

# Library News

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AUTUMN IS FINALLY HERE

## New This Fall — Library Coffee Bar

This fall the Library has a new coffee bar that is located at the end of the reference desk as you walk into the building. The menu includes the following:

<b>20 oz Coffee</b>	<b>\$1.25</b>
<b>16 oz. Coffee</b>	<b>\$1.00</b>
<b>20 oz. Tea</b>	<b>\$1.25</b>
<b>16 oz. Tea</b>	<b>\$1.00</b>
<b>Hot Chocolate</b>	<b>\$1.00</b>
<b>Frappuccino</b>	<b>\$2.00</b>
<b>Mug Refills</b>	<b>\$1.00</b>
<b>Biscotti</b>	<b>\$.50</b>
<b>Shot of Syrup</b>	<b>\$.25</b>

The tea flavors include Chai Spice Black Tea, Orange Spice Black Tea, Green Tea, English Breakfast Black Tea and Earl Grey Black Tea.

The Coffee Bar will be open from 8, Monday - Thursday 8:00am-11:00pm, Friday 8:00am-5:00pm and Saturday 8:00am-6:00pm.



## Book Spotlight — Mark Haddon's Next Novel: *A Spot of Bother*

Newly retired George Hall starts to become unhinged when he begins to believe that a minor discoloration on his hip is terminal cancer. In reality, he is projecting all of his family's problems onto his imagined health ailment: his wife is having an affair

with one of his former co-workers, his daughter, already once divorced is about to marry an equally awful man for husband number two, and his gay son is convinced that George has never been comfortable with his sexuality.

This comedy about British domestic life is great fun and a solid follow-up to Haddon's *Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time*, which was selected as Point Park University's Convocation book for 2007.

### NEW LIBRARY MATERIAL

#### DVDs

- *Knocked Up*
- *The Jungle Book*
- *EuroTrip*
- *Fantastic Four*
- *Young Frankenstein*
- *Disco Pigs*
- *The Rose Tattoo*
- *The Weather Underground*
- Language DVDs (Spanish and Japanese)

#### Popular Collection

- *V is for Vendetta*  
Lloyd and Moore
- *A Spot of Bother*  
Mark Haddon
- Books by Zane
- *Born on a Blue Day : Inside the Extraordinary Mind of an Autistic Savant*
- *I am America (And so Can You)*  
Stephen Colbert
- *Thru my eyes : thoughts on Tupac Amaru Shakur in Pictures and Words*

#### New Databases

- CQ Global Researcher
- Humanities International Complete
- Literary Reference Center
- Oxford Language Dictionaries Online
- Theatre in Video

## New Database — Theatre in Video

Theatre in Video contains more than 250 definitive performances of the world's leading plays, together with more than 100 film documentaries, online in streaming video - more than 500 hours in all.

This release contains over 145 titles, representing hundreds of leading playwrights, actors and directors. Included are landmark performances such as *The Iceman Cometh*, *King Lear*, *Awake and Sing*, *Dom Juan*, *Bérénice*, *Long Day's Journey Into Night*, *Playboy of the Western World*, and *Othello*, among many others. Notable actors include Claire Bloom, Laurence Olivier, Colleen Dewhurst, Richard Dreyfuss, Walter Matthau, Meryl Streep, Eli Wallach, Zoe Caldwell, Sam Waterston and more.

For the first time, students, instructors and researchers can bookmark specific scenes, monologues and staging, and these landmark performances can become a permanent part of the curriculum.

Some features of Theatre in Video include the ability to watch all of the videos from home as well as in the library, playlists of clips that can be shared and numerous



Judi Dench rehearses Viola from *Twelfth Night*. From *Theatre in Video* documentaries.

browsing options including productions, companies, genres, people, dates and documentaries. Additionally six users are able to use the database simultaneously.

To access *Theatre in Video*, go to:

[www.pointpark.edu](http://www.pointpark.edu) → **Library** → **Online Resources—Databases** → **Performing Arts** → **Theatre in Video**



Point Park students recreate *Spirit of '76*. If anyone knows more about this event, please email [library@pointpark.edu](mailto:library@pointpark.edu).

## In the Archives

The Library continues to collect, organize and describe historically significant documents and records for the Point Park University Archives.

If you think you have items for the archives, please give us a call or email us at the library.  
[library@pointpark.edu](mailto:library@pointpark.edu) (412)392-3171

**In the meantime, enjoy some images from the archives.**



Short-lived (literally) bison mascot, Black Diamond II. b. 1966 - d. 1966.



A more suitable mascot. Easier to feed. Easier to house. This one hopefully did not leave droppings on the basketball court floor like its predecessor.

