

# GREENLEASE LIBRARY

## GREEN NOTES



**Mid-term Break, Holiday &**

**Intersession Hours**

**Mid-term Break**

Tues, Oct. 17th

8:00 AM-9:00 PM

Wed.-Fri., Oct. 18-20

8:00 AM-4:30 PM

Sat., Oct. 21 **CLOSED**

Sun., Oct. 22

6:00 PM-Midnight

**Thanksgiving Holiday**

Tues., Nov. 21

8:00 AM-9:00 PM

Wed., Nov. 22

8:00 AM-4:30 PM

Thurs.-Sat., Nov. 23-25

**CLOSED**

Sun., Nov. 26

6:00 PM-Midnight

Mon., Nov. 27

Resume Academic Year Hours

**Intersession**

**CLOSED** these weekends:

Sat.-Sun., Dec. 9-10

Sat.-Sun., Dec. 16-17

Sat., Dec. 23-Mon., Jan. 2, 07

Sat.-Sun Jan. 6-7

Sat.-Sun. Jan. 13-14

Mon. Jan 15 MLK holiday

**Open these weekdays:**

**8:00 AM-4:30 PM**

Fri., Dec. 8

Mon.-Fri., Dec. 11-15

Mon.-Fri., Dec. 18-22

Tues.-Fri. Jan. 2-5

Mon.-Fri. Jan. 8-12

Tues., Jan. 16



**Dr. Dan Martin, English Faculty, and Laurie Hathman, Head of Public Services, Library, instruct how to search for, select, and evaluate information sources related to a literature assignment.** In spring semester, 2006, Dr. Martin and Ms. Hathman created a hands-on learning activity that required the students to use library resources. The students examined the depth of information found in reference sources vs. scholarly journals vs. popular magazines as they moved from station to station. Each station posed an assignment for the students.

Contact Laurie Hathman at X4655 or by email [laurie.hathman@rockhurst.edu](mailto:laurie.hathman@rockhurst.edu) if interested in Information Literacy instruction for your classes.

### Contact Information

Library Hours	816-501-4142	Interlibrary Loan	816-501-4121
Information Desk	816-501-4188	Acquisitions	816-501-4143
Circulation/Reserves	816-501-4142	Library Administration	816-501-4144
Information Literacy Instruction	816-501-4655	Archives	816-501-4161

## What RU Reading?

### *High Rhulain: A Tale from Red-wall*

By Brian Jacques

This story is available in print and recorded books. A riveting adventure tale whose main characters are the otters of Green Isle who await their prophesized savior, the High Rhulain. A young ottermaid, Tiriah Wildlough, longs for the glory of a warrior's life and soon events occur that spur her to brave the Great Western Sea to join the embattled otters.

**Recommended by: Verna, staff**

### *In the Name of Identity: Violence & the Need to Belong*

By Amin Maalouf

The author is a Christian in Lebanon who moved to France. Maalouf explains the lack of understanding between cultures that brings about division instead of unity. This book, published in 2003, is a personal in-depth look at the situation in the Middle East.

**Recommended by: Maryanne, student**

### *Collapse*

By Jared Diamond

*Collapse* is a comprehensive look at the environmental disasters caused over the millennia by various cultures. Diamond looks at the Norsemen of Greenland, Native Americans, Japan and even modern Wyoming and compares how each group has coped with their negative impact on the environment. The examples from history presented by Diamond are startlingly similar to our current global situation. If you liked *Guns, Germs and Steel*, think of this as the other half of that book.

**Recommended by: Matt, student**

## Focus On Two New Resources

### Facts on File World News Digest

This news database contains current and historical news stories, maps and photographs gathered from newswires, newspapers and newsmagazines in the U.S., Canada, the United Kingdom and other countries. Some news stories go back as far as 1940. Also included are accumulations of stories on major research topics, like stem cell research, war on terror and other controversial topics.

[Connect to Facts on File World News Digest](#)

### Opposing Viewpoints Resource Center

This database provides information on controversial social topics from viewpoint articles, contextual topic overviews, government and organizational statistics, biographies of social activists, court cases, profiles of government agencies and special interest groups, newspaper and magazines articles, as well as links to more than 1,800 reviewed and subject-indexed web sites.

