

University Libraries

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**SLU Library Associates Present
"A Conversation with Salman Rushdie"
Wednesday, Oct. 7th, 2009
*Noted Author also to Receive the
42nd Annual Saint Louis Literary Award***

The [Library Associates of Saint Louis University](#) will present the 2009 Saint Louis Literary Award to acclaimed writer **Salman Rushdie** at 5:30pm on Wednesday, Oct. 7th, 2009 in the Wool Ballroom at the University's Busch Student Center, 20 N. Grand Blvd. A book sale and signing precedes the program at 4:30pm. The event is free and open to the public.

Following the awards presentation, the author joins Dr. Joya Uraizee, associate professor of humanities, for a casual discussion of his novels, non-fiction works and films in production based on his works. The program will include questions submitted by members of the audience.

A special cocktail and dinner celebration with Salman Rushdie will be held at 7:00pm at the Coronado Ballroom, 3701 Lindell Blvd. Reservations for the dinner are \$100. per person. Seating is limited and reservations must be received by Thursday, Oct. 1st. Register at: <http://www.stlliteraryaward.com> or call (314) 977-3145.

The Saint Louis Literary Award is presented annually by the Library Associates. Past recipients include E.L. Doctorow, Joyce Carol Oates, and Joan Didion.

For more information about the Library Associates and the award, visit <http://libraries.slu.edu/associates/award/index.html>



Salman Rushdie

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Thomas and Virginia Cahill
Gift a Leaf
of the Gutenberg Bible
to the
Saint Louis University Libraries



*Gail M. Staines, Ph.D., Assistant Provost for University Libraries
Accepts the Gutenberg Leaf from Dr. Thomas and Mrs. Virginia Cahill*

The University Libraries received the gift of a Gutenberg Leaf from **Dr. Thomas and Virginia Cahill**, on Monday, September 28th at 3:00pm in the Pere Marquette Gallery. **Gregory A. Pass, Ph.D., Head of Special Collections/Director of the Vatican Film Library**, and **Jennifer Lowe, Rare Books Librarian**, each gave an interesting overview of the history of the Gutenberg bible and of Gutenberg himself. Professor Cahill then spoke about his research on the Gutenberg Bible and **"The UC Davis Project: Science in the Service of the Humanities."** A reception and exhibition of the leaf and other incunabula from the University's rare book collections took place in the St. Louis Room located on the 3rd floor of Pius Library after the event.

Thomas Cahill became involved with research on the Gutenberg Bible in the 1980s when he and colleagues at UC Davis applied nuclear physics to historical investigation. They developed a non-destructive technique of analyzing using a beam of accelerated protons to examine the ink and paper of the Gutenberg Bible. By this means they were able to establish for the first time the chemical

composition of the printing ink used by Gutenberg – an ink that was and remains extraordinarily glossy and black, due to high levels of copper and lead. It was a formulation known only to Gutenberg and utterly distinct from other printers of the fifteenth century. In a series of groundbreaking papers through the 1980s Cahill and his colleagues reported their research on further copies of the Gutenberg Bible. Their research program became known as the **Crocker Historical and Archeological Project**, and they went on to apply the same method of analysis to other documents, such as the [Vinland Map](#) and the [Freeman's Oath](#).

Thomas Cahill is **Professor Emeritus of Physics at the University of California, Davis**. He was formerly director of the Crocker Nuclear Lab at UC Davis (1980 – 1989) and is founder and director of the Delta Group for the Detection and Evaluation of the Long-Range Transport of Aerosols at UC Davis, a group that engages in atmospheric testing for the refinement of global climate models.

Virginia Cahill is a native of **St. Louis** and a **graduate of Saint Louis University**. She was Deputy Attorney General for the State of California (2001 – 2009) and has been a lecturer on water and environmental law at UC Davis since 1993. She has been active in water conservation and environmental issues since 1983. Early in her career she served as assistant editor for the multi-volume inventory of Denis Diderot's *Encyclopedie*.

Virginia Cahill gave this Gutenberg Leaf to her husband in 1985 as a 20th wedding anniversary gift.

The Gutenberg Leaf along with rare books and other incunabula will be on exhibit in the St. Louis Room, 3rd Floor, Pius Library until Jan. 2010.

50th Anniversary Birthday Bash



Theology and Philosophy.

The **50th Anniversary Pius Library Birthday Bash** was held Friday, September 25th. New READ project posters were unveiled. Students and faculty served as poster “models” posing with their most favorite book. Posters will be installed on the 2nd floor of Pius Library. This was followed by the “[Illustrated History of Pius Library](#)” presentation by **John Waide, University Archivist** and **Ron Crown, Ph.D., Professor/Faculty Librarian Liaison to**



Pius Library Goes 24/5!!

Beginning Sunday, October 4th and running through Tuesday, December 15th, Pius Library will be open 24 hours a day, 5 days a week!!

"Students have been requesting 24-hour access to Pius Library for many years," says Gail M. Staines, Ph.D., assistant provost for university libraries. "This year, everything came together to make it happen."

Providing 24/5 access to Pius Library is a collaborative effort between the University Libraries, the Department of Public Safety, the Facilities Department including housekeeping, Student Development, and the Student Government Association. Through the generosity of all of these entities, we are able to open Pius 24/5 for the Fall 2009 semester.

Here is the schedule:

Sunday 10 am through Friday 9 pm
Saturday 10 am – 6pm

Exceptions:

Fall Break:

Sunday Oct. 18th, noon -6 pm
 Monday Oct. 19th, 7:30 am - 6 pm
 Tuesday Oct. 20th, open @ 7:30 am –

Thanksgiving:

Tuesday Nov. 24th, closed @ - 6 pm
 Wednesday Nov.25th - Saturday Nov. 28th, closed
 Sunday Nov. 29th open @10 am

Winter Break

Tuesday Dec. 15th, close @ - 6pm.

Upcoming Events in Pius Library

October

Thursday, Oct. 1st, 4pm – 8pm
Knights Room, Pius Library

University Libraries Annual Semester Game Night!

FREE!! For SLU students only. Light refreshments and snacks will be served. Bring your video and/or board games or use ours! No competition – just a lot of fun!

Tuesday, Oct. 6th, 5pm – 6:30pm
Level 2 – Gallery, Pius Library

“Visual Textures: Still Movement” – exhibit

Jim Voiss, S.J., professor, theological studies and artist

Reception begins at 5pm.

Free and open to the public.

Wednesday, Oct. 7th, 4:30pm Book signing. 5:30pm – Award presentation and conversation.

“Salman Rushdie: 42nd Literary Award.”

Wool Ballroom, Busch Student Center.

Free and open to the public.

Dinner at Coronado following conversation. \$100. per person.

Registration required. <http://www.stilliteraryaward.com> or 314.977.3145.

Thursday, Oct. 15th. Humphrey's. 4pm – 6:30pm

“Books ‘N Brews Night”

For SLU faculty, staff, and administrators only.

FREE! Conversation, snacks, and give-aways!!

Friday, Oct. 16th – Sat., Oct. 17th

36th Annual Saint Louis Conference on Manuscript Studies

For more information, visit:

<http://libraries.slu.edu/special/vfl/conference/index.html>

Registration required at vfl@slu.edu

Friday, Oct. 16th, 4pm.

Pere Marquette Gallery, 2nd floor. DuBourg Hall.

Lowrie Daly, S.J., Lecture on Manuscript Studies

“The Albani Psalter: One Man’s Spiritual Journey”

Presented by: Patricia Stirnemann, Institut de Recherche et d’Histoire des Textes

Lecture is free and open to the public.

