



Bird's Eye View:

A Newsletter from the Grace Van Dyke Bird Library

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For the Bibliophile on Your Christmas List: Going once, going twice. . .

The library has been the fortunate recipient of some beautiful leather-bound books published by Easton Press, given to us by a very generous but anonymous donor. Some have been entered into the collection, but others are either duplicates or simply too valuable to stamp and expose to the kind of wear that library books endure. They are all in excellent condition; some are in their original wrapping. With the permission of the donor, we will auction these beautiful volumes to the staff (and friends) of Bakersfield College to support the library-sponsored scholarships. You may view these books in Library Technical Services—Lib 126—downstairs off of the computer commons. Give Carol Paschal a call before making the trek—395-4460.

Submit your sealed bids with your contact information to Anna Agenjo in the library by noon on Friday, December 7. Listed below you will find the titles, their original value, and starting bids.

Abraham Lincoln: The War Years, The Prairie Years

by Carl Sandburg

6 volumes (originally \$69 per volume)

Starting bid for the set: \$120.00

Battle: A Visual Journey through 5,000 Years of Combat

(originally \$130) Starting bid: \$50.00

Personal Memoirs of U.S. Grant

(originally \$70) Starting bid: \$30

Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 17th ed.

(originally \$100) Starting bid: \$20

Dawn, Day, and Night by Elie Wiesel. 3 volumes.

Night is signed by Wiesel.

(originally \$180 for the set/\$400 current value) Starting bid: \$150

Analects of Confucius

(originally \$50) Starting bid: \$25

Guns of August by Barbara Tuchman
(originally \$70) Starting bid: \$30

Great Poetry Series 16 volumes

including Millay, Dickinson, Browning, Frost, Byron, Poe, and others (originally \$35 a volume) Starting bid for the set: \$100

Authors Share with Students

From a literary point of view, Bakersfield College has had a great fall semester. The Cerro Author Visit with Luis Rodriguez was a resounding success. He spoke to a standing-room-only crowd in the Fireside Room, and he filled the Indoor Theater for the evening program as well. We were struck by the students' interest in his life and work.

At each program, students lined up to ask questions and to meet him. We believe the success of his visit is at least partially attributable to the number of students who had read his books in their BC classes. We also provided free books to 115 Bakersfield College students and gave 85 more books to area high school libraries. Rodriguez clearly was impressed by the interest of the students here and hopes to come to Bakersfield again.

And Gerald Haslam's visit under the auspices of the Levan Center also was great. Haslam, a former BC student, visited classes that had read his works and gave a presentation to another standing-room-only crowd in the Fireside Room. In addition, the Archives held a tribute dinner for Haslam in the Renegade Room, attended by his Bakersfield admirers. While Haslam has been at BC many times, his love of BC and of his Bakersfield roots is inspirational—as he encourages us all to tell our stories.

Both Haslam and Rodriguez encouraged students to use their own experiences as

springboards for their creativity; interestingly, both also emphasized that writing depended more on hard work than inherent talent. We in the library are pleased that so many of our students had the opportunity to meet these two authors, and we believe experiences like these are integral to college life.

One Book, One Bakersfield

Every year a book is selected to “cultivate a culture of reading and discussion in Bakersfield.” This year that book is Eric Schlosser’s *Fast Food Nation: The Dark Side of the All-American Meal*. The companion book for younger readers, *Chew on This: Everything You Don’t Want to Know about Fast Food*, is also by Schlosser. In *Fast Food Nation*, Schlosser, an investigative reporter, explores the history of the fast food industry as well as its far reaching effects on workers, consumers, the beef industry, farm subsidies, the economy, and the American landscape.

The kickoff event will take place here at Bakersfield College on Thursday, January 24 at 10 a.m. in the Renegade Room—featuring healthy snacks prepared by Chef Pat Coyle and the Culinary Arts students. Schlosser will speak in Bakersfield on February 7 at 7:00 p.m.—although the committee has not yet determined the location. These events are opportunities to expose our students to new points of view about a ubiquitous facet of their lives—a hamburger and fries.

Where in the World Is InfoTrac and Other Database News

Those of you who peruse the library homepage regularly for fun and frolic might have noticed that InfoTrac has disappeared. Don’t be dismayed; it has simply undergone a name change to Gale Expanded Academic. The library has also subscribed to two other Gale databases—Gale Literary Resource Center and Gale Biography Resource Center. They both contain information originally in print sources published by Gale, such as *Contemporary Authors*, *Dictionary of Literary Biography*, and the *Encyclopedia of World Biography*. A few periodical articles are also avail-

able. These databases are a boon to students doing literary or biographical research or qualifying the authors of their sources. They can be accessed using your BC identification number—you know, the one with the @ symbol. (But don’t enter the @!)

