April 23 is WORLD BOOK NIGHT, an annual celebration designed to spread the love of reading and books. The event will be held throughout the U.S., Ireland and the U.K. and will see tens of thousands of people go out into their communities to spread the “joy and love of reading by giving out free WORLD BOOK NIGHT paperbacks.

Successfully launched in the U.K. in 2011, WORLD BOOK NIGHT will also be celebrated in the U.S. for the first time this year, with news of more countries to come in the future. The significance of April 23 is “UNESCO’S WORLD BOOK DAY, chosen due to the anniversary of Cervantes’ death, as well as Shakespeare’s birth and death.”

Applicants participating in WORLD BOOK NIGHT were notified in January of the title of the book they would receive as part of this global book give away. The Rose State College Library will be giving away copies of Stephen King’s novel, The Stand. Copies will be given on a first come first serve basis until gone. Distribution of the book will be on the second floor of the LRC beginning at 4:00 p.m. on April 23.

LRC Happenings

The Annual Spring Library Survey is currently underway and hundreds of responses have been submitted. Print copies of the survey were available in the library during the week of April 9th in conjunction with National Library Week. The survey will remain on the LRC website and Facebook page for the remainder of the month. We invite all students, faculty and staff to participate in the library survey in order to assist the library personnel to provide the best service possible.
It is now post-tax day April; and we all survived. Spring is here…as is graduation. Commencement – we often view it as an end, but in reality it is a time of new beginnings for so many.

I want to thank those who have worked diligently to provide accommodations for students with disabilities. Faculty and students actually do the majority of the work in the classrooms. Thank you for your patience and tenacity. **YOU have made a difference in so many lives and have encouraged our students to do their best and accomplish their goals!** Some of you have actually been the catalysis for students who have literally blossomed through your encouragement. I won’t mention that sometimes it was with screaming and kicking on the part of a student here or there and maybe even some faculty along the journey! Education is all about accepting opportunities to grow; and you have helped students sort through numerous challenges as they have grown immensely along the journey.

Sometimes the challenges can appear overwhelming. Sometimes the outcome may not be what was hoped for or expected. Faculty, you may have students who are not performing well. Each semester I hear the question, “Can I fail a student with disabilities?” The response is, “Can you fail any student?” Not that we want anyone to fail, but application of the same standard for all students must be our goal. “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 responsibility is met by following the approved accommodations as specified on the official accommodation form.

Finals and pre-final tests greatly increase demands on the Academic Testing Center. Encourage students to plan ahead if accommodations specify testing there. This is especially important if private space, reader, and/or scribe are needed.

As you are choosing books and support materials for next year’s courses and visiting with textbook reps, please consider the accessibility of **ALL** support materials. Online tutorials and homework programs, video discs, and all support materials are required by law to be accessible for all. If you will plan for this as you choose materials it will help everyone be more successful. Consider, also, that this will assist students with different learning styles in addition to students with disabilities.

By this time in the semester many students, faculty and staff are overwhelmed and their stress meters are off the chart! Sometimes “life” interferes with learning or even just day-to-day functioning. If you know of any one on campus who is having difficulty and might benefit from personal counseling, please refer them to Special Services and Student Outreach (SSB101 – 733-7373) or to DSR (LRC125).

Disability Services is here to serve students and campus personnel as we encourage all 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 welcome mat is always out!

Have a GREAT spring and summer!
Dr. Brad Robison, Special Projects Librarian, recently provided the campus community with a presentation titled, “If the Fence Could Talk: Stories from the Oklahoma City National Memorial Archive.” Part of the Great Issues Lecture Series, Dr. Robison took the audience on a journey that examined the numerous items left on the fence at the Oklahoma City National Memorial. Having worked at the National Memorial for a number of years before coming to Rose State, Dr. Robison provided interesting insight into the items and emotions behind them.

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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.

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April is both National Poetry Month and a celebration of National Library. During National Library Week, April 8-14, the LRC hosted a blackout poetry interactive exhibit for students, staff, and faculty. The exhibit was facilitated by Barb Pfrehm, Coordinator, Library Audio Visual Services and Kristen Keyser, Library Technical Assistant, Public Services.

The idea to offer an opportunity to create hands-on poetry was inspired by author, idea curator, and blogger Austin Kleon.

Blackout Poetry is created by taking any type of text (magazines, books, newspapers) and using a marker to black out the words you do not want to use.

The LRC also hosted a Blackout Poetry Reading on Thursday, April 12. Students from Kristin Hahn’s Poetry class were some of the participants. Most attendees read their own blackout poetry or chose to read displayed poetry left by others.
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:
- Photo ID and student ID number
- Instructor’s name
- Course name
- Test number

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Before bringing tests to Testing Services, please
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  - Your name
  - Course prefix and number
  - The test number
This will prevent tests from being misplaced.

Fill out an instruction sheet
Instruction sheets are available at Testing Services and online.

For additional information,
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