

LC REID MEMORIAL LIBRARY

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Library Info

National Library Week Scavenger Hunt

Celebrate National Library Week **April 19-25**, with the theme "Find Your Joy." Participate in our book scavenger hunt by hunting for wrapped books around the library. Let library staff know if you found a book, and you can enter our raffle for a chance to win a prize! Limit to ONE book per person.

Pizza, Poetry, & Music

It's National Poetry Month! If you have ever wanted to share your slam poetry skills, the Library is hosting a poetry reading and open mic event on April 28th, from 6pm-8pm, in the Praise Angel room. Pizza and refreshments will be available to students, faculty, and staff. If you have a poetry, stand-up, or acoustic act, a sign-up sheet will be available to students. Feel free to contact Jayla Fox, jayfox@lc.edu, for more information.

Tote Bag Decorating



Did you miss the last Crafternoon? We're bringing back tote bag decorating during National Library Week! Apr 20-24

Upcoming Events

- **KD Cup "Egg"scape Rooms:** April 22, 2pm-5pm
- **Scavenger Hunt:** April 20-24
- **Pizza, Poetry, & Music:** April 28, 6pm-8pm
- **Crafternoon - Wood Bead Keychains:** May 5/6, 1pm-4pm.

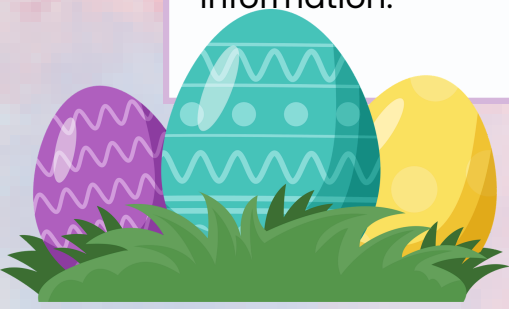
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A Moment in History - Founder's Day

On April 11, 1838, Monticello Female Seminary--now Lewis & Clark Community College--officially opened its doors, and classes began. Students enjoyed a breakfast of griddle cakes (pancakes), coffee, bread, and butter served that morning by members of the faculty, including Philena Fobes (of whom one of the buildings under renovation is named for) and Mrs. Theron Baldwin. Her husband was the Principal, and "presided over the meal with a dignity befitting his position in life." Eventually, this became known as "Founders Day." Doing the math, these grounds have been a school without interruption for 188 years.

Director's Corner

Spy Agency Publishing

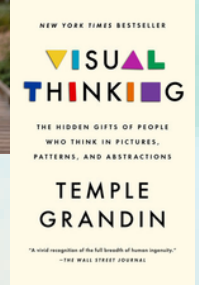
You may not know that the CIA (Central Intelligence Agency) has also been a book publisher. In fact, their CIA World Factbook has been a staple resource for many library reference collections. But no more. Originally produced as a classified intelligence manual for CIA spies in 1961, the publication became unclassified in 1972. Fifty-five years later the CIA has decided to put their popular publication to pasture. Too bad...the CIA World Factbook was a favorite tool in my reference book arsenal.

(Quick sidenote. The popular Fodor's Travel Series is another publication with ties to the CIA - though clandestine. The spy agency secretly used this publication to deliver propaganda about America to unwitting foreigners researching American customs and culture). Farewell trusted tome - this librarian will miss you.

Happy reading.

Dennis

Book Recs of the Month



April is Autism Awareness Month and to celebrate neurodiversity, here are some titles you can check out at Reid Library: **Unmasking Autism** by Devon Price, **A Little Less Broken** by Marian Schembari, **Life on the Bridge** by Kaelynn Partlow, **Visual thinking** by Temple Grandlin

Volunteer Week

April 20-24 is also Volunteer week. Students can volunteer at these four locations: Boys and Girls Club of Alton, Crisis Food Center, MeowTown, and Salvation Army. If interested, contact Jayla Fox, jayfox@lc.edu, by **Thurs, April 16**.

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