



RMLetter

Your news about the Library

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The Library has been FORMED

Fall 2016 Hours

Monday-Thursday:
8:30a-10:00p

Friday: 8:30a-4:30p

Saturday: 9:30a-4:30p

Sunday: 1p-10p

Important Links:

[Library Homepage](#)

[Online Catalog](#)

[LibGuides](#)

[RML YouTube](#)

[Course Reserves](#)

Over the summer, RML began the process of acquiring a subscription to FORMED, an online platform with streaming videos, audio and study programs geared towards Catholic teaching. Now, just in time for the beginning of the Fall 2016 semester, current students, faculty and staff of the seminary can access the many resources available on FORMED.org.

Created by the Augustine Institute, FORMED includes content from a variety of Catholic publishers, from Ignatius Press and Word on Fire to Lighthouse Catholic Media and Marian Fathers. Topics include the saints, Scripture, spiritual guidance and many others, all written or taught by familiar authors like



FORMED.org updates often, so be sure to check out the latest programs and movies at their homepage!

Fr. Robert Barron and Dr. Scott Hahn—authors whose works we currently get in print. A simple comparison would be with Amazon Prime or Netflix. But this is geared towards Catholics, allowing you access to the site on any device, including mobile.

To create an account on FORMED, just type in the Parish Code (ask a librarian to get the code) under the “Register” tab on their website. You’ll be prompted to

make a password, and once RML verifies your account, you will be able to start streaming immediately. Various tutorials are available to watch under the “Help” tab, as well as troubleshooting advice, but the RML staff will be able to assist you as well.

We hope that you enjoy using FORMED, whether it’s to watch a movie with friends or use a study program during your apostolates.

Note from the Librarian’s Desk (written by Chelsea Post)

Classes are under full swing, with some of you already receiving paper assignments, and I am happy to see many of you becoming frequent visitors of the library. It is great to see the books leave the shelves to be used for your research—and it’s even greater to know that you’ll also be using the techniques we’ve been showing you in the workshops to complete them.

With one month under our metaphorical belts, the RML staff is confident in our abilities to run these workshops smoothly. Attendance vouchers are flying out the door, and your evaluation critiques are helping us make the sessions even better. Some of our topics are more popular than others—the first one on paper formatting was the most attended workshop we’ve ever offered, including *last* year’s—

but we have many more unique classes coming that should prove useful for your studies. And don’t worry if you missed one you really wanted to attend: we will be repeating sessions at least once over the next two months.

However, don’t forget to sign up for the workshops you want to attend: you can find the form on the library’s homepage.

Calendar of Events:

Rector’s Weekend	Oct. 7-10
Mid-Terms	Oct. 11-21
Seminary Lecture Series	Oct. 24, 7-9pm
All Saint’s Day (Library Closed)	Nov. 1
Forty Hours—No Classes	Nov. 1-4

Happy Theological Library Month!

October is a month for the changing of the leaves, an abundance of pumpkin-flavored drinks and hayrides through corn mazes. But it is also a month to celebrate how theological libraries impact their schools, which is why RML is celebrating Theological Library Month all October long.

Hosted by the American Theological Library Association, or ATLA, Theological Library Month seeks to “increase awareness of the importance and value of libraries serving theology and religious studies programs through communications and activities for faculty, administrators, staff and students.” We do this not only to promote ourselves and the library profession, but also to give everyone a chance to interact with the library in new ways. True, most of you have already attended many of the library’s functions, especially the workshops, but there is now another way to get involved at the library: contests.

Starting *today*, the Book Spine Poetry Contest begins. All of you have to do is collect a stack of books and arrange them so that a “poem” can be read from the spines, top to bottom. Take a picture of the “poem” and send it to rmlibrary@scs.edu to get registered. The contest is open to all students, faculty and staff of the seminary, and prizes will be given out to the first,



Use the social networking tabs above to show the world how we at RML are helping you throughout October!

second and third place winners, decided by the RML staff. Several examples of last year’s entries can be found at the [Contest Page](#).

ATLA is also hosting a contest on a more national scale where you post a photo, video or blog entry showing how libraries have helped you; more details can be found at [their website](#).

The slogan for this year’s Theological Library Month is “the human touch in the digital age,” and RML hopes to continue this ideal long after October is over.

Book Spine Poetry Contest

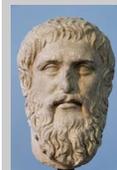
Stack books into a poem and send a picture of it to rmlibrary@scs.edu. Head to our [Contest Page](#) to learn more!

Contest ends Friday, November 4!



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!



Wed. Oct. 12

Researching for Philosophy

Can’t find sources on Plato or Aristotle? We assure you that they exist, and we can show you how to find them and other valuable philosophical resources in this workshop.

Level: Beginner to Advanced

Fri. Oct. 14



Note-Taking when Reading

Come to this workshop to learn how to keep an outline of your reading assignments, as well as how to rewrite the main argument of the assignment in your own words.

