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**Swinburne Library
NEWSLETTER**

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GREETINGS !!

As we are approaching the second half of the year, let's reflect and look back at the things we have done for the past 6 months. It wasn't long ago when you had all just started classes and everyone introduced themselves and asked each other's names as a way to make more friends. We believe the new comers have gotten used to the university life and have discovered every corner of the University. There are busy days when you see everyone either borrowing books or researching materials in their attempts to meet their assignment deadlines.

During the first half of the year, the library has been busy purchasing textbooks and other reference materials. The number of materials has now increased substantially (As of 31st May 2006, there are 9127 items with 5718 titles) and we are now slowly building up our collection for the new courses namely Civil Engineering, Electrical & Electronic Engineering, Electronics and Computer Systems, Telecommunications & Internet Technologies, Human Resource Management and International Business.

In the month of May, the library introduced a

new system for the students where they can now do their own printing. By purchasing the Absec Card at a reasonable price of RM16.00, students can photocopy and print a total of 166 copies. With the implementation of the new self-printing system, the library staff no longer assist students in photocopying and printing at the circulation counter. Kindly refer to any of our library staff should you have any inquiries.

As we are approaching the long semester break soon, check out page 2 & 3 for some of the new novels in the library and grab them for your

reading pleasure during the holidays. This could be a welcome break from reading academic books and at the same time, it could help to improve your vocabulary significantly.

Last but not least, we would like to take this opportunity to wish all students and staff who are celebrating Gawai, "SELAMAT HARI GAWAI". May you be blessed with bountiful harvests and may this festive month bring you fresh beginnings. To all students who are sitting for their final exam soon, "GOOD LUCK & ALL THE BEST".

Wireless LAN

Good news for everyone ! The Wireless LAN is now up and running. SUTS has successfully installed the wireless access points in several areas around the university campus and students can now have access to the swinnet wireless network. With this facility, you can now connect your laptop to the internet within the areas of coverage. Current coverage areas include the Library Annex (Level 6), gym, student council lounge and the cafeteria. A future plan to expand the coverage areas to include the student hostel is in the pipeline.

In order to gain access to the wireless network, you must install and configure the VPN Client & Internet Explorer to your laptop beforehand.

Installation Manual, Installation files and other details regarding the set-up can be found on the Blackboard System.

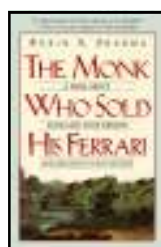
HAPPY SURFING !!!!



NEW NOVELS IN THE LIBRARY

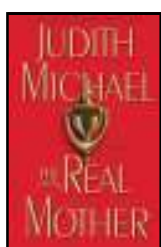
Wisdom to Create a Life of Passion, Purpose and Peace. This inspiring tale provides a step-by-step approach to living with greater courage, balance, abundance, and joy. A wonderfully crafted fable, *The Monk Who Sold His Ferrari* tells the extraordinary story of Julian Mantle, a lawyer forced to confront the spiritual crisis of his out-of-balance life.

Call No. : FIC / SHA



The Real Mother is a story about Sara Elliott has been forced to give up the life she's dreamed of to return home to Chicago and take charge of her sisters and brother. She finds a job and settles into the house she grew up in, building a life for ten-year-old Doug and teenagers Carrie and Abby. But Sara has another brother, Mack, now twenty, who left home three years earlier. With bewildering volatility, Mack swings from kindness to cruelty, affection to hostility, keeping the family always on edge, his past and present a mystery. But with expensive gifts, storytelling, and the excitement of his presence, he is winning over the children, and sometimes the four of them stand together against Sara.

Call No. : FIC / MIC



The Harmony Silk Factory, a story of Johnny Lim, a Chinese-Malaysian man during and after World War II. Tash Aw's novel is in three parts, with each section telling a different perspective on Johnny's life. The first section is told by his son, Jasper, who searches for the story of his father's life to find out how he became such a despicable man, how he become a successful in his career and his marriage to the most beautiful woman in the valley, Snow Soong. The second section of the book is Snow's diary of a belated honeymoon trip, accompanied by a Japanese professor, Mamoru Kunichika, and a British aesthete, Peter Wormwood. The third section is Peter's remembrance of the same trip, and his fond memories of both Johnny and Snow. *The Harmony Silk Factory* explores the life of a man as told from three different sources, all with their own memories and limitations.

