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"Christmas is not just a time for festivity and merry making. It is more than that. It is a time for the contemplation of eternal things. The Christmas spirit is a spirit of giving and forgiving." -- J. C. Penney, American entrepreneur, (1875-1971)

BEST WISHES FOR THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS



As Fall Semester 2016 is soon to be a memory and Spring Semester 2017 is barely on the horizon, the staff at Shake Learning Resources Center wishes everyone in the Vincennes University Community the best of holidays! Remember to contact the librarians (left column) for all your library needs, be they books, class instruction, or just a conversation about how we may better assist your academic work! See you in January!

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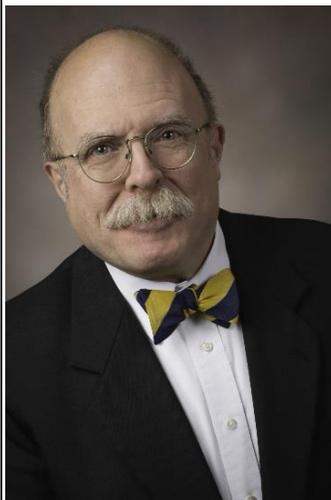
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FROM THE DEAN'S DESK

By Dr. David M. Peter, Dean, Learning Resources
and Technologies

Editor's Note: Dr. Peter, the current President of the Indiana Library Federation, recently presided over the ILF Annual Symposium in Indianapolis. Librarians from throughout Indiana gathered to meet, learn, and share ideas. Below are some of Dr. Peter's observations.

I saw the power of the spoken word this past week. And the power of memory. It's always easy to remember those speeches from our collective past that serve to inspire us, to encourage us, and to call us to action. Words are powerful, and when spoken they have the potential to embed themselves in our memory. It is hard to dislodge words from our collective memory, especially when they are spoken in the heat of the moment.

I found myself talking with new friends about words. The conversation meandered to words spoken over the past year and asked if they had the same meaning today. You see, we tend to recall those things which are either well-fitting or ill-fitting to our character. It's easier to discount those well-fitting words and hold fast to the ill-fitting words. I'll never fully understand why, but that is what I've seen and heard.

I reminded the group of words spoken over one hundred and fifty years ago by a lawyer from Illinois. Words that have been memorized and recited countless times. Two hundred and seventy two words that convey meaning even now: "The Gettysburg Address." The other speech, is 1,670 words, delivered August 28, 1963, is equally powerful: Martin Luther King Junior's "I Have A Dream."

Words are so important. Studying memorable speeches helps remind me of the importance of words, and how words not only form sentences and paragraphs, but also form and shape ideas.

Read "The Gettysburg Address" or King's "I Have A Dream." Speak the words. The power of the spoken word should be shared with others. [#spokenword](#)



Notes and News from Lewis Historical Library

*Come visit the Byron R. Lewis Historical Library, discover its wonders,
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Historic Curtis G. Shake Desk Finds New Home at VU

By Richard L. King, Reference Librarian

VINCENNES, Ind. - Thanks to the generosity of Knox County residents James and Linda Levell, an antique roll-top desk used by Curtis G. Shake early in his legal career has been preserved and now is housed in the Vincennes University building that carries his name.



A piece of history has found a new home at Vincennes University. Thanks to the generosity of Knox County residents James and Linda Levell (pictured), an antique roll-top desk once used by Curtis G. Shake is now housed in the VU building that carries his name. Besides his Knox County, Indiana, legal career, Shake once served as President of the VU Board of Trustees, Chief Justice of the Indiana Supreme Court, and was the famed Judge of the WWII Nuremberg War Crimes Trials. (Photograph courtesy of Amber L. Nixon, VU Photographer.)

The desk, which contains many nooks and crannies, drawers, and locked compartments suitable for a law office, is a beautiful example of solid business furniture from another age. The well-varnished, restored piece came to light back in the mid-1970s when local attorney James P. Levell formed a law firm with attorney A. Charles "Chuck" Gillie in Bicknell. The young law school graduates had moved their new business into the Main Street law office owned by retired attorney James Jones, who had once been a partner with Shake. The desk was in the back room and "not in very good shape," Levell noted.

Shake's desk served as Levell's own for some time until he decided it would be a good idea to have it restored. Then-VU student Victor Kirchoff, now a Vincennes physician, took on the task. Kirchoff was so busy with studies at the time that he asked if Levell minded when it was done. "It took him three years!" Levell laughed, and said the result was so beautiful he moved the heavy piece of furniture into his home.

