

LC REID MEMORIAL LIBRARY

NEWSLETTER

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Library Info

Time to Return Books!

The semester is almost over! Make sure you return any items you have checked out by **December 18th**! Not returning items will result in a restricted account (meaning you will not be able to sign up for any classes, access blackboard, or request transcripts). If you have any concerns about returning an item (maybe you lost it, oopsie!) come talk to the library staff about your options. We're nice, we promise!

Writing Desk

If you need help with your final papers, don't forget to stop by the Writing Desk located in the library. Ali Vlahos (avlahos@lc.edu) and Mrs. Tyson (mtyson@lc.edu) are available in person, Mon - Thurs, and Ali is available virtually on Fridays. If you're not able to visit in person, feel free to submit your paper to the [online submission form](#).

December Crafternoons



Upcoming Events

- **DIY Holiday Gift Craft (Candle, Sugar Scrub, Ornament):** Every Tuesday and Wednesday in December, from 1pm - 4pm, until supplies run out.

Contact Info

Email: library@lc.edu

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Lucy's Gift - A Moment in History

The morning after Monticello College burned in 1888, six-year-old Lucy Stowell heard her parents discussing the tragedy and insisted her parents take her over to the school so she could see for herself what had happened. Upon arriving, Lucy noticed Harriet standing off to one side, surveying the smoldering remnants of the building, wandered over to her, and slipped a quarter into her hand. Lucy had originally intended to give it to her church that Sunday morning, but decided that Ms. Haskell "needed it more than the heathens did." Lucy would be credited with the first donation toward rebuilding Monticello, and Harriet commissioned a stained-glass window created in her honor that can be seen on the second floor from the front lawn. The bottom of it says "LUCY."

Director's Corner

What is your favorite Christmas book?
I know what mine is.

Mrs. Yocum, my junior high English teacher (they called it junior high in those days), had a reel-to-reel tape machine. It was the size of a suitcase, weighed as much as a small boat anchor, and had two spinning wheels connected by a ribbon of tape. A magic sensor projected Mrs. Yocum's recorded voice to the class.

The book was "A Christmas Carol" by Charles Dickens. Mrs. Yocum would flip a switch and the class was transported to Victorian England. There was an unusual stillness in the classroom as we listened to Scrooge's journey of self-reflection. I remember gazing through the classroom windows. Leafless trees with a gray sky. It was the perfect mental canvas for theater of the mind. If you are looking for a good Christmas read, Reid Library has them. There are too many to mention here, but feel free to come over and browse our collection, or ask for recommendations from our library staff. We even have "A Christmas Carol," in DVD, eBook, and traditional print!

Merry Christmas
and happy reading.

~ Dennis

Trim the Tree



Help us decorate our tree by filling out a book review card and placing it on the tree! See what other students, faculty, and staff are reading, too. Maybe you'll get some good ideas for gifts this holiday season!

Donate Toiletries

There's still time to donate toiletries to help those in need. The drop off box is located near the Circ Desk. We are collecting until Dec 18.



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