Also, to our dismay, Lexis Nexis has changed its interface. In our view, an already difficult database is even more challenging to navigate, but as we get used to the new interface, we’re hoping we’ll become more attuned to its nuances. But if you are having trouble finding what you used to find, come by and we’ll make every effort to assist you. Regardless of its pesky new interface, Lexis Nexis is still the premier database for news sources, including transcripts of television and radio news programs, as well as business and legal information.


Library Workshops

This fall, 397 students attended 1009 hour-long workshop sessions. While most of the 31 faculty members who encourage students to attend teach English, faculty members from departments as varied as Automotive Technology and Chemistry sent students to hone their research skills. Each faculty member receives a record of the students who attend.

The eight workshops offered focus on a variety of skills essential for college-level research. The workshops will begin again the week of February 4 and end on April 4. The schedule will be posted on the library website by Friday, February 1. If you have any questions about the workshops, don’t hesitate to contact Marci Lingo (x4209 or milingo@bakersfieldcollege.edu) or any of the librarians.



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 *Selected New Books in the General Collection (in call number order)*

Religion and Psychology

Gut Feelings: The Intelligence of the Unconscious.

Gigerenzer, Gerd. New York: Viking, 2007.

BF315.5 .G54 2007

Mistakes Were Made (but Not by Me): Why We Justify Foolish Beliefs, Bad Decisions, and Hurtful Acts.

Tavris, Carol. Orlando, FL: Harcourt, 2007.

BF337.C63 T38 2007

unSpun: Finding Facts in a World of Disinformation.

Jackson, Brooks. New York: Random House, 2007.

BF637.D42 J33 2007

My Dearest Enemy, My Dangerous Friend: Making and Breaking Sibling Bonds.

Rowe, Dorothy. New York: Routledge, 2007.

BF723.S43 R69 2007

Why We Believe What We Believe: Uncovering Our Biological Need for Meaning, Spirituality, and Truth.

Newberg, Andrew B. New York: Free Press, 2006.

BL53 .N49 2006

Religion in Latin America: A Documentary History.

Penyak, Lee M. Maryknoll, NY: Orbis, 2006.

BL2540 .R45 2006

The Shia Revival: How Conflicts within Islam Will Shape the Future.

Nasr, Seyyed Vali Reza. New York: Norton, 2006.

BP194.i85 .N37 2006

History

Interrogations: The Nazi Elite in Allied Hands, 1945.

Overy, R. J. Norwalk, CT: Easton P, 2006.

D736 .O94 2006

Thanks for the Memories: Love, Sex, and World War II.

Leder, Jane Mersky. Westport, CT: Praeger, 2006.

D744.7.U6 L43 2006

The Royal Tombs of Egypt: The Art of Thebes Revealed.

Hawass, Zahi A. New York: Thames & Hudson, 2006.

DT73.B44 H39 2006

Transnational Muslims in American Society.

McCloud, Aminah B. Gainesville: U P of Florida, 2006.

E184.M88 M38 2006

State of Denial.

Woodward, Bob. New York: Simon & Schuster, 2006.

E903.3 .W67 2006

There Goes My Everything: White Southerners in the Age of Civil Rights, 1945-1975.

Sokol, Jason. New York: Alfred A. Knopf, 2006.

F220.A1 S65 2006

Social Sciences

An Intimate Affair: Women, Lingerie, and Sexuality.

Fields, Jill. Berkeley: U of California P, 2007.

GT2073 .F54 2007

Reset: Changing the Way We Look at Video Games.

DeMaria, Rusel. San Francisco: Berrett-Koehler, 2007.

GV1469.3 .D455 2007

The Farmworkers' Journey.

López, Ann Aurelia. Berkeley: U of California P, 2007.

HD1527.C2 L67 2007

The Party's Over: Oil, War and the Fate of Industrial Societies.

Heinberg, Richard. Gabriola, B.C.: New Society, 2003.

HD9560.6 .H44 2003

Watch This, Listen Up, Click Here: Inside the 300 Billion Dollar Business behind the Media You Constantly Consume.

Verklin, David. Hoboken, NJ: John Wiley & Sons, 2007.

HF5813.U6 V47 2007

Living with Star Trek: American Culture and the Star Trek Universe.

Geraghty, Lincoln. New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2007.

HM1206 .G465 2007

Prostitution and Pornography: Philosophical Debate about the Sex Industry.

Spector, Jessica. Stanford, CA: Stanford U P, 2006.

HQ115 .P74 2006

Young J. Edgar: Hoover, the Red Scare, and the Assault on Civil Liberties.

Ackerman, Kenneth D. New York: Carroll & Graf, 2007.

