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## From the Desk of the Director



### *Building Stronger Communities through Literature*

Thanks to the phenomenal work of the Office of Sponsored Programs, SUNY Fredonia is leading a second Big Read. The great partnerships that were formed with the Big Read of *Fahrenheit 451* with local high schools, and the Chautauqua Cattaraugus Library System, have been expanded to include nursing homes, jails, alternative schools and literacy volunteers. Local media were very supportive of our efforts, so much so that we are now engaged in Big Read II - *To Kill a Mockingbird*.

As principal investigator for the SUNY Fredonia led Chautauqua / Cattaraugus Big Read, I've learned a great deal about building community connections. Those of you who are still in the dark about the Big Read probably don't look at the college web page, or read the local news paper, or watch television, or listen to the radio or go to libraries.

Put simply, the Big Read is a grant funded community reading program of the National Endowment for the Arts which promotes the reading of literature for intellectual growth and social discourse. 400 communities from across the nation have made the commitment to read the same book, then gather in small groups to discuss the book, related films, historical events and generally get to know each other.

Local foundations such as the Chautauqua Region Community Foundation and the Northern Chautauqua Community Foundation are also onboard providing support for Big Read activities, as well as the Robert H. Jackson Center and the 1891 Fredonia Opera House. I would be remiss not to mention the support provided by Community Outreach Partnership Centers program, Faculty Student Association and the Teaching American History Grant of Jamestown and the Fredonia College foundation.



My heartfelt appreciation goes to the more than 26 Fredonia faculty and staff and 100 plus students who have made our Big Reads successful.

When Big Read II has finished Big Read participants will have:

- Distributed 6000 books, student guides and leader guides
- Directed or performed in 6 live performances
- Created student and teacher guides to a book about a local hero
- Led 60 + book discussions
- Appeared in 5 live radio broadcasts
- Appeared in two local television shows
- A reading on local radio of a fictional work
- Built or sponsored 4 major exhibits
- Designed library exhibits for area high schools and public
- Sponsored and led campus tours for local high school students
- Sponsored, produced and starred in a television commercial
- Designed and led philosophical discourse
- Sponsored and participated in 2 panel discussions
- Led book discussions and held readings in nursing homes...

... and much more.

The grant request for our third Big Read was filed just a short time ago. If the request is funded our next Big Read book will be Willa Cather's *My Ántonia*. What role will you and your students play in the next SUNY Fredonia Chautauqua/Cattaraugus Big Read?



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<http://www.fredonia.edu/library>



# Library Staff Respond Quickly to Save Books.

By Kathleen Sacco, Coordinator of Systems

On February 3, 2008, a gasket in a machine on the roof of Reed Library broke down, releasing water onto the floor of the mechanical space located above the 4<sup>th</sup> floor.

Because of drainage issues on the roof, this caused a leak in the ceiling affecting the entire 4<sup>th</sup> floor of the Carnahan-Jackson Center for Learning & Scholarship.

A quick response from library staff saved hundreds of books from destruction. Of the thousands of books currently housed on the 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, only 30 were severely damaged enough to have to be replaced. A fund has been created to repurchase the damaged materials.

Some of the books from the fourth floor have not been returned to their places on the shelves due

to the cleaning that still needs to be done to the items. If you are looking for a book on that floor and do not see it, please come to the circulation desk.



## We Need a Few Good ... Books

Reed library staff has recently completed a year-long inventory of all materials in the library.

Through the inventory project, the library has compiled a list of over 3,000 missing items from across our collections.

An Excel spreadsheet of missing items can be found at [http://www.fredonia.edu/library/missing\\_items.xls](http://www.fredonia.edu/library/missing_items.xls).

If you have a replacement copy on a shelf at home or in your office and wish to donate it to replace the copy missing from the library, please contact Vincent Courtney at 673-3182.

If you wish to request a replacement copy with your departmental allocation, you can put in a request via FredQuest. If funds are available, the library will try to accommodate your request.

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