One Book, One Community Partners

The Gumberg Library has been a community partner with the Allegheny County Library Association (ACLA) since 2007. Each year the One Book program has offered opportunities for participating in a unique reading experience, plus discussing and sharing life stories and meeting a living author. Based on the One Book topic for the year, the Gumberg Library has involved various academic and student life departments, including Campus Ministry, Duquesne University Volunteers, English Department and the School of Education in campus initiatives and related outreach projects.

Through the One Book program, Duquesne University has connected with the community-at-large; engaged students in reflection and writing about critical issues; established connections between the themes of the books and the University mission; and promoted meaningful recreational reading to the campus community.

One Book, One Community 10th Anniversary

This is a special year for the One Book program as it celebrates 10 years. Congratulations!

There is no better theme to celebrate the tenth year of One Book, One Community then This I Believe: The Personal Philosophies of Remarkable Men and Women edited by Jay Allison and Dan Gediman. This New York Times bestseller features 80 essayists (60 from the NPR series and 20 from the 1950s series) sharing their most deeply held beliefs. Contributors include Isabel Allende, Colin Powell, Gloria Steinem, Penn Jillette, Helen Keller and John Updike. These short essays echo the reality of life, in a mix of reflective, humorous and poignant perspectives.

This type of community dialogue is the essence of One Book. The Gumberg Library and Campus Ministry have collaborated with other campus partners such as the Writing Center, the student radio station, Barnes & Noble Bookstore in the Power Center and the Red Ring to create a series of opportunities for students, faculty and staff to write and read their own essays.

Copies of This I Believe are on reserve in the Gumberg Library for one-week circulation and are available for purchase at the bookstore. The One Book title can also be purchased as an audio CD or as an ebook. Many local public libraries are participating in the One Book program and will be loaning copies to users. If you want to be part of the One Book reading community there are several options to choose from this year.

Watch for more details on events happening in April and on May 2 as the library hosts a community event with book editor, Dan Gediman.

Looking for gift ideas for graduations and upcoming holidays? There are subsequent titles including This I Believe II: More Personal Philosophies of Remarkable Men and Women, This I Believe: On Love, On Fatherhood, Life Lessons and On Motherhood.
Get Your Duquesne Alumni Library Card!

Access to the Gumberg Library is a privilege available to all Duquesne alumni. However, you must register and have your status verified at the Circulation Desk the first time you visit the library. When your registration is complete, you will be issued a Duquesne alumni library card.

If you would like to borrow materials from the library, you must present a valid photo ID and your alumni card. A maximum of 10 items can be checked out at any given time. Books from the circulating collection can be checked out for four weeks (28 days) with one renewal. Materials from other collections (Music, Curriculum Center, Audiovisuals and Silverman Phenomenology Center) circulate according to their respective timeframes, which are generally shorter. Alumni can access research databases at public workstations located in the library however, licensing restrictions do not allow for remote access to the library’s electronic resources.

You may be asked to show your alumni library card and current photo ID upon entering the building so keep your alumni library card with you at all times. During evening and weekend hours you can access the library by swiping your alumni library card.

Dr. Albert C. Labriola Memorial Endowment for Literature Launched

University Advancement informed us in Dec. 2011 that contributions to the Dr. Albert C. Labriola Memorial Fund had reached the $25,000 target for endowment status. Effective July 1, 2012 the English Department will be able to submit book orders against the account. Items purchased will receive a special book plate, identifying the endowment. We want to thank all the alumni, faculty and friends who donated to make this memorial project a reality. Ongoing contributions will help the fund continue to grow, and may be sent to University Advancement, designated for the Labriola Memorial Endowment.

Contact Dr. Laverna Saunders, lsanders@duq.edu, or Bernadette Krueger, Krueger@duq.edu, for more information.

Reference Librarian, Leslie Lewis, shares information about services for Duquesne alumni to students attending the Graduation Fair on February 16 in the Union.

Students studying in Gumberg Library take a minute to give their feedback on the LibQual+ Lite online survey. Thanks to all who participated in the survey, we received a total of 1,413 responses to LibQUAL! Congratulations to all the prize winners!

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