RML buys first batch of ebooks

Two months ago, RML announced the subscription to the Theological Libraries Ebook Lending Project, a database of ebooks available for check-out by participating libraries. Now RML has purchased our own books, beginning the process of adding to the cooperative collection.

The first thirty-five books purchased by RML comprise two valuable series: the IVP Bible Dictionary and the Ancient Christian Commentary on Scripture (pictured above). Although most of the volumes of the latter were available in the circulation collection, others were only contained in the non-circulating reference collection. The purchase of the digital copies means that an extra copy is now available for checkout, at your fingertips.

Library director James Humble says, “We are extremely pleased to be able to offer our students the electronic versions of books that they frequently use throughout their time at SCS.” More ebooks will be purchased in the coming months.

Take some time to search the RML catalog for these new ebooks. Instructions on accessing your account at Theologicalebooks.org can be found on page 2.

Note from the Librarian’s Desk

At the end of last month, TCLC (a consortium of libraries including RML) had its fiftieth annual meeting, a milestone to be sure. The theme was the “future of libraries.” Contrary to popular belief, that future is not bleak.

There is much to look forward to in regard to librarianship. Electronic books and databases mask scholarship and research available to more readers than ever before (a trend that will not fade anytime soon). Technological advancements have encouraged librarians to move beyond merely housing materials to actively engaging users, including those who might never have stepped into a library, by means of educational outreach. RML has developed workshops to encourage students to work on their latent academic skills in a friendly environment.

As the Lenten season draws to a close and the Easter season begins, it becomes clear that libraries can also be reborn to a new identity. Their purpose has not changed; they will forever work towards educating others. Only the methodology changes as we strive to continue our great work.
How to Activate Your Theological eBooks Account

Important Note: Before you go to theologicalebooks.org, make sure that you received an email from atlas.odilotk@odilotid.es to your scs.edu email address. You will need the username and password provided in that email to set up your account.

Step #1: Go to theologicalebooks.org and click on the “My Account” button on the top right corner of the screen.

Step #2: Use the drop-down menu to choose “St. Charles Borromeo Seminary” as your library.

Step #3: Type in the username and password found in the email sent from atlas.odilotk@odilotid.es to your scs.edu email address.

Step #4: Hit “Login” and you’re in! From there, you can change your default password to one that you will remember. You cannot change your username.

Step #5: Clicking “My Account” again will bring up this screen. From here, you can see what items you have checked out, any holds you might have and more. Don’t forget to suggest items for purchase so RML can buy the eBooks you want to read!
Online access to The Human Life Review now available for seminarians

Thanks to a generous gift from Carl A. Anderson and the Knights of Columbus, SCS now has a digital subscription to The Human Life Review. Students, faculty, and staff who activate their personal digital subscriptions will have access to all the articles from the entire forty-year span of this esteemed publication. Current students should note that they will remain subscribed even after graduation.

Below are the instructions for activating your digital subscription.

- Click "Subscribe" at www.humanlifereview.com
- Scroll to bottom of the page and select “Digital-only Subscription” ($20).
- You will then see the subscription in your cart. Enter the code sent to your email into the Coupon Code box on the lower left.
- Click "Apply Coupon."
- A green check mark and $0.00 total will verify that the coupon was successfully applied. Click on the purple button, "Proceed to Checkout," at the bottom of the page.

The digital subscription comes with over 40 years of content and will continue to be available to seminarians after they graduate.

Thank you for participating! Don’t forget stop by the library to pick up your prize if you were chosen!

Current Schedule for RML Workshops

This is just a handful of the workshops available for registration; check the flyers posted around campus for the full list!

