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# SHELF LIFE

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF FINTEL LIBRARY

November.  
 What?! Where did October go? Never mind—December will fly by even faster! Don't let the rush impact your grades at the end of the semester. Make the library a regular destination from now till the end of exams. Visit often this month!



-- Fintel Library Staff



### Fintel's Latest DVD Arrivals

- **Y tu mamá también** (Maribel Verdu)
- **GoodFellas** ( Robert de Niro)
- **Groundhog Day** (Bill Murray )
- **Miller's Crossing** (Gilbert Byrne)
- **Sense and Sensibility** (Emma Thompson)
- **Six Feet Under, The Complete Second Season** (thirteen episodes on five separate discs, starring Peter Krause, Michael Hall, etc.)
- **City Slickers** (Billy Crystal)
- **Between Hitler and Stalin: Ukraine in WW II, The Untold Story** (documentary recounts the losses and suffering of the Ukrainian people during the two years of Soviet-Nazi collaboration, etc.)
- **Fahrenheit 9/11** (Michael Moore documentary examines alleged dealings between two generations of the Bush and Bin Laden families)

## Meet your library staff

### Rebecca Heller Speaks...



**SHELF LIFE** : When prospective students are given a campus tour of RC, they get to the library and the person giving the tour usually refers to you as being a "phenomenal reference librarian," a "life saver," etc., etc. How do you feel about being viewed in those terms? Does it put a lot of pressure on you?

*RH: No, not really. It's a pleasure for me to do my job and I love helping students and researching — so I feel like I have the best job in the world. It's only because I've been doing this for 20 years that I have gained some skill. There are still times when I am stumped and I ask other librarians for help. There are new things to learn everyday about research.*

**SHELF LIFE** : When you compare RC students today with RC students from years past, do you find them to be more savvy with finding information that they need? Less savvy?

*RH: Students are very knowledgeable and computer savvy. But I think many students don't realize that Google can't retrieve everything that is available to them. I'm thinking specifically of high quality, information rich, journal and newspaper articles. These are only available through the library homepage.*

**SHELF LIFE** : What are your three best library tips you can offer students who want to get a good grade on a paper they are writing?

*RH: Start early, ask for help from a librarian, and take advantage of library resources. By starting early, you can take advantage of interlibrary loan if necessary and you can refocus your topic if your interests take you in a particular direction. Librarians know "smart-cuts" to help you with your research. For example, a librarian can show how to use a subject encyclopedia to get an overview of a topic, key names in research, and a bibliography of important sources. A librarian can direct you to the best databases for your topic and guide you on search terms. The library is your window or your access point to almost unlimited sources on your research topics.*

**SHELF LIFE** : If you had to tell the world a little-known fact about you, Rebecca, what would it be?

*RH: I drive a red Mini Cooper and I love it. It's fun.*

**SHELF LIFE** : Thanks, Rebecca!

*RH: You're quite welcome!*



## You asked...we answered!



I'm taking 2 history classes and a 300 level sociology class this semester. For better or for worse, that means I'm in the library a lot. I think I've pretty much got the hang of the system you use for putting books on the shelves, but it's hard to get used to. Why's it have to be so complicated? And how come you don't just use the Dewey system?

Cy Burnett  
Uneedus, LA

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As you've noticed, every book has a call number. Without going into details, the call numbers tell everyone where the book belongs on the shelves.. That way you, the patron, can find it and check it out, and we the library staff can put it back where it belongs when it comes back. Call numbers didn't always exist as we know them.

Most libraries shelved their books in a fixed place, so you had "go to the third floor, third aisle, sixteenth row, third shelf, next to the bust of Homer...no the other bust with the chipped ear." Some libraries shelved books based on size (no sense in carrying all the heavy books up three flights of stairs). The latter systems were doomed upon the invention of the Otis elevator in 1853.

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 November 2004

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
31 12 n - mid	1 8 am-mid	2 8 am-mid	3 8 am-mid	4 8 am-mid	5 8 am - 5:30 pm	6 10:00 am - 5:30 pm
7 12 n - mid	8 8 am-mid	9 8 am-mid	10 8 am-mid	11 8 am-mid	12 8 am - 5:30 pm	13 10:00 am - 5:30 pm
14 12 n - mid	15 8 am-mid	16 8 am-mid	17 8 am-mid	18 8 am-mid	19 8 am - 5:30 pm	20 10:00 am - 5:30 pm
21 12 n - mid	22 8 am-mid	23 8 am - 4:30 pm	24 8 am - 4:30 pm	25 Closed	26 Closed	27 Closed
28 12 n - mid	29 8 am-mid	30 8 am-mid				

### Tip of the month: Free Tutoring!

Need help with a class you're taking? Wish you had a tutor that doesn't charge an arm and a leg? Fintel Library hosts a peer tutoring program coordinated by Academic Services. Peer tutors offer regularly scheduled sessions designed to assist students in improving their grades and developing more effective study habits. It's free, free, free!

For details, check out :  
<http://www.roanoke.edu/academic/tutor/>

### Bet you didn't know...

The library was visited 113,000 times last year. For studying, meeting, grabbing DVDs, emailing, or just hanging out...the library is happening !

