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FRIENDS CO-SPONSOR FACULTY PRESENTATIONS

By Verena Getahun and Verena Larson

Not (*necessarily*) Ready for Primetime is a Faculty Development concept to encourage sharing the scholarly activities of faculty in a relaxed setting. The Friends are co-sponsoring these events, hosting them in the Library's fireplace lounge at various times in the Spring semester. No classes are regularly scheduled at this time and the library is full of students; this presents an opportunity for the whole Bethel community to learn more about the Bethel faculty in their pursuit of scholarship.

On February 15, Kathy Nevins (Professor of Psychology) presented "Lessons on the Rez: A Semester Teaching on the Rosebud." She shared poignant lessons from the time she spent on the Rosebud Indian Reservation on the southern border of South Dakota, living with and learning from the Sicangu Oyate Lakota. Nevins taught a course on adolescent psychology at Sinte Gleska University, the tribal college on the reservation, where she also took classes about Lakota culture and traditional arts.

Throughout the experience her open,



respectful attitude as a learner allowed Nevins to gain a new perspective on the history and values of the Lakota. Through her stories

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April 3

10:15-11:00 am

Chris Gehrz (History)

Education for 'God's Glory and Neighbor's Good': The Pietist Idea of a Christian College

March 1

10:15-11:00 am

Mark Bruce (English)

Braveheart or Sacred Heart? William Wallace and Blind Hary's Critique of Medieval Scottish Nationalism

March 8

10:15-11:00 am

Louise Wilson (Education)

Great American Schools: The Power of Culture and Passion

April 24

10:15-11:00 am

Shawn Hofer (Psychology)

You, Me and Who? Exploring Availability to Transcendence as a Developmental Capacity

May 3

4:00 - 5:00 pm

Ray VanArragon (Philosophy)

Christian Scholarship and the Virtue of Humility

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CONFESSIONS OF AN AUDIOBOOK JUNKIE

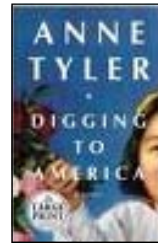
By Karen Johnson

As the new kid on the block, I really hate to tell you about my weaknesses, but like all addicts, I hope you become addicted, too! Audio books have become an easy way to experience a book without actually sitting down to read it. Since that seems an odd statement coming from a librarian who loves to read, let me explain. While I usually have two or three books that I'm currently reading, like most of you I lack enough time to sit and read. Audio books enable me to "experience" many more books while my hands are busy but my mind is not. You can frequently find me listening to an audio book while washing up dishes and cleaning up the kitchen, cooking, sewing, or even knitting.

When my children were home and I spent many hours sewing and listening to books, they learned to hit the pause button before talking to me and start the reading again before they walked away; we were all happy with the arrangement since I gave them my undivided attention at the pause in the reading. Since my children have grown up I have more opportunities to listen to audio books but I was hooked long ago when I had a full household and a busier schedule.

Imagine my delight when I arrived at the Bethel University Library and found

so many wonderful audio books. Gifts from the Friends group have enabled us to purchase some of our collection for recreational reading/listening. Below are some of the newer audio books that I have listened to or would like to. See if there are any you would like to borrow too:

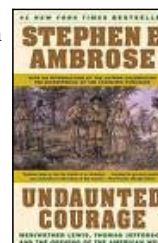
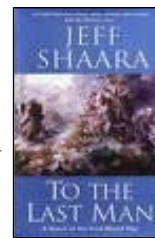


Digging to America by Anne Tyler contrasts two families who adopt babies from other countries and the

differences in raising their daughters in NYC. The narrator adds much to this reading, giving the characters added realism.

To the Last Man: A Novel of the First World War by Jeffrey M. Shaara is a fictionalized

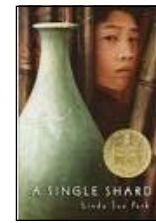
account of American's entry from a young British soldier's point of view.



Undaunted Courage by Stephen Ambrose recounts the Lewis and Clark Expedition to explore the western territory of this new nation. This in-depth look at

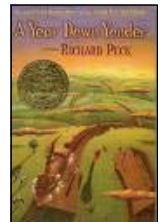
Thomas Jefferson and these adventurers provides quite a slice of American history.

