A Fine Romance: Jewish Songwriters, American Songs

The Rose State College Learning Resources will host the new touring exhibit “A Fine Romance: Jewish Songwriters, American Songs, 1910-1965” from November 7 – December 21, 2011.

The free exhibit is composed of attractive, freestanding panels featuring archival photographs of Jewish songwriters and reproductions of their scores. “A Fine Romance” illustrates the story of the many iconic Jewish composers, such as Irving Berlin, Jerome Kern, and George Gershwin, who helped create the great American songbook from 1910-1965. The best composers of this period combined a genius for melody and a talent for finding the perfect words. A large number of them were Jewish—from families that had immigrated to America in the 1800s or had fled persecution in Europe.

The RSC library is among 55 sites across the country to host the exhibit. There will be an opening program on November 7 at 2:00 pm in the Learning Resources Center on the second floor.

Other special programs in association with the exhibit include: Dr. Jeremy Clifton, Rose State professor of music, will discuss the great contributions of Jewish Songwriters. The lecture will be on Monday, November 21, at 7:00 pm in the H. B. Atkinson Theatre and will include live music. On Thursday, December 1, at 7:00 pm in the H. B. Atkinson Theatre “An Evening of Music” will be a musical revue presented by representatives of four local colleges—Oklahoma City University, Oklahoma Christian University, University of Central Oklahoma, and Rose State College. Selections from Jewish songwriters will be shared. On Sunday, December 4, at 2:00 p.m. in the H. B. Atkinson Theatre the Fantastic Four Piano Ladies will perform Gershwin, Berlin and other Jewish Songwriters.

“We are pleased that our library was chosen as a site for this exhibit about a fascinating period of American popular music history,” said Dr. Brad Robison, Reference/Special Projects Librarian.

Local supporters include the Jewish Federation of Greater Oklahoma City, Temple B’nai Israel, the Jewish Foundation of Oklahoma City, Friends of the RSC Library, and several anonymous donors. “A Fine Romance: Jewish Songwriters, American Songs, 1910-1965” was developed by Nextbook Inc., a nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting Jewish literature, culture, and ideas, and the American Library Association Public Programs Office. The national tour of the exhibit has been made possible by grants from the Charles H. Revson Foundation, the Righteous Persons Foundation, the David Berg Foundation, and an anonymous donor, with additional support from “Tablet Magazine: A New Read on Jewish Life” and the Seymour Gitenstein Endowment in Judaic Studies.

For further exhibit and program information, contact Robison at 405-733-7402. Regular LRC hours of operation are: Monday through Thursday—7:30 am to 10:00 pm; Friday—7:30 am to 5 pm; Saturday—10:00 am to 4:00 pm; and Sunday—1:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Look for further details at http://lrc.rose.edu.
Free and open access to information is a freedom Americans sometimes take for granted. This right is protected by the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution and is celebrated during Banned Books Week. The Rose State College Learning Resources Center (LRC) brought awareness of censorship and book banning through various activities held on their campus. On September 26th Wendell Edwards, KOCO Channel 5 Weekend News Anchor, moderated a panel discussion between State Representative Jason Nelson, attorney Jim Roth, and Director of the Oklahoma Press Association Mark Thomas. Students, faculty and the general public were invited to attend the discussion which proved to be not only controversial but educational and enlightening as well. The discussion was lively and sometimes entertaining as the participants responded to questions from the audience.

The LRC hosted two Read-Outs. Students from the Rose State Theatre Department along with faculty members and others read segments from their favorite challenged, controversial, or banned book. Readers gathered outside the RSC Library and read with enthusiasm as others casually stopped to listen.

Books like *James and the Giant Peach*, *King and King*, and *To Kill a Mockingbird* are examples of books read.

On September 28th Dr. Joey Senat, Professor of Journalism at Oklahoma State University provided an interesting and thought-provoking presentation on First Amendment rights. Dr. Senat’s presentation challenged students to think critically and analytically when evaluating literature.

In addition to these activities, a colorful display of banned books was available in the LRC lobby during the entire week and a bibliography was provided containing lists of banned and challenged books. Books on the list included *Uncle Tom’s Cabin*, published in 1852 and credited with fueling the abolitionist movement prior to the Civil War and Charles Darwin’s *On the Origin of the Species*, published in 1859. Somewhat coincidentally, Banned Books Week overlapped a traveling exhibition, *Forever Free: Abraham Lincoln’s Journey to Emancipation*, organized by the Huntington Library of San Marino, California. The two events, Banned Books Week and Lincoln’s Journey to Emancipation provided a wealth of information, entertainment and excitement at the Rose State LRC.