Level: Beginner to Advanced



Mon. Oct. 17

Introduction to Turabian Style: Paper-Writing Format

Topics for this workshop include requirements for fonts, incorporating quotes, correct punctuation, and many more for a paper in Turabian format.

Level: Beginner to Advanced



Tues. Oct. 18

Outlining

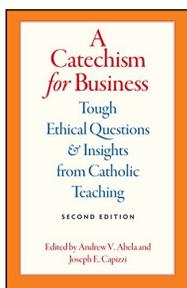
Not sure how to start a paper? An outline will help! In this workshop, we will provide you with hands-on experience in constructing an outline for your written assignments.

Level: Beginner to Advanced

A Sampling of New Books! (written by Chelsea Post)

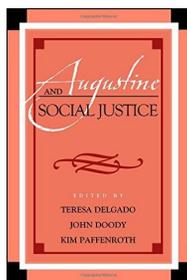
This week, our latest shipment of new acquisitions arrived at the library, and what follows are just a few of the titles you can read on a variety of topics:

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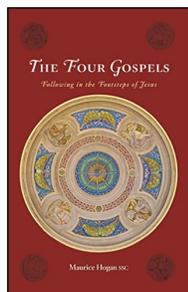
- *A Catechism for Business: Tough Ethical Questions & Insights from Catholic Teaching*, edited by Andrew V. Abela and Joseph E. Capizzi (HF5388 .C35 2016)

More than one hundred difficult questions regarding business are answered in this slim book, including concerns about profit and employee wages. Questions are organized by overarching topic, and each question is answered through quotations from the Pope's speeches and writings. This second edition version includes new answers from Pope Francis, particularly from his encyclical and exhortation.



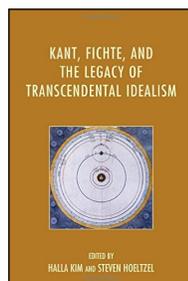
- *Augustine and Social Justice*, edited by Teresa Delgado, John Doody and Kim Paffenroth (BR65.A9 A8445 2015)

Many books have been written about Saint Augustine's arguments against heresies and systematic theology, but his ideas on social justice as they can be related to today's issues have yet to be tapped—until now. *Augustine and Social Justice*, dedicated to Sr. Mary T. Clark (1913-2014), contains a number of essays with topics ranging from just war and consumerism, to family ethics and restorative justice, all based off of Saint Augustine's writings on the subject. Included within this volume is a reprinting of Sr. Mary T. Clark's essay, "Augustine on Justice."



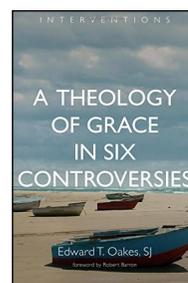
- *The Four Gospels: Following in the Footsteps of Jesus*, by Maurice Hogan (BS2555.52 .H64 2015)

God calls all to become witnesses to His love, and Pope Francis has picked up the call and asked all Catholics—lay, religious and clergy alike—to show others the beauty of Christ... but where to start? Hogan lays out the Christian mission through in-depth looks of the four Gospels, each of which tackle a particular aspect of Christian living. Reading this book will allow readers to better understand Jesus' teachings and therefore "become 'missionary disciples.'"



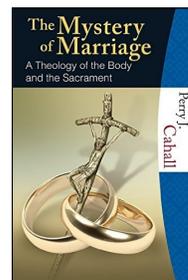
- *Kant, Fichte, and the Legacy of Transcendental Idealism*, edited by Halla Kim and Steven Hoeltzel (B2799.I42 K36 2015)

The basic idea of transcendental idealism is that objects in space and time are merely "appearances," and that we know nothing of substance about the objects themselves, thanks to space and time being features of how we perceive the objects and not objects in and of themselves. Of course, considering its complexity, this is not a matter that can be covered completely in a single sentence. The essays gathered by Kim and Hoeltzel are written by leading experts in the fields of Kantian and post-Kantian philosophy, all attempting to unpack this multilayered topic. Starting first with Kant's own theory of transcendental idealism, with particular focuses on his moral theory and its metaphysical outlook, the book then goes to cover how the theory was expanded (and critiqued) after Kant, particularly by Fichte, Jacobi, Schelling and Hegel.



- *A Theology of Grace in Six Controversies*, by Fr. Edward T. Oakes (BT761.3 .O225 2016)

Grace is an integral part of Christian theology—and as Fr. Oakes would say, all the debates and concerns regarding grace boil down to one question: "what are God's intentions for the world?" In this book, the last he wrote before his death in 2013, Fr. Oakes examines several issues regarding grace while always pointing back to that original question, in a style that is reminiscent of Chesterton. He highlights six controversies of grace throughout the book, including evolution and original sin, free will and predestination and, of course, nature and grace.



