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National Book Award Finalists Announced

The following fiction, non-fiction and poetry titles have been announced by the National Book Foundation as the finalists in the 1998 National Book Awards. These titles are available in the Myrin Library. Please check the online catalog for details.

FICTION

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| 813.54 G621k | <i>Kaaterskill Falls</i> by Allegra Goodman |
| 813.54 J716h | <i>The Healing</i> by Gayl Jones |
| 813.54 M143c | <i>Charming Billy</i> by Alice McDermott |
| 813.54 St72da | <i>Damascus Gate</i> by Robert Stone |
| 813.54 W78325m | <i>A Man in Full</i> by Tom Wolfe |

NON-FICTION

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| 975.7915 B21 | <i>Slaves in the Family</i> by Edward Ball |
| 822.33 DBL | <i>Shakespeare : the Invention of the Human</i> by H. Bloom |
| 947.93 EL41 | <i>There Once Was a World : a 900-Year Chronicle of the Shtetl of Eishyshok</i> by Yaffa Eliach |
| 616.8588K441 | <i>A Slant of Sun : One Child's Courage</i> by B. Kephart |
| 973.7114 M452 | <i>All On Fire : William Lloyd Garrison and the Abolition of American Slavery</i> by Henry Mayer |

POETRY

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| 811.54 F16 | <i>The Art of the Lathe : Poems</i> by B. H. Fairchild |
| 811.54 P268c | <i>Carnival Evening : New and Selected Poems 1968-1998</i> by Linda Pastan |
| 811.54 Os7L | <i>The Little Space : Poems Selected and New, 1968-1998</i> by Alice Suskin Ostriker |
| 811.54 P541f | <i>From the Devotions</i> by Carl Phillips |
| 811.54 St45t | <i>This Time : New and Selected Poems</i> by Gerald Stern |

The winners of the National Book Awards will be announced on November 18. The library will soon be showcasing the finalists and the winners in a lobby display case.

Also this year, John Updike will be honored with the National Book Foundation Medal for Distinguished Contribution to American Letters.

Mr. Updike, whose parents met at Ursinus while students here in the 1920's, has visited Ursinus a number of times since giving the Myrin Library his mother's literary papers in 1992.

To complement the National Book Awards display, we will also be showcasing Mr. Updike's distinguished career in a lobby display case.

For additional information on the National Book Awards, visit the National Book Foundation's website at www.bookwire.com/nbf/docs/awards.html. There you will find a list of winners since 1950, many of their acceptance speeches, and much more.

All are invited to visit the Myrin Library and join in our celebration of great books and distinguished authors!

Notable Acquisitions

“The completion of this leviathan in so brief a time, the monumental clarity of its editorial and typographical presentation, come near to miracle. The *Routledge Encyclopedia of Philosophy* will prove indispensable”

—*The New York Times*

The library has recently added the *Routledge Encyclopedia of Philosophy* to the reference collection. It can be found at REF 100 R765.

With over 2,000 entries, and with its unique interdisciplinary approach, this 10 volume set has been designed to benefit various levels of user, not only those studying or teaching philosophy.

As such, it will be an important resource for those studying religion, psychology, language, literature, law, politics, history, classical studies, cultural studies, science and mathematics, as well as those studying philosophy.

This encyclopedia has been praised for its unparalleled breadth of subject matter and its solid coverage of both Western and non-Western thought.

Volume 10 of the encyclopedia provides a clear, comprehensive and carefully assembled index of names, concepts and topics, which makes the set very easy to use.

And in addition, Routledge provides a full listing of encyclopedia entries at the following Internet site: <http://www.routledge-ny.com/>.

After consulting the set, Dr. Steward Goetz, Associate Professor of Philosophy, had this to say about the *Routledge Encyclopedia of Philosophy*:

“The Encyclopedia gives readable and informative overviews of a wide variety of people and issues associated with philosophy. There are excellent articles on historical figures such as Aquinas, Aristotle and Descartes, as well as educational essays on important topics such as causation and free will. There is even an entry entitled “Chemistry, Philosophical Aspects of”. The *Routledge Encyclopedia of Philosophy* is a great resource for anyone interested in philosophy.”

New Help Sheets for Full-text Electronic Journals Available



The library now has help sheets available for our Academic Press “Idealibrary” and Lexis-Nexis Academic Universe full-text systems.

The help sheets are available at the Information Desk, or at the Myrin homepage at <http://myrin.ursinus.edu>.

To connect to either of these online information systems, access the Myrin homepage, click on “Virtual Library,” and then follow the appropriate links.

There are over 500 full-text journals and other electronic publications and data-bases available via these two systems, all accessible from any computer that is connected to the Ursinus network.

