

THE STUDY HALL

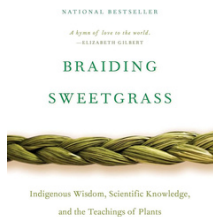
THE OFFICIAL MCCAIN LIBRARY NEWSLETTER

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McCain's Summer Digital Library

By **Kylie Krause**

If you are returning for the Fall 2024 semester, you have access to eBooks and databases all summer long! eBook access can be found on WorldCat, through the McCain website, or [ProQuest eBook Central](#) with your Agnes Scott login! Here are some eBook recommendations from the McCain Staff to guide your summer reading. Search for eBooks on [A-Z Databases](#).



ROBIN WALL KIMMERER

Katie's Pick

Braiding Sweetgrass by Robin Wall Kimmerer

"It's about gratitude and slowing down to cherish our Earth." - Katie

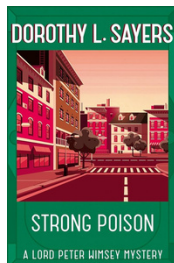
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Lisette's Pick

Black Culture, Inc. by Patrica Ann Banks

"Want to educate yourself on an accessible and informative read?" - Lisette

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Kimba's Pick

Strong Poison: A Lord Peter Wimsey Mystery by Dorothy L Sayers

"Who doesn't love a murder mystery with a strong female lead?" - Kimba

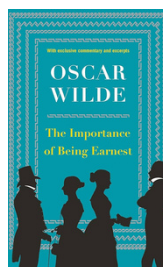
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Kylie's Pick

The Importance of Being Earnest by Oscar Wilde

"Oh, to live a double life!" - Kylie

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If you are having trouble accessing the eBooks or databases during the summer, email Chris Bishop at cbishop@agnesscott.edu.

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May 2, 7-9 PM

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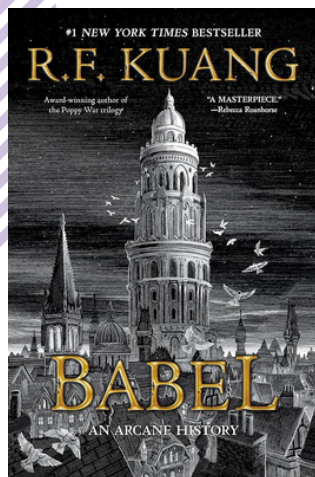
By Emma Magnus

Please welcome Kimba Armbrust-Kohler as McCain Library's new evening Access Services Supervisor! Kimba comes to Agnes Scott with a background in academic library services spanning more than 21 years. Born and raised in Atlanta, her career was previously spent at Georgia State University's Clarkston campus for 6 years, following 14 years at GSU's downtown Atlanta campus. Her favorite part about working in libraries is being surrounded by so many books and meeting and talking to patrons. To Kimba, people are incredibly fascinating, interesting, and exciting, so in addition to the beautiful campus, Kimba is most thrilled to meet the students at Agnes Scott and to hear their stories. During her time at GSU, Kimba studied numerous topics including Anthropology, Women's Studies, and Philosophy. In her free time, she enjoys reading, gardening and working with different herbal practices, and crafting fiber arts projects. Next time you are in McCain during an afternoon or evening, stop by the Circulation Desk and meet Kimba!



Fantasy Book Rec for AAPI Month

By Anna Hillesheim



***Babel, or, The necessity of violence: an arcane history of the Oxford Translator's Revolution* by R.F. Kuang**

Babel by R.F. Kuang is a historical fantasy taking place in the 17th century. It follows Robin Swift, an orphan from Canton, who is brought to Britain by a professor and trained to join the Oxford Royal Institute of Translation, known colloquially as Babel, where he will learn to work the magic of translation through bars of silver, an art which has made Britain the great imperial power it is. *Babel* is an intricate and detailed story that covers imperialism and the complex national loyalties held by the students at the Royal Institute of Translation, almost none of whom were actually born British. As Robin moves up in his studies, he finds himself caught between Babel, which will give him a comfortable life even if it means betraying his homeland, and the shadowy Hermes Society, an organization of rogue translators bent on stopping imperial expansion at any cost. In the end, Robin must decide whether it is worthwhile to pursue change from within or if the change he seeks must always come with violence.

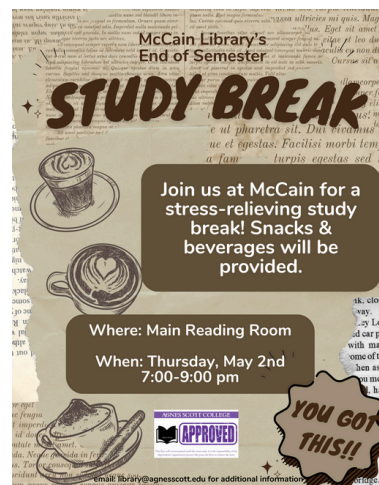
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McCain's Study Break

Thursday, May 2 7 - 9 PM

Join us in McCain Library on Reading Day (Thursday, May 2nd) from 7-9pm to celebrate the end of the academic year, and enjoy a stress relieving study break with refreshments! We hope to see you at the event. Good luck with finals!

