Building A Twenty-First Century Research Library

Vision: The Shannon Library is the preeminent Catholic College Library in Western Canada.

STM Showcase Library

The new library research space is well underway. The thematic design of bronze and copper is premised upon the iconic Lionel Thomas copper doors, of which the college has four sets. These doors are legacy pieces and are reflective of the heritage of St. Thomas More College. They represent entry into our Catholic tradition as seen on the front doors of the chapel on College Ave. as well as in the interior of the College. It is our vision to refurbish some of these doors now in storage and place them in the library to reflect an entry way into the world of knowledge and education.

The copper doors will stand well with the Library’s plan to bring classic pieces from the Museum of Antiquities, some shown here.
The Library Committee: Dean Arul Kumaran, Dr. Bohdan Kordan, Dr. Michael Cichon, Brooke Kincait (Student Representative), Dr. Donna Brockmeyer (Chair), and Mrs. Dorothy Abernethy (Recording Secretary).

The Mission of the Shannon Library is to support, through its collections and services, the inherent values, vision and culture of St. Thomas More College. The Library offers optimum service for research, teaching and learning, and provides an inspiring and welcoming environment that supports creative discovery, reflection, synthesis and application of knowledge. This service is supported by a research librarian and trained staff. The library is one of the most important tangible assets of the Catholic intellectual tradition within the College. We honour our term of stewardship of this valuable cultural resource as we build for the ages.
Super Annual Statistics!

STM Faculty 21st Century Research contributed to Post-Secondary Institutions Strategic Investment Fund of $1,060,000.00

21st Century faculty research contributed to the successful administrative funding application of $1,060,000.00 from the federal Strategic Infrastructure Funding Program which supported the library renovation under Annex C: “Research library expansion and renewal.”

Donna Brockmeyer describes STM faculty research focus as that being on, and contributing to, 21st century research.

Research areas include, but are not limited to: Globalization, technological change and productivity, energy prices and macroeconomic performance, natural resources and economic growth, Green living, eco-justice, ecological ethics, child hunger and sustainable food systems, eating and mood disorders among youth, justice in legal processes, ageing, living with dementia, death and dying, equity and social justice, racial and ethnic stratification, computer applications to archeological research, human rights, restorative justice, economic parity, multiculturalism, immigration, Canadian provincial politics, law and collective bargaining, social democracy, and bilateral agreements between the provincial and federal governments. Many, if not most of these, impact the Canadian economy; many are related to Canada’s First Peoples.

The St. Thomas More College library supports that research. The Library is lead by a research librarian with a doctorate in educational leadership; she builds collections and offers services to support that research. The research profile continues to grow and is well respected on the University of Saskatchewan campus as a highly rated research library with specialized holdings in certain areas (unique to western Canada in some cases). The holdings are widely used by researchers, faculty, and graduate students. The library’s renewal project provides improved access to in-house and extensive digital holdings made available through our integrated catalogue and extensive bibliographic databases with the University of Saskatchewan Libraries. Underpinning all research - lab based, original, or documentary – the library offers state of the art access to research resources. These libraries have historically collaborated to develop areas of specialization. STM library resources are available for use by the entire University of Saskatchewan community of researchers, so we are doing our part to contribute to the research base. Given the proliferation and expense of information sources, there are no longer defined graduate or undergraduate collections; libraries, STM among them, are working together to make access to collections seamless. Seamless access is enabled by supporting wireless technologies, and computer infrastructure.

The need to support 21st century research, strong Catholic foundational collections, improved physical access, and enhanced computer access resulted in the successful bid to the Post-Secondary Institutions Strategic Investment Fund. The application was initiated by senior administration: the CFO provided data about energy loss through compromised air efficiencies, traffic flow, space needs, etc.; the Library Director described the research needs of faculty based on 21st Century research needs and access to collections; and the President expressed the unique provincial needs of Indigenous communities. Working together, and in collaboration with each other, this was a successful venture that resulted in a grant in excess of $1,060,000.00. It will enable the college to bring its 1950s era library into the 21st century by offering additional research spaces and improved access to all collections, both in print and digital.

One Book, One Province. The Education of Augie Merasty: A Residential School Memoir

Donna Brockmeyer was on the steering committee of the One Book One Province program. The initiative encouraged all people of the province to read this BURT Award nominee for First Nations, Inuit and Metis Literature written by Dr. David Carpenter and the late Joseph Auguste Merasty. The book relays the experiences and subsequent consequences of the life of Augie Merasty who attended St. Therese Residential School in Sturgeon Landing, Saskatchewan, from 1935 to 1944. The book jacket describes this as “the story of a child who faced the dark heart of humanity, let loose by the cruel policies of a bigoted nation.” It is a book well worth reading; there are copies in the Shannon Library.

Amanda Gieni. Amanda played a vital role this year in editing the catalogue, creating lists, and compiling statistics for the moved, weeded and flooded books. She was the mastermind for the complex task of transferring books to off-site storage so that they could be expeditiously retrieved; her system was well used this past year and will serve well into the future. Amanda continues to manage acquisitions, cataloguing, database maintenance, archives and special projects. Additionally, Amanda worked on the Newman Player’s production Fools in the Fall as a stage manager, and contributed to the set design for Excalibur! in the Spring.
### A Few New Acquisitions by Department

**Catholic Higher Education**
- Joseph Martos. *Deconstructing Sacramental Theology and Reconstructing Catholic Ritual*

**Philosophy**
- Jeremy Seth Geddert. *Hugo Grotius and the Modern Theology of Freedom: Transcending Natural Rights*
- John Finnis. *Natural Law and Natural Rights*

**Economics**
- Dr. Saeed Moshiri. *Sustainable Energy Strategy for Iran*
- Richard D. Wolff. *Contending Economic Theories: Neoclassical, Keynesian, and Marxian*

**Political Studies**
- Dr. Bohdan S. Kordan. *No Free Man: Canada, the Great War, and the Enemy Alien Experience*
- Dr. Charles W. Smith. *Unions in Court: Organized Labour and the Charter of Rights and Freedoms*

**English**
- Kirsten Wolf. *The Saints in Old Norse and Early Modern Icelandic Poetry*
- Kristina Olson. *Courtesy Lost: Dante, Boccaccio, and the Literature of History*

**Psychology**
- Kim Anderson. *Life Stages and Native Women: Memory, Teachings, and Story Medicine*
- Robert Alexander Innes (ed.). *Indigenous Men and Masculinities: Legacies, Identities, Regeneration*

**History**
- Maggie Berg. *The Slow Professor: Challenging the Culture of Speed in the Academy*
- Maryanne Kowaleski (ed.). *Peasants and Lords in the Medieval English Economy*

**Religious Studies**
- Dr. Mary Ann Beavis. *Christian Goddess Spirituality: Enchanting Christianity*
- Dr. Natalia Khanenko-Friesen. *Ukrainian Otherlands: Diaspora, Homeland, and Folk Imagination in the Twentieth Century*

**Languages, Literatures, and Cultural Studies**
- Kristoffer Nyrop. *Grammaire Historique de la Langue Française: Tome Premier*
- Dr. Cheryl Soulodre. *Marie-Anna Adèle Roy, maîtresse d’école et écrivaine de l’Ouest canadien*

**Sociology**
- Dr. Monica Hwang. *Social Inequality in Canada: Dimensions of Disadvantage*
- Njoki N. Wane (ed.). *Spirituality, Education & Society: An Integrated Approach*

**Indigenous Resources**
- Brochure Prepared by: Dr. Donna Brockmeyer, Library Director and Amanda Gieni, Library Technician
  - http://www.stmcollege.ca
- Shannon Library