A budding collection of children's audio books include several Newbery notables:



A Single Shard by Linda Sue Park is set in medieval Korea, centering around an orphan who longs to be a potter, despite his impoverished life.

A Year Down Yonder by Richard Peck is a sequel to **A Long way from Chicago**



when two teens are sent to visit their grandmother in the summer of 1937 in southern Illinois. The story continues in the sequel when 15 year old Mary Alice stays for the whole school year. It is a nostalgic but unsentimental look as small towns of the 1930's.



The View From Saturday by E.L. Konigsburg recounts the stories of four 6th graders who were chosen for the

Academic Bowl by their paraplegic teacher. Why them? Why now?

BETHEL FACULTY CORNER



By Verena Larson

James P. Hurd, Chair of the Department of Anthropology and Sociology at Bethel University, has recently co-authored a book, *Horse and Buggy Mennonites: Hoofbeats of Humility in a Postmodern World*. In this study of Old Order Mennonites, Hurd and Donald B. Kraybill focus on the life and culture of the Wenger Mennonites of Lancaster County,

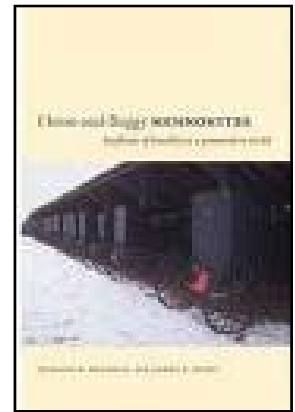
Pennsylvania.

In 1927 the Old Order Mennonite community split apart in a controversy over the use of the automobile. About half of the Old Order community (500 members, and their leader, Joseph O Wenger) rejected the car and continued to use horse and buggy transportation. This group became known as the Wenger Mennonites and has flourished since that time. Today there are 8000 members in nine states.

How has this community been able to thrive? What can we learn from them? These questions are addressed by using cultural analyses of the community's values, identity, ritual, and technology. The authors' interviews, observations, and participation in the life of the community give the reader a

rare glimpse of a faith community bound together by humility, nonresistance, nonconformity and communalism.

Professor Hurd grew up in California. For ten years he was a pilot with Mission Aviation Fellowship, serving in Mexico, Honduras, Venezuela, and Columbia. He received a Ph.D. in anthropology from Penn State University. In 1996 he edited the volume, *Investigating the Biological Foundations of Human Morality* (available in the Bethel University and Seminary Libraries.) His academic interests include embedded religious groups in the United States, human origins, and the biology of behavior. He has done fieldwork in Venezuela, Nicaragua, as well as in rural Pennsylvania.



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Friends of the Library Present

The Immigration Controversy



SUNDAY
APRIL 29
6:30—8:00 PM
University Library
 Refreshments will be served.

Ruben Rivera, Instructor of History, will moderate a discussion about immigration to the United States from the perspective of national policy, experiences of recent immigrants and its meaning in context of globalization.



RETIRING TO A NEW LIFE

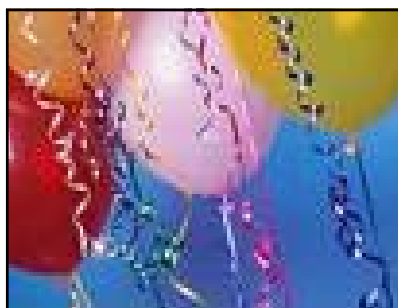
By Verena Larson

When Carol Hansen told the Library Staff recently that she plans to retire at the end of May, we were very saddened by the news. Not only has Carol been a great friend and colleague to those of us who have worked with her through the years; she has been a champion of the Bethel Library for the 36 years she has worked here. She has always had a special affinity for the development of the book and periodical collections. In consultation with the faculty through the years, she has built up impressive collections that have supported an ever-expanding curriculum. But Carol has also worked hard to nourish the Bethel community with materials that go beyond the curriculum. Her articles in previous issues of *Among Friends* attest to her delight in choosing books that will enrich many lives.

