For the Bibliophile on Your Christmas List: Going once; going twice... 

The library has been the fortunate recipient of some beautiful leather-bound books published by Easton Press, given to us by a very generous but anonymous donor. Some have been entered into the collection, but others are either duplicates or simply too valuable to stamp and expose to the kind of wear that library books endure. They are all in excellent condition; some are in their original wrapping. With the permission of the donor, we will auction these beautiful volumes to the staff (and friends) of Bakersfield College to support the library-sponsored scholarships. You may view these books in Library Technical Services—Lib 126—downstairs off of the computer commons. Give Carol Paschal a call before making the trek—395-4460.

Submit your sealed bids with your contact information to Anna Agenjo in the library by noon on Friday, December 7. Listed below you will find the titles, their original value, and starting bids.

**Abraham Lincoln: The War Years, The Prairie Years** by Carl Sandburg
6 volumes (originally $69 per volume) Starting bid for the set: $120.00

**Battle: A Visual Journey through 5000 Years of Combat**
(originally $130) Starting bid: $50.00

**Personal Memoirs of U.S. Grant**
(originally $70) Starting bid: $30

**Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 17th ed.**
(originally $100) Starting bid: $20

**Dawn, Day, and Night** by Elie Wiesel
3 volumes. *Night* is signed by Wiesel.
(originally $180 for the set/$400 current value) Starting bid: $150

**Analects of Confucius**
(originally $50) Starting bid: $25

**Guns of August** by Barbara Tuchman
(originally $70) Starting bid: $30

**Great Poetry Series** 16 volumes
including Millay, Dickinson, Browning, Frost, Byron, Poe, and others (originally $35 a volume) Starting bid for the set: $100

Authors Share with Students

From a literary point of view, Bakersfield College has had a great fall semester. The Cerro Author Visit with Luis Rodriguez was a resounding success. He spoke to a standing-room-only crowd in the Fireside Room, and he filled the Indoor Theater for the evening program as well. We were struck by the students' interest in his life and work.

At each program, students lined up to ask questions and to meet him. We believe the success of his visit is at least partially attributable to the number of students who had read his books in their BC classes. We also provided free books to 115 Bakersfield College students and gave 85 more books to area high school libraries. Rodriguez clearly was impressed by the interest of the students here and hopes to come to Bakersfield again.

And Gerald Haslam's visit under the auspices of the Levan Center also was great. Haslam, a former BC student, visited classes that had read his works and gave a presentation to another standing-room-only crowd in the Fireside Room. In addition, the Archives held a tribute dinner for Haslam in the Renegade Room, attended by his Bakersfield admirers. While Haslam has been at BC many times, his love of BC and of his Bakersfield roots is inspirational—as he encourages us all to tell our stories.

Both Haslam and Rodriguez encouraged students to use their own experiences as
springboards for their creativity; interestingly, both also emphasized that writing depended more on hard work than inherent talent. We in the library are pleased that so many of our students had the opportunity to meet these two authors, and we believe experiences like these are integral to college life.

**One Book, One Bakersfield**

Every year a book is selected to “cultivate a culture of reading and discussion in Bakersfield.” This year that book is Eric Schlosser’s *Fast Food Nation: The Dark Side of the All-American Meal*. The companion book for younger readers, *Chew on This: Everything You Don’t Want to Know about Fast Food*, is also by Schlosser. In *Fast Food Nation*, Schlosser, an investigative reporter, explores the history of the fast food industry as well as its far-reaching effects on workers, consumers, the beef industry, farm subsidies, the economy, and the American landscape.

The kickoff event will take place here at Bakersfield College on Thursday, January 24 at 10 a.m. in the Renegade Room—featuring healthy snacks prepared by Chef Pat Coyle and the Culinary Arts students. Schlosser will speak in Bakersfield on February 7 at 7:00 p.m.—although the committee has not yet determined the location. These events are opportunities to expose our students to new points of view about a ubiquitous facet of their lives—a hamburger and fries.

**Where in the World Is InfoTrac and Other Database News**

Those of you who peruse the library homepage regularly for fun and frolic might have noticed that InfoTrac has disappeared. Don’t be dismayed; it has simply undergone a name change to Gale Expanded Academic. The library has also subscribed to two other Gale databases—Gale Literary Resource Center and Gale Biography Resource Center. They both contain information originally in print sources published by Gale, such as *Contemporary Authors*, *Dictionary of Literary Biography*, and the *Encyclopedia of World Biography*. A few periodical articles are also available. These databases are a boon to students doing literary or biographical research or qualifying the authors of their sources. They can be accessed using your BC identification number—you know, the one with the @ symbol. [But don’t enter the @!]

Also, to our dismay, Lexis Nexis has changed its interface. In our view, an already difficult database is even more challenging to navigate, but as we get used to the new interface, we’re hoping we’ll become more attuned to its nuances. But if you are having trouble finding what you used to find, come by and we’ll make every effort to assist you.

Regardless of its pesky new interface, Lexis Nexis is still the premier database for news sources, including transcripts of television and radio news programs, as well as business and legal information.

