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Room 211 of the library has been transformed into a Mac lab that seats 12 students and 1 instructor. The sleek 20" iMacs are capable of booting up either Mac OS X or Windows XP. Each machine has installed a variety of software packages used by different departments on campus, such as iMovie, iDV, iWeb, and Garageband on the Apple OS X side, and LabView, Stata, SciFinder Scholar, ArcGIS, VectorWorks, Photoshop, and Google applications on the PC side.

...Also: Cara Zwiechowski will be filling the position of Evening Circulation Manager vacated by Kristen.

Archives Assistant Steve Vignocchi ’93 rejoined the library’s Special Collections and Archives in March 2008. He spent three and a half years working in archives as an undergraduate and is thrilled to be back “home.” Steve previously worked in archives at the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation and has recently assisted in organizing the archives of the National Center for Effective Schools Research and Development.

Check course reserves online to see whether a course reserve item is currently available. Follow the Course Reserves link from the library’s home page at library.lakeforest.edu

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THE BIG SWITCH IS COMING
Office 2008 for the Mac has been referred to as more of a “sidegrade” than an upgrade. If you use macros, we recommend that you DO NOT move to Office 2008 because it lacks the Visual Basic integration that you need to make some automated tasks work. Microsoft has promised to include Visual Basic integration in their next major release of Office 2008.

Books to devour: If you’ve been hunting for the perfect snickerdoodle or roast duck recipe, your search is over! Joan Reardon of Lake Forest recently gave the library over 300 cookbooks and books on culinary history, wine, foodways, and gastronomy.

Dr. Reardon is a noted scholar of the culinary arts and is food luminary M.F.K. Fisher’s biographer. She is presently writing a book on Julia Child for Farrar, Straus, and Giroux.

We will highlight her gift books in the new book display area on the main floor of the library, but you will also find most of them by going to the “T” section of the lower level book stacks once they’re cataloged.

Faster than the pony express: Books requested from I-Share libraries generally arrive in 3 business days. You will receive an email when your books are available for pick-up at Circulation.

Get ‘em while you can: Books not picked up from Circulation within two weeks will be sent back to their home library.

What’s new for you in the TRC: The new centralized configuration of the TRC allows student employees to see everyone’s screen and anticipate needs for assistance. Five more patron work stations have been added, including 3 Mac mini stations. Also, a limited number of MacBook laptops are now available for checkout.

A new TRC web site has current information about services and schedules, and where patrons can request training appointments at campus.lakeforest.edu/browntrc.

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What are you reading?

Tonja Brice: Jude the Obscure by Thomas Hardy • Susan Cloud: Grant Speaks by Ev Ehrlich • Jim Cubit: Beyond the Hundredth Meridian: John Wesley Powell and the Second Opening of the West by Wallace Stegner and Taste of Place: A Cultural Journey into Terroir by Amy B. Trubek • Kenneth Finch: The Algebraist by Iain M. Banks • Ellenie Karsten: The Quiet Gentleman by Georgette Heyer • Kristen Kinsella: Ask for It by Linda Babcock • David Levinson: O My America by Johanna Kaplan • Ruth Pritch: Before the Dawn by Nicholas Wade • Esteban Reyes: Ships Without a Shore: America’s Undernurtured Children by Anne R. Pierce • Nancy Sosna Bohm: Information: Literature Instruction Handbook edited by Christopher N. Cox and Elizabeth Blakesley Lindsey • Cory Stevens: Let’s Talk About Love: A Journey to the End of Taste by Carl Wilson

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