



Toward Excellence

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# Weekly Bulletin

## African-American Read-In to Take Place

The campus community and members of the public are invited to a Read-In to celebrate Black History Month and to promote literacy at noon on Monday, February 13, in the library.

This year's Read-In topic is "Slave Narratives." The readings will focus on accounts of what life was like during and after slavery.

"Slave narratives are powerful because they capture first-hand the cruelties, struggles, and triumphs experienced by slaves," explained Jennifer Graham, NMCC English instructor and coordinator of the Read-In. "The narratives are vital historical accounts that provide a snapshot of what life was like for slaves. The stories are important as pieces of literature as well. They form one of the most far-reaching and influential traditions in African-American literature and culture."

Graham has worked collaboratively with NMCC's assistant dean of learning resources, Gail Roy, to host the event. "Over the past three years, the library has expanded the collection of African-American authors and literature," said Roy. "A display will be in the library throughout February, and we encourage everyone to browse the selections and learn more about the writers and their work."

Those interested in reading at the event should contact Graham at [njgraham@nmcc.edu](mailto:njgraham@nmcc.edu) or 768-2890 no later than February 9. All are welcome to come listen to the readings.

# Common Read

Read the book.

Watch the film.

Join in the discussion.



Two books have been selected for the "Common Read" for the spring semester. Both are currently available in the library to be checked out and read prior to the date of the gathering for the discussion on the book.

Thanks to a partnership with Eric Pelkey, the movies made from each of the books will also be shown during the Classic Film series in March. This will give folks an opportunity to not only read the book, but view the movie prior to discussing it in more detail.

The first book for the Common Read is *The Help* by Kathryn Stockett. Stockett creates three extraordinary women whose determination to start a movement of their own forever changes a town, and the way women—mothers, daughters, caregivers, friends—view one another. The novel, filled with poignancy, humor, and hope, is a timeless and universal story about the lines we abide by, and the ones we don't.

Copies of the book can be checked out now from the library. The movie

based on the book will be shown on Thursday, March 1, at 7:00 p.m. in the Edmunds Conference Center. The discussion on *The Help* will be held on Friday, March 2, from 12:00-1:00 p.m. in the library conference room.

The second book for the Common Read will be *All Quiet on the Western Front*, a book that describes the German soldiers' extreme physical and mental stress during World War I, and the detachment from civilian life felt by many of these soldiers upon returning home from the front.

Again, books are available for check out in the library. The film will be shown on Thursday, March 15, at 7:00 p.m. in the Edmunds Conference Center. The discussion will follow on Thursday, March 22, from 12:00-1:00 p.m. in the library conference room.

Light refreshments will be served at both Common Read events. Please let us know if you plan to attend by contacting Natalie at the information window in the lobby or at 768-2810, or by contacting Gail Roy in the library.

## Deadline for Incompletes

Students who received a grade notation of I (Incomplete) for a Fall 2011 class must have all work completed and **submitted to the instructor prior to Monday, February 13**. Failure to complete the class requirements by that date will result in a failing grade for the class.

All students with incomplete course work are strongly encouraged to meet with their instructors. Questions regarding your academic record can be directed to the registrar, Betsy Harris, at [bharris@nmcc.edu](mailto:bharris@nmcc.edu) or 768-2791.

## Lunch Menu

### Monday

Grilled Bacon, Tomato & Cheese Sandwich  
Beef Burgundy  
Med. Tuna Bruschetta  
Oriental Beef Noodle Soup  
Minestrone Soup  
Roasted Corn & Potato Soup  
Buttered Noodles  
Broccoli  
Vegetable Enchilada

### Tuesday

Grilled Vegetable Quesadilla  
Zesty Turkey Tetrazzini  
Ham & Cheese Sub  
Chicken & Wild Rice Soup  
Minestrone Soup  
Vegetable Barley Soup  
Roasted Potatoes  
Steamed Onions & Peas  
Szechuan Tofu

### Wednesday

BBQ Turkey Sandwich  
Baked Rotisserie Chicken  
Italian Sub  
Muligatawny Soup  
Broccoli & Cheddar Soup  
Six Onion Soup  
Red Mashed Potatoes  
Stir Fry Vegetables  
Polenta with Broccoli Rabe

### Thursday

Bacon Bleu Burger  
Spicy Spareribs  
PB & J with Apples  
Chipotle Chicken Tortilla Soup  
Broccoli & Cheddar Soup  
Split Pea Soup  
Baked Beans  
Glazed Carrots  
Tofu Pho

### Friday

Texas Bacon Grilled Cheese  
Baked Flounder  
Corned Beef Wrap  
Manhattan Clam Chowder  
Broccoli & Cheddar Soup  
Vegetable Soup  
Yellow Rice  
Roasted Root Vegetables  
Vegetable Lo Mein

### AVAILABLE DAILY

Deli Station & Salad Bar

Pizza

Hamburgers

Garden Burgers

Hot Dogs

Chicken Patty Sandwiches,

Grilled Cheese Sandwiches,

French Fries

Assorted Desserts

## Basketball Game

The NMCC Falcons play a home game on Thursday, February 9, against Eastern Maine Community College. Tip off is at 7:00 p.m. The campus community is encouraged to come and cheer on your team!

