

Point Park University Library News

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What can we do for you? Check out some of the different resources and services now offered by the library!

Blackboard Librarian

Faculty: do your students need research help? A librarian can be “embedded” in Blackboard for any of your courses, and will be available to answer research questions and give library help directly through Blackboard!

Want to brush up on your foreign language skills? Try Mango, the library’s language learning center.



Mango not only offers online courses for English speakers looking to learn another language, but also provides courses for non-native English speakers looking to improve their English.

Click on “Learn a Language” from the library homepage to sign up for your free Mango account today!

Student Library Advisory Committee

Want your voice to be heard? Join other members of the Point Park student body to discuss ways to improve library resources and services.

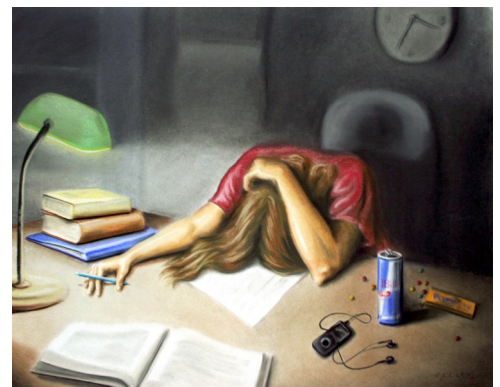
Just ask library staff if you would like to participate!

Some Available languages: **Arabic, Mandarin, Croatian, Czech, Dari, Dutch, Farsi, French, German, Greek, Hebrew, Hindi, Indonesian, Irish, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Norwegian, Pashto, Portuguese, Russian, Slovak, Spanish, Thai, Turkish, Urdu, Vietnamese... and more!**

Resource Guides

Your research doesn’t stop when the library closes. If you have questions and can’t contact a librarian, try using one of the library’s research guides. These online guides are always available and offer subject-specific research help, citation assistance, and handy how-to information on various subjects, compiled by our librarians.

To access these guides, click on “Resource Guides” from the library’s website.



Check Out What's New at the Library

Books

- A Little History of Philosophy
- Internal Racism: a Psychoanalytic Approach to Race and Difference
- Fate, Time, and Language: an Essay on Free Will
- Class and Power in the New Deal
- Blowout in the Gulf



- Moneyball
- Demand: Creating What People Love Before They Know They Want It
- Pricing Beauty: the Making of a Fashion Model
- Marketing to the New Majority
- Teaching Literature in Virtual Worlds

DVDs

- Contagion
- Shameless
- Midnight in Paris
- Abandon
- Kung Fu Panda 2
- Ides of March
- Moneyball
- 50/50
- One Day
- Real Steel



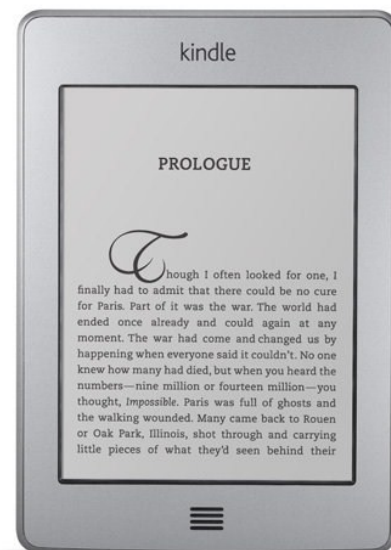
Video Games

- Madden NFL 12
- Just Dance 3
- Batman: Arkham City
- L.A. Noire
- NBA 2K12
- Dead Island
- Assassin's Creed
- FIFA Soccer 12

Technology

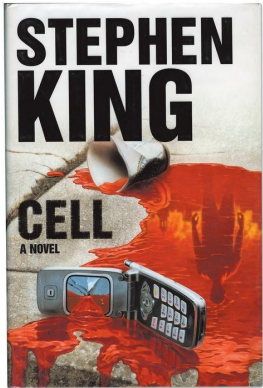


- iPad



- Kindle Touch

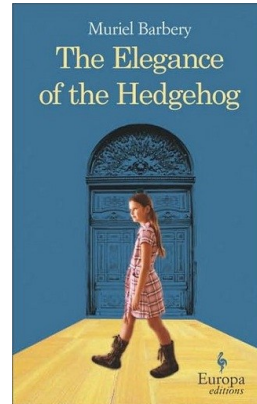
Need help finding a good book to read? Try one of these library staff recommendations!



Liz

Cell

In *Cell*, King taps into reader's fears of technological warfare and terrorism. Mobile phones deliver the apocalypse to millions of unsuspecting humans by wiping their brains of any humanity, leaving only aggressive and destructive impulses behind. Those without cell phones, like illustrator Clayton Riddell and his small band of "normies," must fight for survival, and their journey to find Clayton's estranged wife and young son rockets the book toward resolution. The message I took away from this book is that texting is ok.