Carol's accident on August 21, 2005 changed her life and our library. We grieved our loss when it did not seem possible that she would ever recover enough to return to work. But given Carol's strong faith in God and her amazing determination to overcome the odds, she returned to her reference position last fall. Not only did she resume work at the reference desk, including her long-held Wednesday night schedule,

but she also returned to teaching adult classes in the evenings.

Carol's gift of connecting personally with students through individual and class instruction has profoundly influenced the Bethel community. One of many students who have benefited from Carol's care is Glori Sundberg, Program Director of Bethel's M.A in Organizational Leadership. Last fall Glori asked if she could honor Carol with a party, including balloons, cake and punch. The library staff gathered



around as Glori shared stories of how Carol helped her with research. She also presented Carol with a bound copy of her thesis.

The following is Carol's letter to the staff and to you, her Friends. Finally, as always, she has a good book to recommend.

Dear Friends of the Bethel University Library,

In my autobiographical article in the last Friends newsletter, I rejoiced at being back to work in the library again after my life-changing accident. And I

have loved being here part-time this year, but with a heavy heart I am acknowledging my limitations and wrote the following email to the library staff. You are getting part of it:

It is with deep regret that I tell you all that the end of spring semester will be the end of my career at Bethel as a reference librarian. I am so incredibly grateful for the ways in which you have all helped me to return this year (special thanks to Nancy for the bars in the bathroom). It means a lot to me that my 36 years here didn't end at the foot of that tree. I have been able to

participate once again in the job I love with people that I love, and it has helped bring me back to life after last year's adventures.

But I have done some heavy-duty thinking over Christmas vacation and concluded that my time here is over in May for several reasons. Personal ones first: everything takes me so long to do. Getting up, dressed, breakfasted is at least an hour and a half - even more if I do the exercises that I should be doing. Other essential duties like getting ready for bed are equally lengthy. (I've often said that the snails wave as they go by. I used to say my mother-in-law moved so slowly that she was glacial. Compared to her, I'm continental drift!) What this means is that coming to Bethel even three days a week somehow leaves me with no time to read or feel that I can relax - there's

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RETIRING TO A NEW LIFE (CONTINUED)

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always something pressing, and I know it will take me so long to do it. I'm also not exercising enough and am going backward in strength. After my recent surgery, I have a lot of rebuilding to do. I need to simplify my life and accept life in the slow lane.

Just because I'm no longer on Bethel's payroll doesn't mean you won't see me around anymore. I've come here so long that I am wired to do so. I've always said that when I retire from Bethel, I would like to come back as a volunteer on my own time and weed the collection, starting at 000. And I will continue ripping pages out of magazines that contain reviews of books I think the library should own. I'll send them to Rhonda. I won't be able to stop myself.

We are all so blessed to be working in this wonderful place. Enjoy every day, or at least most of them. As Larry said just before we took that fatal bike ride to Cup & Cone, "Life is uncertain. Eat dessert first."

Let my experience be a reminder to you all of how uncertain life is. Tell friends and lovers how much they mean to you NOW. And take time to read some of those books you've always wanted to read, some of the ones that you have helped us buy with your generosity to the Friends



90 MINUTES IN HEAVEN

While I was going to therapy at Courage St. Croix last summer, a friend

whom I saw there with her daughter loaned me a book that had been significant to her – 90 MINUTES IN HEAVEN: A True Story of Death and Life by Don Piper. It made a real impact on me as well, and I ordered it for the library. Briefly, Don Piper, a 35, year old pastor, was killed instantly in a horrendous automobile accident. He went immediately to Heaven and describes his emotions and surroundings as best he can when describing things for which we have no words. Ninety minutes after the accident, a passing pastor felt the urgent need to stop and pray for the person in the wreck. He asked the highway patrolman if he could pray, and the patrolman said "OK, but he's been dead for 90 minutes." So the pastor prayed fervently, and began to sing What A Friend We Have in Jesus – and suddenly the corpse began to sing with him!

Piper had returned to earth. To a shattered body and months of intense pain.