Coordinator of Audio Visual Services for the RSC LRC, Barb Pfrehm, and Special Projects Librarian, Brad Robison, provided the leadership that made Banned Books Week a huge success.
Since the last newsletter, more links have been added to the CIT, Journalism, and News research link pages.

American Journalism Review covers print, television, radio, and online media. AJR examines how the media covers stories, ethical dilemmas in journalism, and the impact of technology on journalism.

BBC World Service provides world news and documentaries from the British Broadcasting Corporation.

On The Media is a Peabody award winning weekly program produced by WNYC New York public radio. Articles and podcasts comment on the events of the week focusing on the media’s presentation of major news stories.

Technology Review is MIT’s award-winning website on emerging technologies.

UTNE Reader gathers articles from over 2,000 alternative news sources. The current issue is available online. The LRC carries the magazine in print from 1993 to present.

World Press is a non-partisan magazine which contains articles reprinted from the press outside the United States, as well as originally written material.

This semester I returned to school to earn my B.A. in Organizational Leadership. Learning APA style can be frustrating at times. The OWL at Purdue’s website and the APA’s Learn APA style tutorials have been grade savers. The LRC links to these websites are on the Cite What You Found page.

I hope the last half of the semester is great for all of you!

Leadership and Success Webinars

The National Society for Leadership and Success presents some great speakers throughout the school year. These sessions are available at home or at our Brown Bag Lunch session. They are very motivational. To login go to starlinktraining.org. Select login in the upper right corner. Under current member type ssaulmon@rose.edu. Call Sharon Saulmon for the password 405-736-0259. Then select the title to view.

Alton Brown, host of Food Network’s Good Eats, will speak on “A Few of the Secrets of My Semi-Moderate Success.” He says, "Unless you’re already rich and famous, you may want to show up for this one". The session is available now through November 7. If you would like to view this with a group, come to the LRC on Wednesday, November 2, at 12:30 pm (LRC109) and bring your Brown Bag lunch. Water and dessert will be provided.

“Rise ‘N’ Thrive: From Great Potential to Exceptional Performance” will be available November 7 - 21, 2011, featuring Al Duncan, an award-winning columnist and authority on soft skills and empowerment, author of Get ALL Fired Up. The LRC showing is on Wednesday, November 16, 12:30 pm (LRC109).


All of the webinars are available online 24/7 during the dates indicated.
Welcome to Fall! What seemed to be the eternal summer has finally ended! The wonderful crisp mornings remind us of the many changes going on around us. At this mid-semester point questions may be surfacing with some students. Please refer students who may need accommodations. Throughout the semester students continue to submit documentation and receive accommodation forms. Please honor these as you receive them.

Please remember accommodations are not retroactive! By law students are to self-identify and then follow through. It is the students choice. If they do not ask, then we cannot accommodate. But isn’t success a choice for every student?! Remember the expectation for all students’ performance should be the same - no more and no less - whether or not there is a disability. No student has a guarantee of success. “Sympathy grades” really don’t do anyone a favor... the student nor future professors. Just be your usual, consistent self in reporting the grades that each student earns. Faculty’s legal responsibility is met by following the approved accommodations as stated on the form.

Many students with disabilities are very committed, diligent students. They understand what they need to do to be successful.... AND DO IT! For those we play a supporting role in arranging accommodations that provide equal access. Some students with disabilities may appear a bit lost and not sure of where they are going. These folks may be struggling in class. Isn’t that true about a few students in any class? Please remember that students with disabilities have much more in common with other students than differences.

Sometimes the question comes up about “what grade to give a student with disabilities?” Professors, our practice should be to follow the specific accommodations allowed on the accommodation form; and then, AS WITH ANY OTHER STUDENT IN CLASS, now become the record keeper concerning the grade to simply tally how the student meets the expectations you outlined in your syllabus and then record that earned grade.

Please remind all students that Spring enrollment begins November 7th. Encourage students to enroll early and work with DSR to plan accommodations for next semester.

Help students plan for finals especially those with extended time accommodations. First time college students may not realize that finals are often longer than regular tests. Work with students and keep in mind the Test Center hours and space challenges during finals week. If you have any questions concerning logistics of finals for students with disabilities, call Janet. We will be glad to assist or we may be able to utilize the assistive technology for test taking. We are here to help work out the details.