## BigRock Ski & Ride Day Trip

The residential life staff has organized a day trip to BigRock Ski Resort in Mars Hill on February 11. All students are welcome to attend. Transportation is free, and your lift ticket will be only \$7 with your valid NMCC ID. No sign up is required, and space is available on a first-come, first-served basis. The van will depart from Andrews Hall at 11:00 a.m. and return between 4:30-4:45 p.m. In addition to your student ID, you should bring your own equipment or funds to rent from BigRock. Also, bring a lunch or money to buy lunch or a snack in the lodge.

## Classic Film Series Continues

The Classic Film Series continues this Thursday at 7:00 p.m. in the Edmunds Conference Center. This week's film will be **Killer of Sheep**, a 1977 film by Charles Burnett that examines the Black Los Angeles ghetto of Watts in the mid-1970s. The Library of Congress has declared it a national treasure as one of the first fifty on the National Film Registry and the National Society of Film Critics selected it as one of the "100 Essential Films" of all time. All members of the campus community are invited to attend. Admission is free.

# Events

### MONDAY

**Student Senate Valentine Day Guessing Contest**, 7:30 am - 9:00 pm, Christie Lobby

**Biomass Meeting**, 11:45 am - 1:00 pm, Keegan Room

**TRIO Workshop**, 5:00 - 6:00 pm, Keegan Room

### TUESDAY

**Student Senate Valentine Day Guessing Contest**, 7:30 am - 9:00 pm, Christie Lobby

**Student Senate Meeting**, 12:00 - 1:00 pm, CHR 201

**Alumni & Friends Organization Meeting**, 5:30 - 7:00 pm, Keegan Room

### WEDNESDAY

**Student Senate Valentine Day Guessing Contest**, 7:30 am - 9:00 pm, Christie Lobby

**Safety Committee Meeting**, 9:00 - 10:00 am, Martin Third Floor Conference Room

**Curriculum Committee Meeting**, 9:00 - 10:00 am, Martin Third Floor Conference Room

**NMCC Press Conference**, 10:30 - 11:30 am, Edmunds CC

**VALIC**, 11:00 am - 12:00 pm, Library Study Room 1

**RFQ Review**, 12:00 - 2:30 pm, President's Conference Room

## Origami Flower Workshop

Students and employees are invited to take part in a free Origami flower workshop from 12:00-1:00 p.m. on Friday, February 10, in the library. Those attending should each bring a glue stick, as well as something for a center piece for your flower (such as a button) and something for the stem (such as twigs). This is your chance to be creative! This workshop will be hosted by Laura McPherson and Yusuf Ghodgeri.

## Student Senate Valentine's Day Guessing Contest

Students are encouraged to stop by the Christie lobby this week to put down their guesses for the quantity of the items in the jars for the Student Senate's annual Valentine's Day Guessing Contest. The jars will be on display all week. The person with the closest bid for each jar will win a \$50 gift certificate to Walmart.

## Hockey Games

The NMCC Falcons play two games this week. On Tuesday, February 7, they play the Thrashers. They go on to face off against the TAMC team on the following night, Wednesday, February 8. Both games are at 8:45 p.m. at The Forum on Mechanic Street in Presque Isle. Please come and cheer on your team!

## Newsletter Items...

Do you have items that you would like printed in the *Weekly Bulletin*? If so, submit your information to the development office by calling 768-2809, e-mailing info@nmcc.edu or stopping by the office, just off of the lobby of the Christie Building. **The deadline is Friday by 10 a.m.**

**TRIO Workshop**, 12:00 - 1:00 pm, Keegan Room

**Admissions Testing**, 1:00 - 4:00 pm, MRT 210

**Search Committee Meeting**, 4:00 - 5:00 pm, Martin Third Floor Conference Room

### THURSDAY

**Student Senate Valentine Day Guessing Contest**, 7:30 am - 9:00 pm, Christie Lobby

**Arroostook County Guidance Counselors Meeting**, 10:00 am - 3:00 pm, Keegan Room

**Business Technology Advisory Luncheon Meeting**, 12:00 - 1:00 pm, CHR 208

**Stress Reduction**, 4:00 - 5:00 pm, Edmunds Conf. Ctr.

**Men's Basketball**, 5:00 - 9:00 pm, Gym

**Movie Night**, 7:00 - 9:00 pm, Edmunds Conference Center

### FRIDAY

**Student Senate Valentine Day Guessing Contest**, 7:30 am - 9:00 pm, Christie Lobby

**Faculty Management Committee**, 8:00 - 9:00 am, Martin Third Floor Conference Room

**Origami Flower Workshop**, 12:00 - 1:00 pm, Library