He was not happy about it; he wanted to go back to Heaven. But the bulk of the book is about learning to rely on God and on the kindness of other people in new ways. It is also about all of the ways that God has used Piper's journey to impact other people. When he goes to Heaven for the second time, he will hear the Lord say "Well done, my good and faithful servant." And isn't that what we all want? This is an inspiring read.

- Carol Hansen



What does this new life bring? More time for things she has always enjoyed. Time for family, granddaughter Amelie, travel with friends and of course, books!



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~ Carol Hansen

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and photos, she conveyed the challenges the Lakota people have faced as they try to maintain and strengthen their culture within the reservation system imposed on them.

On February 22, AnneMarie Kooistra (Assistant Professor of History) presented "*The Case of Charles Montgomery and Ann Forester: Prostitution Across the Color Line in 1930's Los Angeles*". As a starting point for her talk, Kooistra outlined

one chapter from her dissertation on prostitution in Los Angeles from 1880 to 1940. Poring through court transcripts and newspaper reports of the time, Kooistra developed her thesis that a transformational shift in the business of prostitution in L.A. occurred at the turn of the century: as prostitution was consolidated with other illicit industries such as drug dealing and gambling, the traditional structure of female "madames" managing independent brothels gave

way to a more corporate model, with men overseeing the organizations and women acting as middle managers. Kooistra also detailed the complicated racial makeup of L.A. at the time, and how increasing interaction between races and ethnicities may have influenced the rhetoric around prostitution.

More presentations are scheduled for April and May. Reconnect with the Bethel community and continue your quest for lifelong learning.



WARM UP AMERICA FOR WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

By Lyndi Finifrock

This year's Women's History Month knitting and crocheting night is dedicated to making afghan squares for Warm Up America! Our goal is to collect the 49 squares needed to make one afghan that will be donated to the Dwelling Place, a women's shelter in St. Paul.

If you'd like to help, you can find knitting and crocheting patterns at <http://www.warmupamerica.com/patterns.html> or for basic instructions see below.. Drop off completed squares at the Library's knitting and crocheting night, Monday, March 5, from 7:30-9:30pm,

or at the Reference Desk in the library by Friday, March 16.

The Warm Up America! Foundation has been keeping people warm since 1992. This organization collects handmade blankets, clothing and accessories to help those in need.



Knitting Patterns

Materials:

Worsted-weight acrylic yarns
Gauge: 5 stitches = 1 inch

Finished size: 7" by 9"

Needle size: 7 needles or size necessary to obtain gauge

Garter Stitch

Cast on 35 stitches. Knit every row until piece measures 9". Bind off.



Crocheting Patterns Materials:

Worsted-weight acrylic yarns
Gauge: 9 stitches = 2 inches
Finished size: 7" by 9"
Hook: Size G hook or size necessary to obtain gauge

Basic Single Crochet

Chain 30 for the foundation chain. Row 1: Single crochet in 2nd chain from hook, and in every chain in the foundation row. Chain 1 and turn your work. Row 2: Working under the 2 top loops of each stitch in the previous row, single crochet across the row. Chain 1 and turn. Repeat Row 2 until piece measures 9". Fasten off.

DEAR FRIENDS...

By **Diana Magnuson**

Whatchabinreadin'? Did you catch that little colloquialism?

Our daily life is full of books and reading. What a great life!

Allison and Austin (brand new 4 year olds) continue their voracious pursuit of knowledge. Their favorite authors include Jan Brett, Margret and H.A. Rey and Rev. W. Abrey. You've probably heard of Brett's book *The Mitten*, but have you read *Gingerbread Baby*, *Hedgie's Surprise*, or *On Noah's Ark*? The Reys are most famous for their Curious George tales, but have you read *Katy No Pocket*? You will laugh out loud at the clever resolution to Katy Kangaroo's problem of not having a pouch. Abrey has written dozens of stories about Thomas the Tank Engine and his very useful engine friends. There isn't a book that Austin and Allison wouldn't recommend by Rev. Abrey.