**Library Workshops**

This fall, 397 students attended 1009 hour-long workshop sessions. While most of the 31 faculty members who encourage students to attend teach English, faculty members from departments as varied as Automotive Technology and Chemistry sent students to hone their research skills. Each faculty member receives a record of the students who attend.

The eight workshops offered focus on a variety of skills essential for college-level research. The workshops will begin again the week of February 4 and end on April 4. The schedule will be posted on the library website by Friday, February 1. If you have any questions about the workshops, don’t hesitate to contact Marci Lingo (x4209 or mlingo@bakersfieldcollege.edu) or any of the librarians.
Selected New Books in the General Collection (in call number order)

Religion and Psychology

*Cut Feelings: The Intelligence of the Unconscious.*

*Mistakes Were Made (but Not by Me): Why We Justify Foolish Beliefs, Bad Decisions, and Hurtful Acts.*
BF337.C63 T38 2007

*unSpun: Finding Facts in a World of Disinformation.*
BF637.D42 J33 2007

BF733.S43 R69 2007

*Why We Believe What We Believe: Uncovering Our Biological Need for Meaning, Spirituality, and Truth.*
BL53 .N49 2006

*Religion in Latin America: A Documentary History.*
BL3540 .R45 2006

*The Shia Revival: How Conflicts within Islam Will Shape the Future.*
BP194.185 .N37 2006

History

*Interrogations: The Nazi Elite in Allied Hands, 1945.*
D776 .O94 2006

*Thanks for the Memories: Love, Sex, and World War II.*
D744.7.L6 L43 2006

*The Royal Tombs of Egypt: The Art of Thebes Revealed.*
DT731.B44 H39 2006

*Transnational Muslims in American Society.*
E184.M88 M38 2006

*State of Denial.*
E903.3 .W67 2006

F210.A5 S65 2006

Social Sciences

*An Intimate Affair: Women, Lingerie, and Sexuality.*
GT1573 .F54 2007

*Reset: Changing the Way We Look at Video Games.*
GV1469.3 .D455 2007

*The Farmworkers' Journey.*
HD1517.C2 L67 2007

*The Party's Over: Oil, War and the Fate of Industrial Societies.*
HD9560.6 .H44 2003

*Watch This, Listen Up, Click Here: Inside the 300 Billion Dollar Business behind the Media You Constantly Consume.*
HF5813.U6 V47 2007

*Living with Star Trek: American Culture and the Star Trek Universe.*

*Prostitution and Pornography: Philosophical Debate about the Sex Industry.*
HQ115 .P74 2006

*Young J. Edgar: Hoover, the Red Scare, and the Assault on Civil Liberties.*
HV7911.H6 A65 2007

*The Torture Debate in America.*
JC399.U5 T66 2006

Law

*Retained by the People: The "Silent" Ninth Amendment and the Constitutional Rights Americans Don't Know They Have.*
KF4558.9th .F37 2007

*How Free Can Religion Be?* 
KF4865 .B49 2006
The Supreme Court: The Personalities and Rivalries that Defined America.
KF874 .R67 2007

Education

Transforming Schools—Empowering Children.
LB41 .K37 2007

The Sandbox Invasion: The Preschool Movement and Kids’ First Politics.
LB140.23 .K57 2007

Fine Arts

Music of Coal: Mining Songs from the Appalachian Coalfields.
M1659 .M8 2007

The Words and Music of John Lennon.
ML420.L38 U75 2007

Félix González-Torres.
N6537.G64 A4 2006

Language and Literature

P119.3 .P658 2006

Rediscovering Homer: Inside the Origins of the Epic.
PA4037 .D335 2006

Impresario: The Life and Times of Ed Sullivan.
PN1992.4 .S6 M34 2006

‘Injuns!’: Native Americans in the Movies.

The Rise of the Blogosphere.
PN4784.O63 B37 2007

I Celebrate Myself: The Somewhat Private Life of Allen Ginsberg.
P53513.174 Z748 2006

Science, Mathematics and Medicine

The (Fabulous) Fibonacci Numbers.
QA144 .P665 2007

In Katrina’s Wake: Portraits of Loss from an Unnatural Disaster.
QC945 .J63 2006

Jurassic West: The Dinosaurs of the Morrison Formation and Their World.
QE733 .F68 2007

Why Darwin Matters: The Case against Intelligent Design.
QH366.2 .S494 2006

Mismatch: Why Our Bodies No Longer Fit Our World.
QH456 .G58 2006

Terrestrial Vegetation of California.
QK449 .T44 2007

Why Size Matters: From Bacteria to Blue Whales.
QH799 .B66 2006

How Everyday Products Make People Sick: Toxins at Home and in the Workplace.
RA1213 .B53 2007

Pesticides: A Toxic Time Bomb in Our Midst.
RA1370 .P4 L48 2007

Lying in Weight: The Hidden Epidemic of Eating Disorders in Adult Women.
RC532.E18 G87 2007

Rethinking Thin: The New Science of Weight Loss—and the Myths and Realities of Dieting.

Technology

Nanotechnology: Risk, Ethics and Law.
T174.7 .N37535 2006

TX555 .B455 2006

The Herbalist in the Kitchen.
TX819.H4 A57 2007