## Primary Sources for Your Research

What is a primary resource? Something created during the actual time being studied or later by a person who lived during that period. The resources can take the form of diaries, memoirs, photos, oral histories, videos, letters, manuscripts, newspapers, speeches, interviews, buildings, etc.

Carrying out research using primary resources is so much easier because of the web. You can find a wealth of digitized free content that will satisfy the novice to the in-depth researcher via respected sites, e.g., the Library of Congress American Memory [[www.memory.loc.gov/ammem/index.html](http://www.memory.loc.gov/ammem/index.html)], New York Public Library Digital Gallery [[www.nypl.org/digital](http://www.nypl.org/digital)], Making of America [[www.moa.umdl.umich.edu](http://www.moa.umdl.umich.edu) &

[www.moa.cit.cornell.edu/moa/index.html](http://www.moa.cit.cornell.edu/moa/index.html)] and at Yale [[www.yale.edu/lawweb](http://www.yale.edu/lawweb)]. The Library lists these websites on the subject databases pages.

Need a book? Use “diary” or “memoir” as a keyword in PointCat. Your search gives you print, e-books and the Library of American Civilization microfiche collection [many of these are now available full text online in Google].

So, get out there and enjoy the world of primary resources. Find Sir Walter Raleigh’s pirate licence from Elizabeth I, daily/hourly updates from the American ambassador during the 1917 Bolshevik Revolution, an algebra text from 1851, audio slave narratives recorded 1932-1975, Lady Bird Johnson’s diary – the possibilities are amazing.



*Still image from video of 1927 World Series.*

This video as well as many other primary sources (images, moving pictures, and documents) can be found in the **History Reference Center** database.

Also, oral history transcripts, letters, and diaries can be found in **In the First Person** database.

Both of these databases are available through the library:

**[www.pointpark.edu](http://www.pointpark.edu) → Library → Online Resources—Databases → History**

## Know Your Library Staff: Welcome Dev Albarelli

**Dev Albarelli** is the new librarian, hired full-time in August after working at Point Park for a year on a part-time basis. He will be working in the library in the afternoon and evenings as well as teaching Bibliographic Instruction Sessions. Dev did both his undergraduate and graduate work at the University of

Pittsburgh, having attained a BA in English Literature and more recently an MLIS. In his spare time Dev enjoys hurting himself playing sports and especially enjoys writ-

ing blurbs about himself in the 3rd person. He hopes to be at Point Park for a long time and has had a great experience so far.

*“Dev especially enjoys writing blurbs about himself in the 3rd person.”*

### Stop by the library reference desk to say hello to the library staff:

Liz Evans—Director

Brenton Wilson — Associate Director

Paul Antoline— Evening and Weekend Reference Associate

Dev Albarelli—Reference / Instruction Librarian

Joan Hamby — Faculty Librarian

Phil Harrity — Assistant Archivist

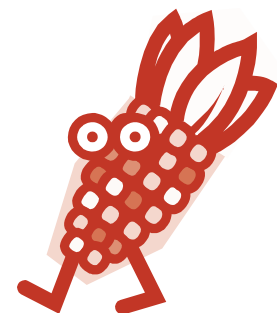
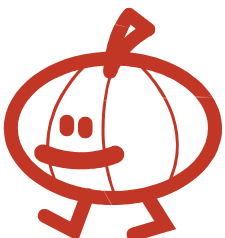
Melanie Kirchartz—Circulation Coordinator

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Andy Muskopf—Evening and Weekend Reference Associate

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Margie Stampahar—Tech Services Coordinator





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## Library Reminders

**IM The Answer:** Library staff members are available to answer your research and general library questions through Instant Messenger. If you have an AOL or Yahoo instant messenger account, contact us at **pointlibim**. This service is available during our business hours.

**Email Your Questions:** Library staff are available to answer your questions via email. Staff will typically answer questions from 8:00am-9:00pm, if you email your question after 9:00pm, it will be answered the following day.

**EZ Borrow:** If there is a resource you need that the library does not have, our EZ Borrow service allows you to search the catalogs of a number of different academic library catalogs to find what you are looking for. If the material is available via EZ Borrow it will be delivered to the library for you to pick up and you will be notified of it's delivery via email.

**Laptops:** Laptops with wireless access are available at the Reference Desk for students to check out and use in the library.

**Research Consultations:** If you are in need of assistance with a research paper or topic, make an appointment to meet with a librarian individually.

## Fourth Annual Library Halloween Costume Contest

In conjunction with other campus Halloween events, the Library will hold its Fourth Annual Costume contest on **Wednesday Oct 31st from 8:30am-4:30 pm.**

Wear your costume to the library and pose for a photograph, and you will be entered into a Student Choice-Best Costume contest and prize drawing.

Dress Up! Amuse the Library Staff! Eat Candy!  
Vote for your Fellow Classmates!

Can you outdo these costumes from last year?