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### RockIT— Rockhurst University's Information Literacy Tutorial

**RockIT**, an information literacy tutorial, is available in WebCT and available on the World Wide Web. You may ask "What is Information Literacy all about?" "Information literacy is a set of abilities requiring individuals to recognize when information is needed and have the ability to locate, evaluate, and use effectively the needed information." [definition provided by The Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL)] **RockIT** in WebCT contains an introduction and three modules on selecting, locating and evaluating information. Each module is followed by a short quiz to determine how well one understands the content. To receive credit for taking **RockIT** a score of 100% must be obtained on each module. Anyone can have access to **RockIT** and get credit by contacting Kim Cullinan, Reference Librarian, or Laurie Hathman, Head of Public Services. See contact information on the front page of Green Notes. An instructor may require an entire class to complete **RockIT**. As of today Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy graduate students, First Year Seminar students, English Composition students, library circulation student assistants, Research College of Nursing and Arts & Sciences faculty and students have completed **RockIT**.

The web version does not have quizzes and is not for credit.

# Tools to Make Research Easier

## Ask A Librarian 24/7 Live Chat

Ask a Librarian Live Chat is a web-based service that allows Rockhurst University students, faculty and staff to consult via live chat with a librarian for research assistance 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, except on designated holidays throughout the year. Librarians from Rockhurst University and other Association of Jesuit College and Universities (AJCU) libraries participate in this service.

The librarian can answer specific questions (spelling of a name, dates, etc.) as well as offer assistance using library resources for assignments or projects, including using the library's electronic resources. If your question is more complex and requires significant time to answer the librarian may suggest a visit to the Rockhurst University Greenlease library where you can consult with a librarian face-to-face.

Detailed information about the service, including policies, can be found on the Ask a Librarian page on the library website at <http://www.rockhurst.edu/services/library/reference/asklib.asp>.

## RefWorks: an Electronic Bibliography Management Program

Do you get frustrated creating citations and a bibliography for a paper? Consider using RefWorks. RefWorks is a bibliography management program that allows Rockhurst University faculty, students and staff to set up their own online account to manage electronic citations imported from databases subscribed to by the Greenlease Library as well as input citation information from print sources. **Only Rockhurst University email accounts may be used with RefWorks accounts.** These citations are easily incorporated into documents created in word processing programs. Many citation formats are included. Another feature included in RefWorks is Write N' Cite that allows you to cite within a document. All computer labs and the Learning Center have Write N' Cite as a shortcut on the PC desktop. RefWorks can be accessed via the Alphabetic List in the library's Electronic Resources page. Additional information about RefWorks can be found at <http://www.rockhurst.edu/services/library/electronic/alphars.asp#RefWorks>.

## Library Trivia Question

Try to guess the correct answer to this question. The first correct answer submitted at the circulation desk will be awarded the privilege of selecting a gift book under \$50 to add to the library's collection. This book must comply with the library's collection policy. In addition the winner will be given a bag of chocolates. Library employees are not eligible for this prize.

You are on the top floor of the library viewing the circulation collection.

On average how many books can fit on a shelf?

Do not include the oversize book shelves.

## Lobby Display Case

The case is available for displays of interest to Rockhurst University faculty, staff and students. If you wish to reserve this space, please contact Kim Cullinan at the library, x4189.

During this past summer the annual Shakespeare-in-the-Park Festival occurred in Kansas City. The performance was Richard III. The library owns a collection of black and white prints depicting engravings of Shakespeare's plays. These are stored in two boxes on the main floor. For more information about this collection, contact the library's Information Desk at 816-501-4188.





## **Read the World: Using Critical Thinking to Chart a Course for Successful Readers**

On October 11-12, 2006 the Dept. of Education will be sponsoring this conference on the Rockhurst University campus. Featured are three of the finest voices in literacy education, Chryse Hutchins, Chris Tovani, and Richard Allington.

Chris Tovani is the author of the books *I Read It, But I Just Don't Get It*, *Do I Really Have to Teach Reading?* and the videotape sets *Thoughtful Reading: Teaching Comprehension to Adolescents* and *Comprehending Content Reading Across the Curriculum*.

Richard Allington is author/co-author of several books, including *Classrooms That Work: They Can All Read and Write* and *What Really Matters for Struggling Readers: Designing Research-based Programs*.

The titles mentioned are available at the library in the circulating collection. The videos can be viewed in the library's multi-media room on the Mezzanine Level.