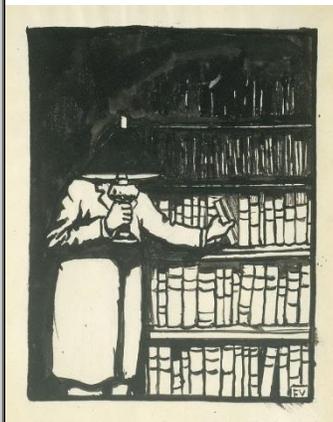
Levell confirms that the desk once belonged to Shake, who besides his Knox County legal career once served as President of the VU Board of Trustees, Chief Justice of the Indiana Supreme Court, and famed Judge of the WWII Nuremberg War Crimes Trials. "I'm satisfied it is his," he said. Levell pointed out that when he obtained the desk it contained some of Shake's legal materials. In addition, a Shake family member confirmed to him that the desk belonged to the famous Hoosier for whom VU's Shake Learning Resources Center is named.

When the Levells had some recent remodeling done on their house, they decided it was time to find a new home for the desk. They made the decision to donate the desk to Vincennes University, as the couple has strong ties to the University. Jim has an AS degree from VU and Linda worked as a tutor.

It is very awe-inspiring to see and touch this desk and be struck with the notion that this was where Judge Shake began his illustrious legal career. Students of law might like to know about this, and Vincennes University is certainly honored by the Levells' gift. Anyone interested in viewing the famous piece of legal history is welcome to see it.

The desk appropriately rests just a few feet away from a permanent glass display case dedicated to Shake's life and achievements. Lewis Library is open Monday through Friday, 1 to 4 p.m. (EDT), or by appointment. More information is available by contacting King at 812-888-5411.

WHAT SHOULD I READ NEXT?



Looking for a good book, but not sure where to start? **Books & Authors** is an intriguing online resource that should interest Vincennes University bibliophiles and readers. Found on Shake Library's Databases A-Z listing of databases, try Books & Authors to help discover today's popular fiction and non-fiction titles as well as the classics of yesterday. It also helps answer the age-old question "What do I read next?" Learn from over two dozen genre experts who provide excellent literary content. Find author biographies, award winning works, and book reviews from 30

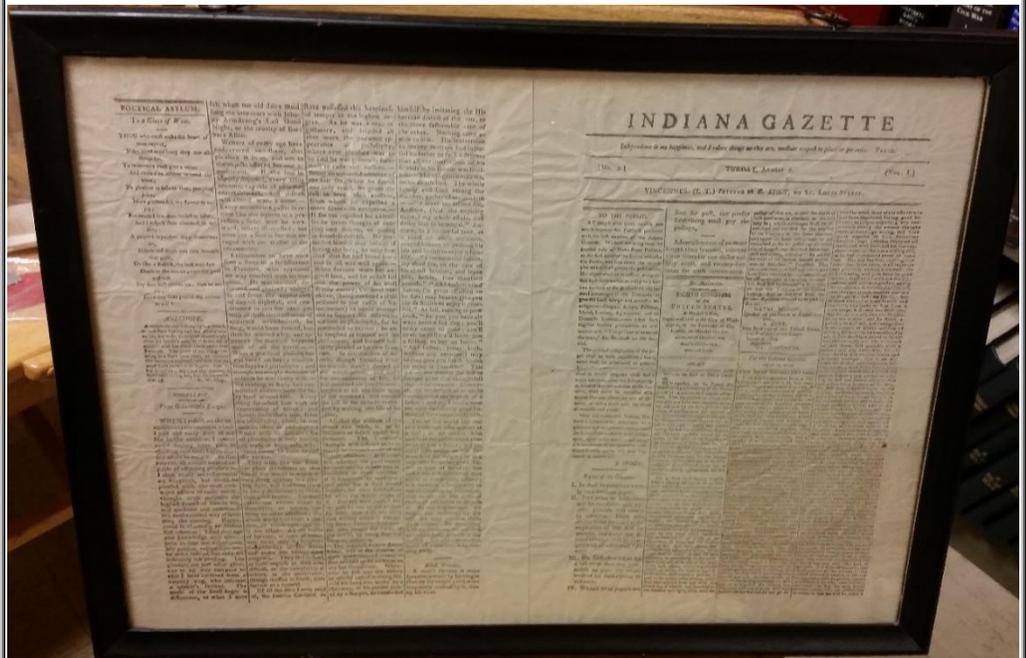
respected reviewing sources. Investigate this resource today!

