Information Commons Update
By Sue Czerny—Access Services Librarian

If you have visited the library this semester, you probably noticed the renovations on the first floor. In keeping with the idea of an Information Commons, these modifications were designed to encourage student interaction and to create more open, social, and flexible space.

The large desk that had been used as the Reference Desk in the past is gone now. In its place is more seating for students working in groups. The librarians now sit at a desk located between the Commons Desk and the Library Tech Support Desk, so that all of our service points can work together to provide old and new services.

This is just the first step in a long process; there will be more changes coming this semester and through the summer. We welcome any comments or ideas you might have! Comments can be given to the Dean of Library Services, left at the Commons Desk, or entered on our Facebook page (Kutztown University Rohrbach Library) or our “The More You Know…” blog at: http://rohrbachlibrary.wordpress.com/.

Technology Updates in the Rohrbach Library
By Meg Arnette – Curriculum Materials Center Graduate Assistant

The Rohrbach Library now offers several new technological updates to make your research – and your life! – much easier. Eight flatbed scanners are now located in the computer area behind the Reference and Information Commons desks on the main floor.

Projectors can now be checked out at the Information Commons desk for use in the library group study rooms. These projectors are very easy to use and make collaborating on a project much easier.

Several reference books have been digitized and are now listed among the articles and databases on the library’s website. For more information on these titles or if you have any questions about your research, please see a librarian at the Reference Desk, which is now located beside the Information Commons desk.

New Databases
By Elaine Mara- Public Relations Intern

The library has added several important new databases this semester. Take advantage of these valuable resources in your assignments or research:

- Web of Science
- Gale Directory of Publications and Broadcast Media
- Gale Virtual Reference Library
- Naxos Music Library
- Grove Music Online
- Oxford Islamic Studies Online

For more information, contact Bob Flatley at 610-683-4168 or flatley@kutztown.edu, or call the Reference Desk at 610-683-4165.
The Rohrbach Library Welcomes Singer-Songwriter Doug Andrews

By Bruce Jensen - Information Commons & Multicultural Support Librarian

In April, the cruelest month for those arduous end-of-year projects that plague many students, we invite you to kick back from your labors with some great music and coffee when young Wyoming singer-songwriter Doug Andrews performs on April 8th outside the coffee shop on the first floor. Andrews is touring with his debut CD Absaraka Runoff. His stop in eastern PA is, in part, to give him a chance to visit the historic Martin guitar factory that produced his treasured companion of wood and steel—which came to Doug by way of Rohrbach's senior librarian, Claire Andrews. Come join us on April 8th to hear that story, as well as a lot of great music in the inaugural concert of the Information Commons and enjoy the display on American Regionalism! For more information about Doug Andrews, check out his Web site at: http://www.doug-andrews.net/Home.html

For more information, please contact Bruce Jensen at 610-683-4766 or rjensen@kutztown.edu.

Join the Conversation @ Rohrbach Library

By Meg Arnette – Curriculum Materials Center Graduate Assistant

The Rohrbach Library has maintained a blog at http://rohrbachlibrary.wordpress.com, for some time now, but we would like to announce our presence on prominent social networks like Facebook and Twitter.

You can find us on Twitter at http://www.twitter.com/rohrbachlibrary. Search for “Rohrbach Library” on Facebook to find our Facebook group and fan page. We look forward to hearing from you!

Curriculum Materials Center Librarian Returns!

By Karen Wanamaker – Curriculum Materials Center

In case you haven’t been over to the CMC, I’m back to work this semester after being off for a while in the fall to give birth to my second child. I have already had the pleasure of seeing some of the COE students and faculty in classes in January and hope to see more as the semester progresses. Faculty can contact me to have me give instruction about the Center or library resources, or they can simply request for a class to work in the CMC on an assignment. Just let me know so that I can “book” the space for you and prepare to meet your needs. As always, please contact me if you have any questions or if you have suggestions for materials that should be ordered for the CMC. You can reach me by e-mailing kwanamak@kutztown.edu or by calling 610-683-4709. I typically work Sunday night from 2-10 p.m. and Monday night from 4-10 p.m.

You see, I don’t believe that libraries should be drab places where people sit in silence, and that’s been the main reason for our policy of employing wild animals as librarians.” — Monty Python skit