Stress in our society seems to be abundant! But the rest of the year can be even MORE stressful for many; but, for some on campus the additional stresses of school and holidays becomes overwhelming. Sometimes “life” interferes with learning and even day-to-day functioning. If you know of any one on campus who is having difficulty and might need counseling, please refer them to Special Services and Student Outreach 733-7307 (SSB101) for an appointment. Licensed Professional Counselors are available free of charge.

Disability Services is here to serve students and campus personnel as we encourage others to do their best to obtain individual goals.

For more information about services for students with disabilities, to refer students wishing to request accommodations, or if you have questions concerning approved accommodations, please contact Janet Griffith at 733-7407 or stop by LRC 125. The virtual welcome mat is always out!
Some of these books have ideas that you can adapt to many situations. Recognizing opportunities can help you capitalize on your strengths, reveal your inner beauty, become more creative, and decide where to shop (or not).

“At 27, Bo Peabody was an Internet multimillionaire...He has co-founded six different companies, in varied industries, and made them thrive during the best and worst economic times.” People ask, “Was it his smarts that made him an entrepreneurial leader, or was it just plain luck?” Lucky or Smart? Secrets to an Entrepreneurial Life ((HB615.P383 2005) discusses Peabody’s experiences and lessons. His mantra is: “If you want your business to be successful, make sure your work is fundamentally innovating, morally compelling, and philosophically positive.” He encourages the reader to “take advantage of every opportunity.” This short book can be applied to many different situations.

A beauty book with some outrageous examples of “beauty” is not usually top-rated and recommended. But Nigel Barker’s Beauty Equation: Reveal a Better and More Beautiful You (HQ1219.B27 2010) is the exception. “Casting aside conventional rules, Barker shares ideas for showing your inner beauty. Using anecdotes from his life in the fashion business and tips and advice from celebrities and experts, ... he gives you a crash course in topics such as honesty, spontaneity, compassion and humor.”

“Americans spend $35 million every hour at Wal-Mart, 24 hours a day, every day of the year, and 90% of Americans live within 15 miles of a Wal-Mart store.” Business journalist Charles Fishman reveals The Wal-Mart Effect (HF5429.215.U6 F56 2006) by his research with former executives and “managers at leading brand companies that sell to Wal-Mart...Fishman has discovered how Wal-Mart brings prices down so dramatically and what the remarkable payoffs and high costs of those ‘everyday low prices’ really are.”

Josh Linkner, a businessman and jazz musician, “shows how you can create profitable new ideas, empower employees to flex their creative muscles, and tap into the power of creativity to sustain a competitive advantage.” Linkner interviewed “hundreds of successful CEOs, entrepreneurs, and artists.” Disciplined Dreaming (HD53.L56 2011) “demonstrates how creativity can be used for everything from...breakthroughs...to daily improvements.”

Keep a book with you for those doctor visits and train crossings. Happy reading.

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Free Online Tutoring 24 hours a day, 7 days a week
Also available in Spanish.

To obtain more information, you may call the tutoring desk or go to:
http://www.rose.edu/tutoring

Rose State Tutoring provides free tutoring in the Learning Resources Center for Rose State students in general education courses only. This includes 0-level skill building courses (e.g. MATH 0103 Arithmetic Skills).

We are looking for tutors! The basic requirement is that the person who wants to tutor must have made an A or B in the course they want to tutor. If you know a student, retired teacher, or other qualified person you think would make a good tutor, please encourage them to contact the tutoring desk at 733-7417. Classes where tutors are especially needed include:

- Anatomy, Physiology, Chemistry
- English
- Mathematics

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Trip to Bahamas

LRC’s very own Jillian Whitaker and her boyfriend Jaren Johns won an all-expense paid 3 days, 2 nights vacation to the Bahamas this fall. The couple participated in radio station KJ103’s photo competition for cutest couple.
Academic Testing Services

by Karen Mills

Academic Testing Services is located on the first floor of the LRC at the north end of the building, and administers make-up tests, advanced standing exams, the computer proficiency exam, WorkKeys exams, tests with accommodations and tests for Internet, hybrid and telecourse classes.

TO TAKE A TEST, STUDENTS MUST PROVIDE:
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- Instructor’s name
- Course name
- Test number

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