working for their employer. A fantastic read highlighting worker motivation, performance, and morale. A must read for anyone interested in the field of leadership.*—Corey Salazar

## New to Holy Spirit Library's DVD Collection

### Oscar Nominated Films

Aviator  
Crash  
Million Dollar Baby  
Sideways



### Feature Films

The Bourne Supremacy  
Finding Nemo  
Hoop Dreams  
L.A. Story  
National Treasure  
The Phantom of the Opera

### Coming Attractions

Broken Flowers  
Brothers Grimm  
Constant Gardener  
Exorcism of Emily Rose  
The 40yr Old Virgin  
March of the Penguins  
Mr. & Mrs. Smith  
Red Eye  
War of the Worlds  
Wedding Crashers

## Library Sources on Immigration

by Rosemarie DeMaio, Coordinator of Technical Services

To say that immigration has played an important role in the history of the United States is an unequivocal understatement. We are a nation that has been formed and transformed by immigrants. Despite this fact immigration has been and continues to be a controversial topic.

The Library has always collected works on immigration, in part because of the topic's historical significance but most importantly because of the college's namesake, St. Frances Xavier Cabrini. In March of 1889, Mother Frances Cabrini was sent by Pope Leo XIII to help the thousands of Italians who had recently immigrated to the United States. Throughout her life she established schools, orphanages, and hospitals to help the poor and underprivileged. Because of her work, St. Frances Cabrini was named the patron saint of immigrants.

Further, as a result of the faculty's decision to use the topic of immigration as a focal theme for this academic year, the Library Director has been actively acquiring additional material for the Library's collection.

Searching for titles on immigration as a keyword in the Library's catalog, CAVALOG, results in 371 hits. Reflecting the impact of the topic in various disciplines, titles listed can be found in several sections of the Library's collection—business, sociology, religion, education, and literature. However, the bulk of titles can be found in the political science section, specifically in the call number range JV6000 to JV9480.

Works include a wide range of scholarship and viewpoints on immigration. For instance, Bill Ong Hing's *Defining America through Immigration Policy* presents prevailing attitudes towards immigration throughout the years, and the resulting laws and policies enacted in the U.S. He gives evidence of the long standing controversial aspect of immigration by citing Benjamin Franklin's opinion given in 1755 that further German migration should be discouraged, fearing that their numbers would "...be so numerous as to germanize us instead of our anglifying them."

Otis L. Graham Jr. examines the history of immigration in this country and while noting that we are 'justifiably proud' of how immigration has contributed to our nation-building, he argues that unregulated immigration will have a negative impact on our future causing over-population, problems in the workforce and "social fragmentation." On the opposite side of the debate, an anthology edited by Tamar Jacoby, entitled *Reinventing the Melting Pot: the New Immigrants and What It Means to be American*, presents twenty-one essays with the prevailing theme that today's immigrants can and will be assimilated while enriching "our national life."

To find other titles, use the keyword search with immigrants and another topic such as education or religion to narrow down the search. You can also search by nationality, for instance Irish immigrants. Or try immigration with words like economics or social aspects. As always, if you need help ask a librarian for assistance.

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Holy Spirit Library would like to  
**Thank You** for making the  
Library's annual Open House and  
Stockings for the Senior Sisters a success!

Look for events throughout the Spring Semester.

## Expanding the Juvenile Science Collection

by Cindy Ross, Serials and Acquisitions Associate

The library has added many new titles to our collection over the past few months, such as *Devil's Corner*, *The Closers: A Novel*, *The Rosary Girl: A Novel*, and the new edition of *The poems of Emily Dickinson*.

In addition to our regularly added titles we have added many new juvenile science titles to our collection. With the completion of our new Science Education and Technology (S.E.T.) building the Library is working towards creating an extensive juvenile science collection. In developing this collection we have taken into consideration the Pennsylvania Department of Education Academic Standards for Science.

We are currently in the process of working coop-

eratively with the liaison in the Science Education department to cultivate an even more extensive Juvenile Science Collection. We have added approximately 200 juvenile science titles such as: *African American Scientists*, *Energy Alternatives*, *Fabulous Fluttering Tropical Butterflies*, as well as *Max Goes to the Moon*. The Library will continue to expand this collection, as well as increase the holdings of the juvenile collection in general.

The juvenile collection is located on the lower level of the Library. This collection was developed to address the needs of our students. In addition to the science and general juvenile collections, the Library annually acquires the Newberry & Caldecott winning books and other juvenile materials to support the needs of the Education Department.

## Material Safety Data Sheets

by Corey Salazar, Interlibrary Loan IAUS Associate

Have you ever wondered what is in a toner cartridge? Chalk? Wite-Out? or any of the other material used throughout the day at the Library? Well you have a right to know! As part of the preparation for the Association of Independent Colleges and Universities of Pennsylvania (AICUP) visit in the Fall semester the Library completed an audit and created a Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) directory. A MSDS directory is available to inform employees, students, faculty, staff, and any of the other visitors to the Library of the safety issues and concerns surrounding the materials used in the operation of the Library.

An individual might not be aware that there are health and safety concerns surrounding something as simple as a permanent marker. This and a list of 23 products housed in the Library with all their ingredients has been created. The MSDS guide will inform all employee, students, faculty, and staff about the products the Library uses. The Library also has a copy of the Cabrini College Safety Manual to ensure the campus is informed about health and safety concerns found on campus. Although this might not seem important, health and safety concerns of library users and the entire campus community are top priority to Cabrini College and the Holy Spirit Library.

Copies of the Library's MSDS directory and the Cabrini College Safety Manual are located at the Circulation Desk.

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Dr. Dunbar's favorite quote from the book is: "For every person in the world to reach U.S. levels of consumption with existing technology would require resources from four more planet Earths." Are Americans particularly rapacious consumers? How big is *your* ecological footprint? Are we living on the edge of ecological disaster? Is time running out to save the earth? The book is in the Library's collection. You'll find it on the first floor at QH75 .W535 2002.



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## Christmas with the Senior Sisters

by Sherry Becht, Circulation and Reserves IAUS Associate

Each year the Holy Spirit Library staff assumes the role of Santa's helpers and spreads holiday cheer to the Senior Sisters at the St. Frances Cabrini Home, retirement home for the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. We deliver Christmas stockings generously filled with presents gathered from the campus community. It is a time of gift giving and holiday song singing as Nicole Baker shares her musical talents at the piano.

This year we had a very special guest with us. Santa Claus himself made an appearance. It was Jolly Saint Nick (Kevin Burke, first-year student) passing out the stockings to the sisters. Smiles lit up the room which was bedecked with Christmas decorations and filled with Christmas music. The sisters were delighted and Santa even shared a dance or two with a few of the Sisters.

We're not sure who enjoys this tradition more, the Sisters or Santa's helpers, but the true spirit of Christmas and community are certainly present during our visit. Please browse the photographs of our visit with the Senior Sisters by visiting the Holy Spirit Library's website (<http://www.cabrini.edu/library/>) and you will see what a joyous time this was for everybody!

Here is a sampling of our favorite photographs with Santa from the Library's December 22, 2005 visit.