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Tues. Apr. 25, 1:30pm
Using Citation-Management Software
While we would love you to be able to write Turabian citations on your own, it’s inevitable that you will use a citation-making program at some point. This workshop is designed to offer library-approved suggestions on which citation-management software to use.
Level: Beginner to Advanced

**Wed. Apr. 26, 3:00pm**

BibleWorks: Scripture Tool
BibleWorks is a program that provides the user with lightning-fast access to dozens of Bible versions in numerous languages, and this workshop will walk you through a number of these features.
Level: Advanced

**Tues. May 2, 1:30pm**
Using LibGuides
This workshop will introduce you to LibGuides, online guides to specific topics, and show you how to use them in any stage of your research.
Level: Beginner to Advanced

**Wed. May 3, 1:30pm**
Using Citation-Management Software
While we would love you to be able to write Turabian citations on your own, it’s inevitable that you will use a citation-making program at some point. This workshop is designed to offer library-approved suggestions on which citation-management software to use.
Level: Beginner to Advanced
Need Help with Your Writing?

Come to a Writing Tutorial session with Fr. Callaghan!

On Tuesdays and Fridays, 3-5pm, in the library—Set up an appointment by emailing callaghm@gmail.com

Accepting changes to our way of life should be common practice for everyone who critically observes the world in which he or she lives. However, what if our perception of the world and all its technological entanglements morphs into a new system of values and morals that will change the social construct of society? Decades ago, Alvin Toffler wrote a prophetic work *Future Shock* (HN17.4 .T64), in which he predicted how technology and society could evolve in the 21st century.

In his study of a future society, Toffler foresees a new educational system outside the public or private control of the state, an evolution of consumerism called “overchoice,” the birth of a new family nucleus or “aggregate family” and many other changes. Perhaps it is not coincidental that the present day has seen so many of these concepts come to pass.

*Future Shock* will intrigue readers of Orwell and Huxley as well as anyone interested in the future of humanity. —JDJ

Having just gotten *Rogue One: A Star Wars Story* on Blu-Ray this past week, I am reminded again of how preoccupied we can become when it comes to space. That final frontier has inspired more than its fair share of entertainment, from movies and television to cartoons and comics, and science fiction taking place on any number of planets, real or imagined, is abundant—but normally portrayed with an overly-scientific, religion-doubting slant.

Luckily, there’s *Space Vulture* (PS3573.O483 S63 2008), a rollicking space opera with a vaguely western feel. The story takes place on a fictional planet, beginning with the theft of some space mushrooms: from there, it turns into a rescue mission, as the Space Vulture, a pirate of ruthless intent, kidnaps the members of a settlement, and their only hope rests in the hands of Marshal Victor Corsaire and the mushroom thief Gil.

Co-written by Gary K. Wolf (creator of Roger Rabbit) and Archbishop of Newark, NJ, John J. Meyers, *Space Vulture* is a fun adventure across the stars that smacks of classic 1950s sci-fi, perfect for a relaxing read. —CP

**Collection Corner**

Before you head home for spring break, stop by the library and pick one of these brand new books to check out!


The Archbishop’s latest book could be considered the third in a series about the Christian’s role in today’s society. While *Living the Catholic Faith* (2001) explained the core values of Catholicism and *Render Unto Caesar* (2008) showed how Catholics could practice faithful citizenship, *Strangers* bridges these two topics by revealing in no uncertain times the very real struggles that face Christians—especially Catholics—in modern times. And yet, instead of encouraging despair, His Excellency offers wisdom and practical advice on what to do in order to maintain both faith and sanity in the strange land we live in.


Pascal’s wager—that it would be better for people to believe in God than not as they have infinite rewards awaiting them if they are correct—has been a favorite game to play among thinking people. However, Hibbs resists the urge to look at the “wager” alone, instead taking a holistic approach to the *Pensées*. He shows that the Frenchman’s writing reveals the best way to live with true happiness and virtue. During the study, Hibbs compares Pascal’s ideas with two of his contemporaries, Montaigne and Descartes, and explains how the “irony” found in Pascal’s thought is not a cause of concern but a celebration of what makes human nature unique.