If a book is not in Shake Library, use the Interlibrary Loan link on the OneVU citation to request it from another library. Or ask a librarian!

DID YOU KNOW...

Indiana's First Newspaper was Published Here in Vincennes?

By Magen Melton, Technical Services Librarian



This is a copy of vol. 1 no. 2 of the *Indiana Gazette*, published Aug. 7, 1804.

No copy of the first issue has been found

- Elihu Stout printed the 1st issue of the *Indiana Gazette* on July 31, 1804.
- In 1806 his print shop burned down. He then traveled to Kentucky, obtained a new press, and carried it to Vincennes on pack mules down the Buffalo Trace.
- In 1807 he renamed the paper *The Western Sun*.
- In 1819 his shop burned down again. He rebuilt it and continued to publish until he sold the paper in 1845.
- In 1931 *The Sun* merged with *The Commercial* to form *The Vincennes Sun-Commercial* we know today. That's 212 years of continuous publishing!

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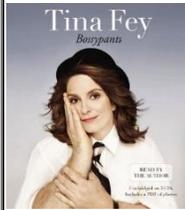
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Book Breaks With Hilarious Women!

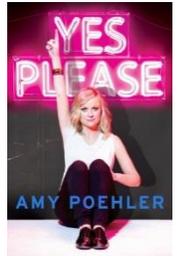
By Jamie Cox, Public Services Librarian

With the craziness of the end of the semester, sometimes it's best to just take a break and be entertained with a good laugh. Check out one of these hilarious women to get you through this crazy time of year:



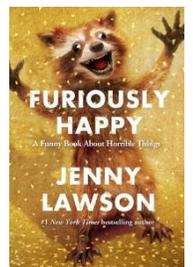
Bossypants by Tina Fey – she of *30 Rock* and *SNL* fame. A memoir that covers not only her childhood, but also her stint as Sarah Palin's look alike.

Yes Please by Amy Poehler – of *Parks & Recreation* and *SNL* fame. A collection of personal stories that include both advice and funny anecdotes. It's easy to see why Amy and Tina make a great team and have paired together for movies, sketches, and hosting award shows. Both *Bossypants* and *Yes Please* showcase these intelligent, funny ladies' comedic gifts.



Let's Pretend This Never Happened: A Mostly True Memoir and *Furiously Happy: A Funny Book About Horrible Things* by Jenny Lawson – Both of these memoirs of this popular blogger contain hysterical and honest (as much as she can remember) stories from Jenny's life.

Jenny isn't afraid to share her embarrassing moments, but more importantly, she isn't afraid to shed light on what it's like living with mental illness. If you're reading these books in public beware, they may cause you to laugh out loud.



Still looking for something else or want more books by funny women? Try one of these books:



Is Everyone Hanging Out Without Me? (And Other Concerns) by Mindy Kaling



Why Not Me? by Mindy Kaling



The Misadventures of Awkward Black Girl by Issa Rae

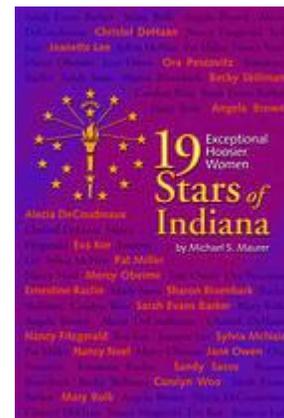


You Can't Touch My Hair: And Other Things I Still Have to Explain, by Phoebe Robinson

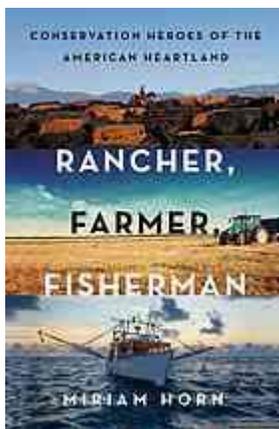
Book Reviews by Library Staff

Maurer, Michael S. *19 Stars of Indiana: Exceptional Hoosier Men*. Indianapolis: Indiana Historical Society Press, 2010 (977.2043 M453n)