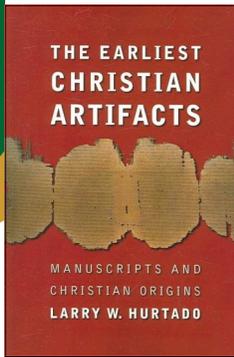
- *The Mystery of Marriage: A Theology of the Body and the Sacrament*, by Dr. Perry J. Cahall (BX2250 .C34 2016)

In today's dialogues about marriage, the discussion is often muddled by contemporary culture's opinions on what constitutes marriage, gender and sexuality. But Dr. Cahall sweeps away the confusion by explaining all there is to know about the Catholic Church's model of the sacrament of marriage, from biblical and historical evidence to pastoral and systematic traditions which are used practically across the world. Including a detailed analysis of St. John Paul II's *Theology of the Body*, he then discusses how the image of God influences the ideal of marriage; how the sacrament of marriage aligns with the other six sacraments; the value of celibacy; and even an overview of sexual ethics.

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All of these books can be found on the New Book shelf near the Circulation Desk. Come check them out today!

Staff Picks for October 2016

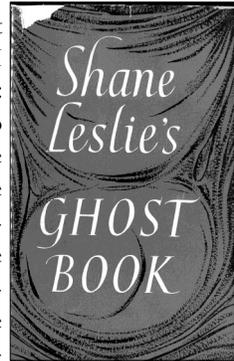


Ever wonder about ancient Christian manuscripts? What system was developed for their creation? What were the scribal “reader’s aids”?

In *The Earliest Churches Artifacts: Manuscripts and Christian Origins* (BR62 .H87 2006), Professor of New Testament language, literature and theology, Larry W. Hurtado, explores the origins of Early Christian texts through careful analysis of long-time ignored ancient manuscripts. He tackles the issues of scribes’ working practices and the debate between codices and rolls. All of his research comes together to answer these questions and shed some light on the very fascinating world of Christian antiquity. Not only will you learn many interesting facts about this fascinating subject, but you will also strength your historical research skills, thereby giving you a better appreciation of the rich history Christianity possesses.

So have you ever thought about whether the “Nomina Sacra” is of Christian origin? Read Hurtado’s work and find out: you’ll be glad you did.

–JDJ



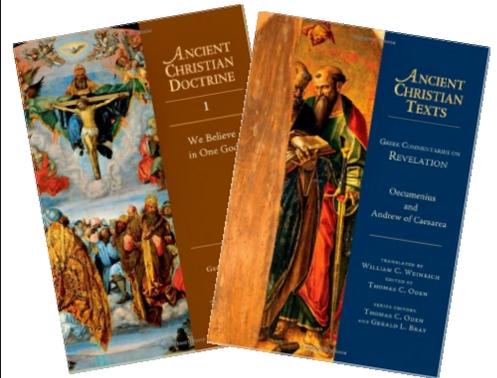
I will be the first to tell you that I am a scaredy-cat: things that go bump in the night terrify me more than anything. Maybe this is why Halloween and the month of October in general is not a fun time for me (with the exception of free candy).

However, for some reason, reading about those kinds of experiences don’t bother me as much, as one of my favorite authors is Edgar Allan Poe. Perhaps it is because I can imagine the words on the page as scary as I want them to be (which is, admittedly, not very). So when perusing the shelves for a recommendation this month, I found *Shane Leslie’s Ghost Book* (BF1461 .L4 1956b), and knew it was the perfect book to highlight.

Not only does Mr. Leslie outline the Church’s attitude towards specters, but he also tells several “ghost stories” that have been passed down generations. They range from a ghostly nun who scrubs her convent’s steps to a lady ghost who attended a midnight Mass. For the most part, they are amusing rather than scary—perfect for the easily frightened. I hope you enjoy these spooky tales (and maybe go trick-or-treating on Oct. 31).

–CP

Collection Corner



One of our most popular reference series is the *Ancient Christian Commentary on Scripture*, often used as required textbooks for Scripture courses at the seminary. But did you know that there are similar series, published by the same publisher, that can also be used for research?

Both the *Ancient Christian Doctrine* and *Ancient Christian Texts* series offer unique sources for any Scriptural paper or project. The *Ancient Christian Doctrine* follows the phrasing of the Nicene Creed, each of the five volumes taking a single statement from the Creed and expounding upon it through the commentary of the most highly regarded Christian thinkers from the church’s formative period, approximately A.D. 95 to 750. By reading this series, you may come to a better understanding of why the Creed took the shape it did, and therefore how the Christian faith has been formed over the millennia.

Ancient Christian Texts returns to the topic of Scripture—but whereas the *Ancient Christian Commentary on Scripture* series contains excerpts from various sources in their commentary, *Ancient Christian Texts* volumes hold the full-length work of a single author’s commentary. Many of these texts have never been translated into English before and thus have not been readily available for scholars. This series seeks to change that by translating these hard-to-obtain texts and providing them for researchers who want to expand their ecumenical prowess.

So, when you begin your paper on the Gospel of John, check these series as well for potential sources of wisdom.

Need Help with Your Writing?

Come to a Writing Tutorial session with Fr. Callaghan!

On Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 7-9pm, in the library

