Welcome to the first issue of the Hekman Library Privy, a monthly newsletter on display in public restrooms throughout the library. For more information, visit www.calvin.edu/library/privy

Featured Librarian in History:
Giacomo Casanova

The reputation of Giovanni Giacomo Casanova (Jean-Jacques, Chevalier de Seingalt) rests primarily on his legendary status as seducer of women (read Casanova’s memoirs at D285.8 .C3, 3rd floor). Perhaps you did not know, however, that during the later years in his life, Casanova was a librarian!

Librarian Action Figure!
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“’The role of a librarian is to make sense of the world of information. If that’s not a qualification for superhero-dom, what is?’” – Nancy Pearl

Featured Resources

Evans Digital Edition
HDL ➔ Research Databases ➔ “E”

In the late 1800’s, Charles Evans started a bibliography of everything published in the United States between 1639 and 1830. He didn’t quite accomplish his goal but he came close. The Hekman Library has microform copies of over 36,000 items identified by Evans, and now online as well (NOTE that you will be able to link to all 36,000 titles through WebCat by November 2004). The Evans collection has served as a foundation set for research involving early American history, literature, philosophy, and religion. It is the definitive resource for information about every aspect of life in 17th- and 18th-century America, from agriculture and auctions through foreign affairs, diplomacy, literature, music, religion, the Revolutionary War, temperance, witchcraft, and just about any other topic imaginable. The Hekman Library recently purchased the Series 2, Shaw-Shoemaker, which will become available online starting in 2005.

Roger and Me
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If you enjoyed “Fahrenheit 9/11” or “Bowling for Columbine,” you may want to check out “Roger and Me,” Michael Moore’s first and arguably best documentary about his odyssey to track down General Motors’ chairman Roger Smith.

Encyclopedia of Terrorism
HV6431 .K883 2003 Reference

With more than 300 articles, the Encyclopedia provides detailed discussions of the who, what, where, when, and why of terrorism. Up-to-date and timely, the articles cover such topics as Al-Qaeda, biological terrorism, extremism, Saddam Hussein, Jihad, Zacarias Moussaoui, and suicide bombers. It is concise and has a readable format with a detailed chronology, photographs, maps, and charts.