After publishing his *19 Stars of Indiana: Exceptional Hoosier Women* (2009), Maurer was excited to turn his research and writing talents to notable Indiana men. The author used the same criteria as he did in his previous book: subject must be a living person, inspiring to others, self-made, made sacrifices to succeed, made tough choices, demonstrated character/class, and, of course, must be a Hoosier who calls Indiana their home today. The men who made his subjective cut are both familiar and not-at-all-known to me: Joseph Kernan, Marvin Johnson, Eugene B. Glick, Richard Lugar, David Baker, Quentin Smith, George McGinnis, Steven Beering, Joseph Mamlin, the Rev. Theodore M. Hesburg, Carl Erskine, Lawrence H. Einhorn, Gerald Bepko, Jim David, David Carter, William Cook, Gebisa Ejeta, Angelo Pizzo and Mitch Daniels. Read their stories and prepare to be inspired! –By *Richard L. King, Reference Librarian*



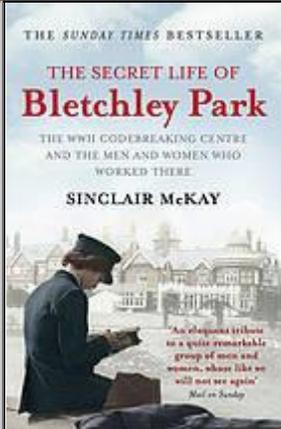
Miriam Horn. *Rancher, Farmer, Fisherman: Conservation Heroes of the American Heartland*. New York: Norton, 2016 (333.72 H816r)



Author Horn weaves a fascinating account of five American men and women who are making a difference in finding solutions to preserving the natural world of our continent. With chapters devoted to the Rancher, Farmer, Riverman, Shrimper, and Fisherman, the lives of people on the front lines of different geographic areas with specific conservation concerns are unveiled. Their stories are heartening examples of how individuals are making a difference in restoring and protecting grasslands, wildlife, soil, rivers, wetlands and ocean ecosystems. –By *Richard L.*

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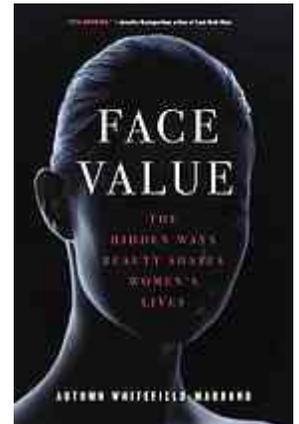
McKay, Sinclair. *The Secret Life of Bletchley Park: The WWII Codebreaking Centre and the Men and Women Who Worked There*. London: Aurum P, 2011 (940.548 M478s)



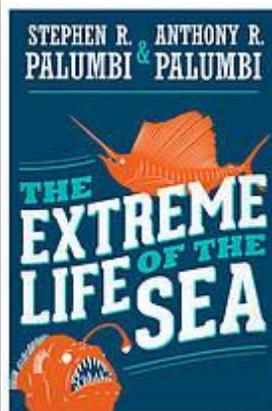
Surely one of the most important and poignant stories of World War II involves the struggles of some of Britain's most brilliant (and often a little odd) scientists, mathematicians, scholars and even regular folks who worked around the clock to break German's Enigma Code. McKay's bestselling historical work is both an historical account and tribute to these individuals who spent the war doing hush-hush code-breaking intelligence work with results that cannot be underestimated. —By *Richard L. King, Reference Librarian*

Whitefield-Madrano, Autumn. *Face Value: The Hidden Ways Beauty Shapes Women's Lives*. New York: S&S, 2016 (111.85 W577f)

Covering hot topics such as self-image, the impact of social media, and how beauty is perceived in different aspects of society, author Whitefield-Madrano delves into the issue of how looks are intertwined in women's lives. By combining careful research, a look into scientific aspects of beauty, and interviews, the author has provided interesting fodder for discussion and student writing projects. —By *Richard L. King, Reference Librarian*



Palumbi, Stephen R., and Anthony R. Palumbi. *The Extreme Life of the Sea*. Princeton: Princeton UP, 2014 (591.77 P184e)



Just by considering popular culture, our planet's oceans continually fascinate. Silly shark movies and serious undersea adventures abound, and anyone interested in the topic will enjoy the Palumbi authors' storytelling abilities as they take the reader to our oceans' Earliest, Most Archaic, Smallest, Deepest, Shallowest, Hottest, Coldest (and so-on) areas imaginable. The authors offer good science and photographs to relate their watery tales. —By *Richard L. King, Reference Librarian*

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