

# **Hamilton College Library News**

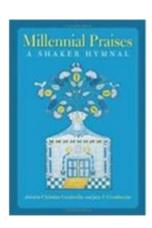
November 2010

## Shaker Hymnal Focus of Couper Phi Beta Kappa Lecture

Please join us for the Couper Phi Beta Kappa Lecture, "The Shaker Vision in Word and Music." Christian Goodwillie, Curator of Special Collections and Archives at Hamilton College, and Jane F. Crosthwaite, Professor of Religion at Mount Holyoke College, will discuss their recent book, *Millennial Praises: A Shaker Hymnal* (UMass Press, 2009) on Monday, November 15th at 4:10pm in the Red Pit (KJ127).

The Couper Phi Beta Kappa Lecture was established in 2005 to honor Hamilton alumnus Richard "Dick" Couper '44, who died in January 2006. This yearly lecture recognizes Couper's commitment and contributions to the college and the Phi Beta Kappa Society. Each fall a distinguished speaker is invited to present topics related to the college's special library collections or to present an issue related to libraries in general.

Sponsored by the Phi Beta Kappa Society, the Hamilton College Library, and the Dean of Faculty.



#### Trust Treat in the Library

Burke Library Circulation area once again decorated for Halloween, and was a stop on this year's Trust Treat. This year we added a small display of children's books and other materials that befitted the season. Thank you especially to Phil Gisondi and Cindy McKelvey at the Circulation Desk for handing out candy and helping make this year's Trust Treat a success.

### First Fridays Tech Help

Need help with Skype? Wireless not working for you? Just can't figure something out on your laptop?

Stop by the Information Commons desk on Friday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> from 2:30-4:30pm. Staff from the Help Desk, Instructional Technology, and the Library will be on hand to help you with your technology problems. Bring your laptop!



## New Library Catalog Feature: "Browse This Shelf"



Browse This Shelf is located at the bottom of nearly all library catalog records. You can now scroll to the left or right to see the same items that would be on the physical shelf. You can then "mouse" over an item for basic information (title, author, call number and availability). Links to Google Book Search information and preview pages will also appear when applicable. Click on the item to view its library catalog record. The idea was to mimic the discovery process found where books are shelved together by subject. Online book and video stores such as Amazon and Netflix have been using "virtual book shelves" to encourage users to find more materials on the same topic, and library users can now enjoy this feature as well.

# Library Hours Friday, November 19th-Sunday, November 28th

Friday 8am - 5pm Saturday - Sunday Closed Monday - Wednesday 8am - 5pm Thursday - Saturday Closed Sunday 1pm - Midnight

Regular hours resume Monday, November 29, 2010.



Use <u>RefWorks</u> to create, organize, and store references. References can be imported from ALEX (the library catalog) and most other databases, or entered manually one-by-one. The references can then be formatted for bibliographies in many style formats (e.g., APA, MLA, Chicago Manual of Style, etc.).

Please contact a  $\underline{\text{reference librarian}}$  if you need help using  $\underline{\text{RefWorks}}$ .

# Research Assistance Appointments Available

Students are encouraged to schedule an extended consultation with a <u>reference librarian</u> for any research project. Meetings typically last from thirty minutes to an hour and are available throughout the academic year.

Depending on a student's needs, sessions may include (but are not limited to) assistance with:

- general search strategies
- choosing and using databases to find relevant books, articles, images, and other materials
- finding credible Internet sources
- evaluating sources
- obtaining materials from other libraries
- creating a bibliography.

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