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# SHELF LIFE

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF FINTEL LIBRARY



Welcome to the very first edition of Fintel Library's newsletter,

**SHelf LIFE.** We hope you find it informative and that it keeps you up to speed with library happenings. Enjoy!



### Fintel's Latest DVD Arrivals

- **A Fish Called Wanda** (Jamie Lee Curtis)
- **...And Justice for All** (Al Pacino)
- **Absence of Malice** (Paul Newman)
- **The Insider** (Al Pacino)
- **Monster** (Charlize Theron)
- **A Passage to India** (James Fox)
- **Primal Fear** (Richard Gere)
- **Secret Window** (Johnny Depp)
- **Clueless** (Alicia Silverstone)
- **My Cousin Vinny** (Marisa Tomei)
- **The Passion of the Christ** (Mel Gibson)
- **Breakfast at Tiffany's** (George Peppard)
- **Monsoon Wedding** (a Mira Nair film)
- **Mystic River** (Kevin Bacon)
- **The Accused** (Kelly McGillis)
- **The Rainmaker** (Matt Damon)
- **The Crucible** (Winona Ryder)
- **The Client** (Tommy Lee Jones)
- **Saving Private Ryan** (Tom Hanks)
- **The Usual Suspects** (Stephen Baldwin)
- **Jagged Edge** (Glenn Close)
- **Cold Mountain** (Nicole Kidman)

## Meet your library staff

### Jeffrey Martin Speaks



**Shelf Life :** *What do you do at Fintel Library? Is it true that working at a library means you get to read a lot?*

**JM :** I handle Interlibrary Loans and I am the Acquisitions person – which allows me to have the most fun of anyone in the library. I get to see all the new books first! As far as getting to read a lot, no. It just doesn't happen. That must be the most persistent myth concerning people who work in a library!

**Shelf Life :** *What other myths or stereotypes are out there about library-types?*

**JM :** I'd have to say the stuffy nerd image is a big one. I, for one, know how to party! In moderation. With only one cocktail. And home in bed by 11:30. And I do wear bifocals.

**Shelf Life :** *Is it true that you graduated from RC just a few months ago? What advice would you give someone who's having trouble seeing the light at the end of the tunnel?*

**JM :** Yes, it is true, I walked those hallowed boards on May 1, 2004. In order to be a non-traditional student, I think you have to stay focused on the long range goal, but still think "one class at a time". That's how I got through 10 years of higher education.

**Shelf Life :** *What do you make of library websites like laughin-glibrarian.com ? Are the guys that put that site up really librarians?*

**JM :** I'm not without a sense of humor, but I have to say I'm not sure I care for their site. It seems like a page created by bright but irreverent kids. Still, if it inspires an otherwise reluctant person to peek inside a library, then it serves a useful purpose.

**Shelf Life :** *Any pets?*

**JM :** Alas, no. However, I am a confirmed feline lover. I've noticed how our staff divides sharply along cat/dog lines. [This causes the interviewer, who owns three dogs, to smirk a little.]

**Shelf Life :** *Tell us your funniest or most embarrassing moment of working at Fintel.*

**JM :** Funniest moment: A fashion disaster day in which I inexplicably arrived sans belt and with mismatched socks. How did that happen?

**Shelf Life :** *Any last words of wisdom?*

**JM :** Utilize the libraries in your world – or else! And be nice to the people who work there – or else!

**Shelf Life :** *Thanks for sharing thoughts!*

**JM :** Any time.

## You asked...we answered!

The other day, I noticed that the library is now allowing people to check out certain magazines. What is it, like fifty magazine titles? I love the idea (checked out seven to hold me over for the weekend!), but I'm wondering if it really makes sense to do that. I mean, suppose someone damages a magazine or loses it. How's the library going to bind that magazine for students who want to read it in the future?

- Alexandria Cairo  
Lebanon, PA



Dear Alexandria

Yep, this is a new service that Fintel Library is offering. We decided to allow certain selected magazine titles to be checked out for 3 days (How long does it take to read People Weekly?). The titles we chose to check out are general-interest magazines (as opposed to scholarly journals). These are publications you would read for entertainment, to assuage your curiosity about such burning issues as who Britney Spears married this week, or for non-academic enlightenment to find out where are the best trails to hike, or even to learn how the search for alien beings is moving ahead with the SETI Institute's latest project. We decided that these titles are less likely to be part of a class assignment. Additionally, the full text of these titles is available electronically through one of our many (70+) databases or on microfiche; so the information in them really can't be lost.

And, yes we know that these magazines stand a chance of getting damaged, but we're willing to risk a few shredded pages if it means that we can offer up a cool new service.



Please send any questions you'd like the library to address in a future issue of **SHelf LIFE** to [dcwiseman@roanoke.edu](mailto:dcwiseman@roanoke.edu).

## Fintel Library Hours for September 2004

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 8 am-mid	2 8 am-mid	3 8 am - 5:30 pm	4 10:00 am - 5:30 pm
5 12 n - mid	6 8 am-mid	7 8 am-mid	8 8 am-mid	9 8 am-mid	10 8 am - 5:30 pm	11 10:00 am - 5:30 pm
12 12 n - mid	13 8 am-mid	14 8 am-mid	15 8 am-mid	16 8 am-mid	17 8 am - 5:30 pm	18 10:00 am - 5:30 pm
19 12 n - mid	20 8 am-mid	21 8 am-mid	22 8 am-mid	23 8 am-mid	24 8 am - 5:30 pm	25 10:00 am - 5:30 pm
26 12 n - mid	27 8 am-mid	28 8 am-mid	29 8 am-mid	30 8 am-mid		



## Library Loses a Dear Friend and Colleague

This issue of Shelflife is dedicated to the memory of our friend and colleague, Pat Scott. Pat worked as the Library Assistant for Interlibrary Loan for 15 years and was affectionately known as the "goddess" of interlibrary loan. Her dedication and conscientious attitude will be sorely missed.

## Free Study Pills! Guaranteed to make you ace your exams.

Just kidding! But...

Your tummy asked and we've responded! Fintel Library now has three vending machines located on the first floor, near the elevator. Bring some change along to the library and make sure to enjoy fresh brewed coffee or tea. We've also got your fix of chips, cookies and pastries. If it's soda or bottled water that helps you study, we've got that, too. Bon appétit!