Donna

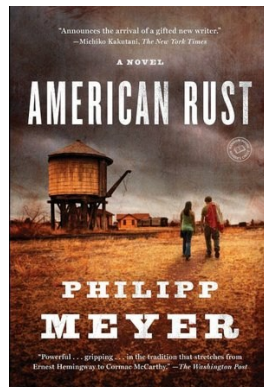
The Elegance of the Hedgehog

In a bourgeois apartment building in Paris, we encounter Renée, an intelligent, philosophical, and cultured concierge who masks herself as the stereotypical uneducated "super" to avoid suspicion from the building's pretentious inhabitants. Also living in the building is Paloma, the adolescent daughter of a parliamentarian, who has decided to commit suicide on her thirteenth birthday because she cannot bear to live among the rich.

Dev

American Rust

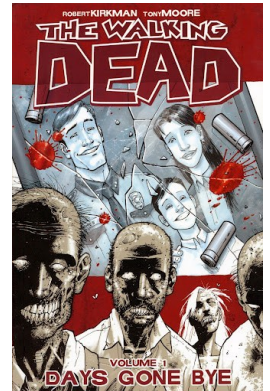
Set in a beautiful but economically devastated Pennsylvania steel town, *American Rust* is a novel of the lost American dream and the desperation—as well as the acts of friendship, loyalty, and love—that arise from its loss. From local bars to train yards to prison, it is the story of two young men, bound to the town by family, responsibility, inertia, and the beauty around them, who dream of a future beyond the factories and abandoned homes.



Phill

The Walking Dead: Volume 1 Days Gone Bye

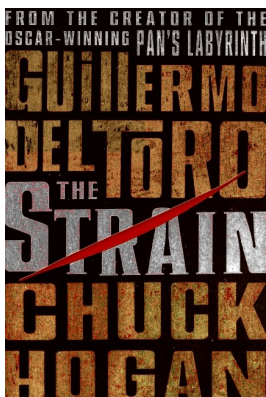
An epidemic of apocalyptic proportions has swept the globe, causing the dead to rise and feed on the living. In a matter of months, society has crumbled: There is no government, no grocery stores, no mail delivery, no cable TV. Rick Grimes finds himself one of the few survivors in this terrifying future.



Lauren

The Strain

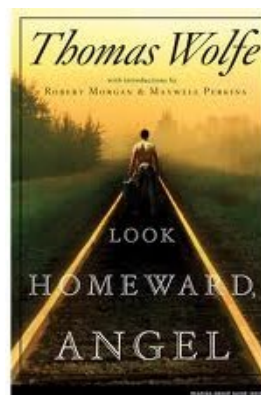
The visionary creator of the Academy Award-winning *Pan's Labyrinth* and a Hammett Award-winning author bring their imaginations to this bold, epic novel about a horrifying battle between man and vampire that threatens all humanity. It is the first installment in a thrilling trilogy and an extraordinary international publishing event.



Robert

Look Homeward, Angel: A Story of the Buried Life

Look Homeward, Angel is an elaborate and moving coming-of-age story about Eugene Gant, a restless and energetic character whose passion to experience life takes him from a small, rural town in North Carolina to Harvard University and the city of Boston. The novel's pattern is artfully simple — a small town, a large family, high school and college — yet the characters are monumental in their graphic individuality and personality.



ONCE UPON A TIME

OR

THE LIBRARY THAT ONCE WAS A BANK (AND OTHER THINGS)



You can probably tell just by walking around the library, that the University Center used to be a bank. But did you know the building has been around since 1902?! When the UC was first built it housed the Colonial Trust Bank, which along with other financial institutions made up “Pittsburgh’s Wall Street.” The Bank’s lofty goal was to be a “Temple of Finance.” At one time the banking room of the Colonial Trust Bank was the longest in the world, stretching 250 feet! You can see how it used to look in the photograph above.



The beautiful bank clock was installed in 1904, and actually faced a completely different direction than it does now! Back then, bank customers could see the time from the Fourth Avenue and Forbes Avenue entrances. It wasn’t until 1925 that the clock moved to its present location, facing the Wood Street entrance.



In 1974, the building took on a totally new role. After several years of vacancy, the Colonial Trust and two adjoining properties were developed into the Bank Center. This became the first new major Pittsburgh shopping complex in 65 years, and included stores, restaurants, clubs, two movie theaters and even some trees (check out the picture). One of these movie theaters is now the GRW Theatre! It wasn’t until the 1990’s that the building was donated to Point Park and became the University Center.

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Hours:

Mon -Thurs.: 8 a.m.—Midnight

Friday: 8 a.m.—7 p.m.

Saturday: 8 a.m.—7 p.m.

Sunday: 11 a.m.—9 p.m.