Call No. : FIC / AWT



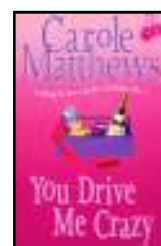
A Lesser Evil – As Fifi declares to her mother that she has secretly married Dan Reynolds, a handsome but itinerant bricklayer, her mother is incensed. Despite her mother's disapproval, Fifi still heads to London with her new husband. Their flat may be small and the area quite deprived, but she finds the freedom of her new life exhilarating. Insatiably inquisitive, Fifi is fascinated by her eclectic mix of neighbours and most particularly, the Muckle family. The Muckle's live in terrible squalor. Fifi can't help but listen to their violent quarrels, watch the endless people coming and going, or the stories and legends about this ruthless family. And when she tries to help Angela, the youngest member of the Muckle family, who has been physically abused by her father, Fifi unwittingly starts a chain of events that puts her and Dan in terrible danger, and will change their lives forever.

Call No. : FIC / PEA



The last place Anna Terry expects to fall in love is in the waiting room of her divorce lawyer's office. But in this book *You Drive Me Crazy*, that's where she meets Nick Diamond and Cupid's arrow strikes. If only they were in the mood....Anna's had more than her fair share of heartache. Her first marriage ended before her pregnancy was over, and her second husband has disappeared, leaving her with a two-year old son, a pre-pubescent daughter and not a penny to her name. Nick's luck hasn't been any better: his wife has run off with the local butcher - which wouldn't be so bad if she wasn't a vegetarian! His second-hand car dealership is in chaos and his mother is sure that line-dancing will mend his 'Achy Breaky Heart'. When Anna gets a job as Nick's secretary, what starts as a mild flirtation soon accelerates into overdrive - but that's before their ex-partners show up and they're all in for a bumpy ride.

Call No. : FIC / MAT



Shopaholic Series

Shopping is always very popular among the ladies but do we have books devoted to it? Author Sophie Kinsella, started to write stories of a financial journalist Rebecca Bloomwood who is a shopaholic, and her immature behavior when it comes to shopping. She constantly finds herself struggling to strike a balance between her meagre income and her desire to shop. Everytime she feels stressed over growing bills, bank statements, bank's request or financial problems, she turns herself to shopping for relief. With her loving, charming, funny and pleasant character, these series are pleasantly cheerful for readers and are well written literacy works that we can relate to in real life.

Sophie Kinsella's Shopaholic Series that are available in our library (Call No. : FIC / KIN) :-

- Shopaholic Abroad
- The Secret Dreamworld of a Shopaholic
- Confessions of a Shopaholic
- Shopaholic & Sister
- Shopaholic takes Manhattan
- The Undomestic Goddess



IEEE Journals

Apart from access to online IEEE Xplore, Library Annex on Level 6 has now put up shelves to store the printed journals for IEEE All-Society Periodicals Packages (ASPP) for students and staff. IEEE which stands for Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers is the world's leading professional association for the advancement of technology. IEEE publishes the leading journals, transactions and magazines in electrical engineering, computing, biotechnology, telecommunications, power and energy, and dozens of other technologies. We encourage you to use it as one of your research tools as it covers essential information in technology today and are useful for those who are in the engineering field. Please take note that these journals are not for circulation but for in-house reading only.

QUOTES

"Knowledge is the food of the soul."
- Plato -

"If you have knowledge, let others light their candle by it."
- Margaret Fuller -

"One of the greatest joys known to man is to take a flight into ignorance in search of knowledge."
- Robert Lynd -

"Knowledge is proud that it knows so much; wisdom is humble that it knows no more."
- William Cooper -