

# Books & Bytes

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**Faculty**, follow these steps & prepare for a better Fall Semester

## 1. Sign up your classes for bibliographic instruction sessions.

BIs are taught by librarians and can be tailored to a specific assignment or class so your students learn how to use the library and its resources! Let us show your students where to go and how to use the tools for which their tuition pays.

## 2. Attend a library workshop.

Keep an eye open for free library workshops that will teach you and your students how to use library resources. Our schedule is online.

## 3. Order books to support your classes and/or research.

If you're needing books, serials, monographs, etc., let us know! Email your bibliographer directly or put in a request through the Request a Purchase link in the library website's main menu. Also, check with your bibliographer and discover what we have--you may be pleasantly surprised!

To find out who your bibliographer is and your bibliographer's email, click on the 'Faculty and Staff' link and under 'Faculty' click on 'click here to see subject area.'

## 4. Sign up for the Newton Gresham Library's Twitter feed.

You don't have to sign up for Twitter to do it. Our feed includes alerts, notices, reminders, tips, and news all pertaining to the library and its resources. We won't flood you with messages. Visit us at [http://twitter.com/SHSU\\_Library](http://twitter.com/SHSU_Library) and get the latest info.

Nota bene: The library home page will soon have instructions on creating an email or RSS feed from our Twitter updates, as well as the actual Twitter updates on the page in a newsfeed.

## 5. Give the library your feedback!

While we love accolades, we also need constructive criticism. Is there something you don't like? Something you think we should have? Or something we're not doing and you think we should be? Send us your comments and constructive criticisms! Email us at [LIB\\_AHH@shsu.edu](mailto:LIB_AHH@shsu.edu).

**Students**, the library wants you to have a great semester too!

## 1. Sign up for the library Twitter feed

Get tips on library use and alerts.  
[http://twitter.com/SHSU\\_Library](http://twitter.com/SHSU_Library)

## 2. Attend a free (and short) library workshop.

Going to be a business major? Already an English major? Attend a workshop that teaches you how to use subject-specific databases. Maybe your prof will grant extra credit?

## 3. Talk to a reference librarian

Lost? Dazed and confused? Need help? Don't wait until the last minute! Ask a librarian today! The reference desk is located on the 2nd floor in the main lobby.

## 4. Use the Ask a Librarian tool

Have a question but can't get to campus? While the library is open, the chat tool is running and someone will answer your question. Otherwise, send us an email at [lib\\_ref@shsu.edu](mailto:lib_ref@shsu.edu).

## 5. Put to use your Google-fu and mad Wikipedia skillz like a scholar

Discover how to search databases, our catalog, and even the Internet in a smarter, more efficient manner. Talk to a librarian!



## RefWorks is going ... going ... gone!

If you use RefWorks to store citations please be aware that it has gone away as the library site warned. For your citation needs we now have EndNote, which is far more intuitive to use. Once you sign up for a free account with EndNote instructions on how to begin and use this tool will appear. We will also have a sheet at the Reference Desk on how to use EndNote.

## BYOB & participate in BRTS

Bring your own book, or borrow a copy from the library, and participate in the Bearkats Read to Succeed program that's promoting *Fly in the Ointment* by Joseph A. Schwarcz.

### What is Bearkats Read to Succeed?

This program is part of the First Year Experience and common reader program that encourages thoughtful reading and discussion across campus by assigning a selected book (for 2009 it's *Fly in the Ointment*) to incoming freshman. These freshmen will have a chance to attend lectures, film series, and participate in discussion groups revolving around the book.

Read more about the program here.

### What is *Fly in the Ointment* about?

"This entertaining examination of everyday science from the fanciful to the factual .... Readers are alerted to the shenanigans of quacks and are offered glimpses into the fascinating history of science. ..."

From BarnesandNoble.com

### Who is Joseph A. Schwarcz?

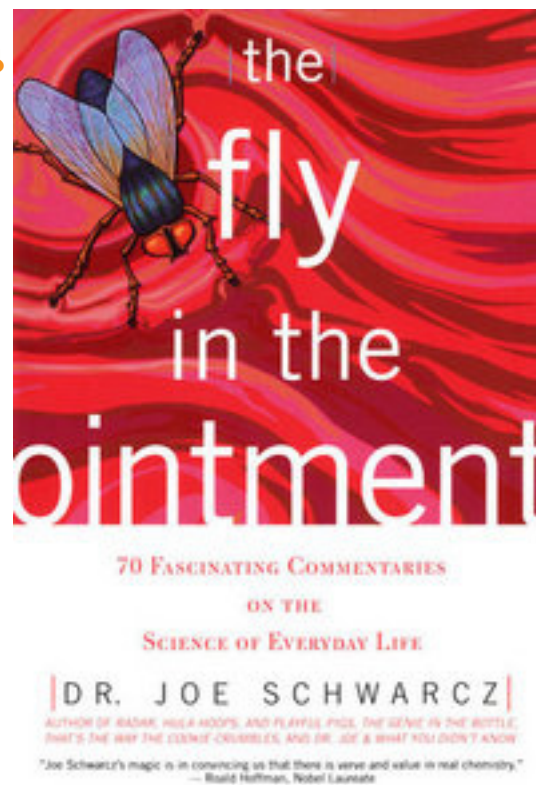
Dr. Schwarcz is Director of McGill University's Office for Science and Society and professor. "He is well known for his informative and entertaining public lectures on topics ranging from the chemistry of love to the science of aging. Using stage magic to make scientific points is one of his specialties." From Schwarcz's biography on McGill University's Office for Science and Society webpage.

### What are they saying about *Fly in the Ointment*?

"Highly entertaining! This is a book that generates comments from readers like, "Hey, listen to this," or "Wow! Did you know ..." Schwarcz (chemistry, McGill Univ.) offers short essays on everyday chemistry that can be read while waiting in line, during TV commercials, or anytime one finds a moment to relax. Here the reader will discover the origins of Kevlar, lipstick, soft water, food additives, and herbal remedies. Read as bedtime stories, these chapters could stimulate the interests of children to investigate science in their everyday lives. ..." From *Choice Reviews*

### Where do I get my copy of *Fly in the Ointment*?

The call number is Q173 .S38.



## Tooting a horn:

Tyler Manolovitz, Digital Resources Librarian, and yours truly, Michelle Martinez (Reference Librarian), have returned from the Videogame Cultures and the Future of Interactive Entertainment conference in Oxford where we presented "Incest, Sexual Violence, and Rape in Video Games" that will be published by Inter-Disciplinary Press as a chapter in an eBook later this year.



Many thanks to Tyler for all his hard work!

If you have time for just one more book this summer make it *The White Tiger* by Aravind Adgia. This title won 2008's Man Booker Prize and is an absolutely engrossing tale. Read the book review by the *New Yorker*.

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## NGL welcomes James Britsch

I am the new Instruction Librarian and am excited to be here. I have been working as the Reference and Instruction Librarian at Chadron State College, Nebraska, for the past four and a half years.

I got my bachelors degree in English Literary Studies from Utah State University where I also met my wife Brittany. I got my Masters degree in Library and Information Science from the University of North Texas. We had our first child in Denton, and it was there that we fell in love with Texas.

I have done a number of different jobs before joining the world of librarianship from working for Ford Motor Company on the assembly line to an Opera singer at an Italian restaurant in college. The performer in me loves being in front of a crowd, so instruction is a natural fit for me.

The most important part of my life is my wife Brittany and our three children—Thomas (4), Lucy (3), and our new baby Dylan. I grew up in Utah and Hawaii.

My hobbies include creative writing, reading novels, watching movies, running, bicycling, and travel.