HV7911.H6 A65 2007

The Torture Debate in America.

Greenberg, Karen J. New York: Cambridge U P, 2006.

JC599.U5 T665 2006

Law

Retained by the People: The "Silent" Ninth Amendment and the Constitutional Rights Americans Don't Know They Have.

Farber, Daniel A. New York: Basic Books, 2007.

KF4558 9th .F37 2007

How Free Can Religion Be?

Bezanson, Randall P. Urbana: U of Illinois P, 2006.

KF4865 .B49 2006

The Supreme Court: The Personalities and Rivalries that Defined America.
Rosen, Jeffrey. New York: Times Books, 2007.
KF8744 .R67 2007

Education

Transforming Schools—Empowering Children.
Kapur, Arun. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage, 2007.
LB41 .K37 2007

The Sandbox Investment: The Preschool Movement and Kids-First Politics.
Kirp, David L. Cambridge, MA: Harvard U P, 2007.
LB1140.23 .K57 2007

Fine Arts

Music of Coal: Mining Songs from the Appalachian Coalfields.
Big Stone Gap, VA: Lonesome Records, 2007.
M1629 .M8 2007

The Words and Music of John Lennon.
Urish, Ben. Westport, CT: Praeger, 2007.
ML420.L38 U75 2007

Felix Gonzalez-Torres.
González-Torres, Félix. Göttingen: Steidl/Dangin, 2006.
N6537.G64 A4 2006

Language and Literature

Unspeak: How Words Become Weapons, How Weapons Become a Message, and How That Message Becomes Reality.
Poole, Steven. New York: Grove P, 2006.
P119.3 .P658 2006

Rediscovering Homer: Inside the Origins of the Epic.
Dalby, Andrew. New York: W.W. Norton, 2006.
PA4037 .D335 2006

Impresario: The Life and Times of Ed Sullivan.
Maguire, James. New York: Billboard, 2006.
PN1992.4.S8 M34 2006

'Injuns!': Native Americans in the Movies.
Buscombe, Edward. London: Reaktion, 2006.
PN1995.9.I48 B87 2006

The Rise of the Blogosphere.
Barlow, Aaron. Westport, CT: Praeger, 2007.
PN4784.O62 B37 2007

I Celebrate Myself: The Somewhat Private Life of Allen Ginsberg.
Morgan, Bill. New York: Viking, 2006.
PS3513.I74 Z748 2006

Science, Mathematics and Medicine

The (Fabulous) Fibonacci Numbers.
Posamentier, Alfred S. Amherst, NY: Prometheus, 2007.
QA241 .P665 2007

In Katrina's Wake: Portraits of Loss from an Unnatural Disaster.
Jordan, Chris. New York: Princeton Architectural P, 2006.
QC945 .J63 2006

Jurassic West: The Dinosaurs of the Morrison Formation and Their World.
Foster, John Russell. Bloomington: Indiana U P, 2007.
QE733 .F68 2007

Why Darwin Matters: The Case against Intelligent Design.
Shermer, Michael. New York: Times Books, 2006.
QH366.2 .S494 2006

Mismatch: Why Our Bodies No Longer Fit Our World.
Gluckman, Peter D. New York: Oxford UP, 2006.
QH456 .G58 2006

Terrestrial Vegetation of California.
Barbour, Michael G. Berkeley: U of California P, 2007.
QK149 .T44 2007

Why Size Matters: From Bacteria to Blue Whales.
Bonner, John Tyler. Princeton, NJ: Princeton UP, 2006.
QL799 .B66 2006

How Everyday Products Make People Sick: Toxins at Home and in the Workplace.
Blanc, Paul D. Berkeley: U of California P, 2007.
RA1213 .B53 2007

Pesticides: A Toxic Time Bomb in Our Midst.
Levine, Marvin J. Westport, CT: Praeger, 2007.
RA1270.P4 L48 2007

Lying in Weight: The Hidden Epidemic of Eating Disorders in Adult Women.
Gura, Trisha. New York: HarperCollins, 2007.
RC552.E18 G87 2007

Rethinking Thin: The New Science of Weight Loss—and the Myths and Realities of Dieting.
Kolata, Gina Bari. New York: Farrar, Straus, and Giroux, 2007.
RM222.2 .K576 2007

Technology

Nanotechnology: Risk, Ethics and Law.
Hunt, Geoffrey. Sterling, VA: Earthscan, 2006.
T174.7 .N37525 2006

Meals to Come: A History of the Future of Food.
Belasco, Warren J. Berkeley: U of California P, 2006.
TX353 .B455 2006

The Herbalist in the Kitchen.
Allen, Gary. Urbana: U of Illinois P, 2007.
TX819.H4 A57 2007