For those fans of elementary school reading, Kathryn is loaded with recommendations. Most recently we've read out loud together Johanna Spyri's *Heidi*, first published in 1880. I read *Heidi* when I was Kathryn's age, but it was a completely different experience reading it out loud. Spyri's characters speak so beautifully, and that

includes the Alps!

If you haven't read Ann Martin's recently published *A Dog's Life: The Autobiography of a Stray*, I warmly recommend it. This "autobiography" is powerfully poignant and suitable for all ages. We are currently reading out loud the first book, *Half Magic*, in a series by Edward Eager. Eager was inspired by the famed 19th century children's



author, E. Nesbit. On her own, Kathryn is reading a series by the Wilkes on Carolyn Quiner, mother to Laura Ingalls Wilder. These books are an imagining of Carolyn's life, though rooted in historical fact.

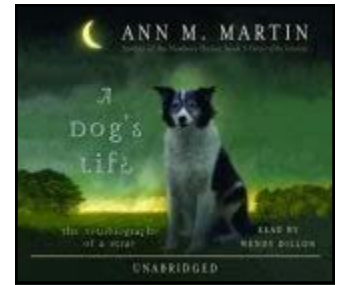
I think I may have mentioned in my last letter to you all that I was immersing myself in reading about the American Civil War in preparation for a course. Well, that immersion continues. The course was launched this spring. James McPherson's Pulitzer Prize winning tome, *Battle Cry of Freedom* is totally deserving of the Pulitzer! If you know

nothing about the Civil War, have never had an interest in the Civil War, have never read an historical monograph, then THIS BOOK IS FOR YOU! I have also just read for the first time Harriet Beecher Stowe's *Uncle Tom's Cabin*. I was completely blown away by the power of this novel. If you haven't read it before, GO TO THE LIBRARY NOW and get a copy! On

recommendation of Friend and colleague Dr. Thomas Becknell, my class is reading Civil War poetry. There is a terrific and accessible collection by Paul Negri, *Civil War Poetry*. Random titles from my husband's desk:

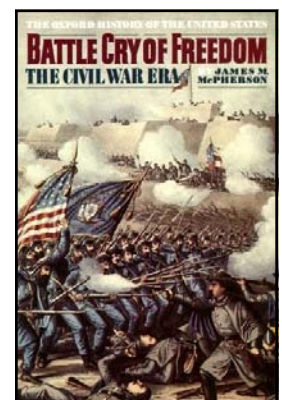
Hermeneutics, Authority, and Canon; God, Scripture & Hermeneutics: First Theology; Covenant and Eschatology: The Diving Drama.

If you head to the library for any of these book recommendations and do not find them on the shelf, let that be your prompt to make a contribution to the work of the Friends of Bethel University Library. The Friends continue to work on behalf of you and the Bethel community to provide books, materials and services that are otherwise not available through the library's regular budget. Your contributions are greatly appreciated.



Austin (age 4) is very big into construction vehicles. One morning he was playing with them at his "work-struction site." When I asked him what they were making, he told me "the mans are building a library!" Good boy.

~Diana





LIBRARY FOOTNOTES

By Earleen Warner

- The Library recently welcomed three new staff members:



Ann Gannon, Administrative Services



Rick Selin, AV Service Coordinator



Verena Getahun,
Reference Assistant



- Bob Suderman, Library Director, was honored for his 30 years of service at Bethel. Thank you, Bob, for your hard work and dedication!

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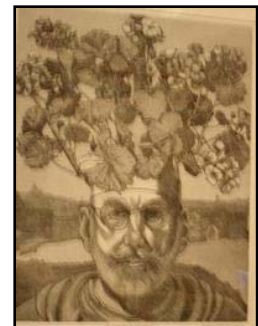
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In order to create additional private study space for Bethel students, one of the group study rooms was divided in half with classy new walls with upper windows.

- George Robinson, Bethel Professor of Art Emeritus, has once again graced the Library with his creative new paintings. Don't miss them on your next visit to the Library!



- CLICnet, Bethel's online library catalog, has been updated and now allows one to see titles immediately sorted by relevancy, to view the covers of books (with links to Amazon), to request multiple titles from other CLIC libraries simultaneously and to benefit from spellcheck capability.

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