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American Film Institute Celebrates 100 years of American Moviemaking

To commemorate 100 years of American movie making, the American Film Institute has compiled a list of the top 100 American made films. Chosen from a list of 400, these films were evaluated on criteria such as critical recognition, major award winners, popularity over time, historical significance and cultural impact. A panel of 1500 leaders of the American movie community voted via secret ballot and the result is the AFI's top 100.

The Media Services Department currently has 76 of these titles including all of the titles in the top twenty-five! The top twenty-five films are:

1.	Citizen Kane	-	Film 221	14.	Some Like it Hot	-	Film 1665
2.	Cassablanca	-	Film 875	15.	Star Wars	-	Film 832
3.	The Godfather	-	Film 312	16.	All About Eve	-	Film 1384
4.	Gone With the Wind	-	Film 182	17.	Psycho	-	Film 706
5.	Lawrence of Arabia	-	Film 534	18.	Chinatown	-	Film 1446
6.	The Wizard of Oz	-	Film 1774	19.	One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest-		Film 593
7.	The Graduate	-	Film 1301	20.	The Grapes of Wrath -		Film 710
8.	On the Waterfront	-	Film 1811	21.	2001: a Space Odyssey-		Film 272
9.	Schindler's List	-	Film 1482	22.	The Maltese Falcon -		Film 894
10.	Singin' in the Rain	-	Film 2054	23.	Raging Bull	-	Film 1178
11.	It's a Wonderful Life	-	Film 1454	24.	E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial-		Film 747
12.	Sunset Boulevard	-	Film 2034	25.	Dr. Strangelove	-	Film 510
13.	Bridge on the River Kwai	-	Film 2055				

Commenting on the films from the American Film Institute's list that are in the library's collection, Media Services Librarian Kim Sando said, "The films that Ursinus owns from the AFI list are used across the curriculum from English to Communication Studies to Psychology. In addition, they are also some of the most popular video titles with our college community, providing quality entertainment outside the classroom setting."

A poster showing all of the American Film Institute's top 100 films is hanging on the door of the Media Services department. Stop by, see how many of these movies you have seen. Then you can check out any 76 of the 100 films you haven't seen!

For more information on the top 100 films visit the American Film Institute's WebPage at: AFI.100movies.com.

FROM THE COLLEGE ARCHIVES:

Ursinus College Archive's Video Cataloging Project

For the past year, staff of the Myrin Library have been working on a cataloging project involving video tapes in the College Archives. These videos include events such as Airband competitions, baccalaureate and commencement ceremonies, Founder's Day convocations, past admission videos and even Mr. Ursinus events. There are also video recordings of various speakers that have visited the college, such as Ann Landers, John Updike, Victor Cruz, Charles Gibson, Joyce Carol Oates, and Cornel West.

The videos being cataloged in this project highlight many aspects of life at the college and would be of interest to anyone in the Ursinus College community. To view a complete listing of these archive videos cataloged thus far, use the keyword searching function of the Myrin Bibliographic System's online catalog. Enter the search: fi ursinus and videorecording.

The project is an ongoing one and there are many remaining to catalog. This collection is located in the Ursinusiana Room of the Myrin Library. To find out more information about the cataloging project or if you are interested in viewing any of the videos please stop by the Ursinusiana Room (Myrin 317) any Tuesday or Thursday between 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m., or call Carolyn Weigel at extension 2877 to set up an appointment.

A-V Systems Work Completed in Olin Auditorium

The long awaited upgrade of the audio visual systems in Olin Auditorium has been completed. The Daveland Company has been on campus for the past two weeks installing the major components of the new system. The centerpoint of the new system is an Electrohome Vistapro Plus video projector. It has an ANSI lumen output of 1300, compared with 200 of the existing projector that was installed in 1990. This new projector is nearly 6 times brighter than the original projector. A new podium, with integrated videocassette player and CD player, color remote panel, and user friendly computer interface has also been installed. The sound system in the auditorium will be adjusted for optimal performance, as well. The new videocassette player has a built in time base correction device that will allow us to continue to utilize our aging video collection. Users of Olin Auditorium will see an improvement in the quality of both the audio and video images. The video image is bigger, brighter and clearer. This upgrade will greatly enhance both academic and lecture programs.

Myrin's Thanksgiving Schedule

November 23 (Mon.)	8:00 a.m. - Midnight
November 24 (Tues.)	8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
November 25 (Wed.)	8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
November 26 (Thurs.)	CLOSED
November 27 (Fri.)	CLOSED
November 28 (Sat.)	CLOSED
November 29 (Sun.)	5:00 p.m. - Midnight
November 30 (Mon.)	8:00 a.m. - Midnight

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