For additional information email us at library@agnescott.edu.



McCain Library's '24 Arseneau Awardee

Jada Beasley '24 is McCain Library's 2024 Arseneau Awardee. This award, created in memory of the late alumna Marjo Dobbs Arseneau '89 who was an academic librarian before her life was cut short by cancer in 1997, honors a junior or senior Scottie who has demonstrated a commitment to pursuing professional work in libraries or archives. The Arseneau Award includes a cash component to assist with graduate school costs.

An English major in Agnes Scott's 4 + 1 Education program with Mercer University, Jada presented her English senior seminar topic at SpARC on April 23. Raised in Hiram, Georgia, Jada volunteered at a small public library for 3 years before she transferred to Agnes. She also volunteered at McCain Library before starting to work there as an Outreach student assistant. Last summer, she interned both at McCain and the law school library at Emory University. In October 2023, she co-presented with Paxton Martin '24 (the 2023 Arseneau Awardee) and McCain librarians Christina Tatum and Christopher Bishop at the Georgia Libraries Conference in Athens. In addition to her current student job at McCain, Jada works as a circulation assistant for the Decatur Public Library. For her post-graduation plans, Jada has job offers from two libraries and is deciding between two Master's in Library Science graduate program acceptances - a clear commitment to a library career. Congratulations, Jada! We look forward to seeing where your path leads next!



Summertime Eats

By Kylie Krause

What's a better way to enjoy your summer than advancing your culinary skills? This summer, use your McCain account to access the many eCookbooks we have available! Two books we found notable are *Salad Freak* by Jess Damuck and *Green Kitchen Smoothies: Healthy and Colorful Smoothies for Everyday* by David Frenkiel and Luise Vindahl.



Ingredients:

- 2 Persian cucumbers
- 1 avocado
- 1 handful of fresh cilantro
- 1 lemon
- ½ cup of plain Greek-style yogurt
- 2 jammy or hard-boiled eggs
- 1 tbs whole coriander seeds
- 1 tsp cumin
- Extra-virgin olive oil
- Flaky salt

This delicious salad on page 172 of *Salad Freak* is recommended to not be stingy, use your best olive oil, and serve with pita or sourdough! These are the ingredients, check out the book for the whole recipe!

<https://agnesscott.on.worldcat.org/oclc/1306202877>

To pair with that Persian Cucumber Salad try a Strawberry PomPom smoothie from *Green Kitchen Smoothies*. The ingredients are below, and the full recipe is on page 42!

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Ingredients:

- 1 cup frozen strawberries
- 1 ripe peeled banana
- Seeds of ½ pomegranate seeds
- 4-6 fresh basil leaves
- 1 pinch vanilla powder or ½ teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 cup oat or almond milk



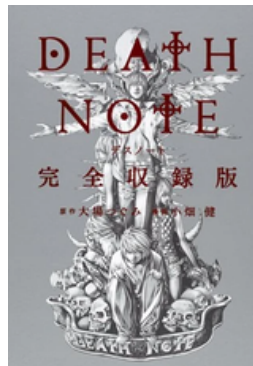
Starter Guide to Anime and Manga

By Paxton Martin

Check out great beginner titles at McCain!

What's the difference?

Anime is the title given to animation that comes from Japan. The word itself is a shortened version of the word animation, and is the term used for all animation within Japan. Manga (漫画, an actual Japanese word) is used to denote comics/graphic novels originating from Japan.



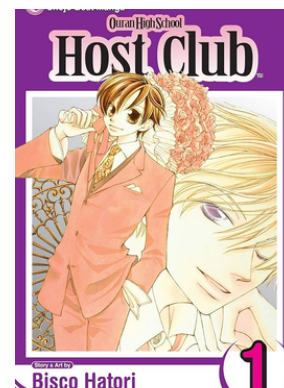
Light Yagami is an ace student with great prospects—and he's bored out of his mind. All that changes when he finds the Death Note. Any human whose name is written in the notebook dies, and now Light has vowed to use the power of the Death Note to rid the world of evil.

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Coco is a girl with a simple dream: She wants to be a witch. She's about to give up on her dream until the day she meets Qifrey, a mysterious, traveling magician. After seeing Qifrey perform magic in a way she's never seen before, Coco discovers that her magical dream may not be far away.

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One day, Haruhi, a scholarship student at exclusive Ouran High School, breaks an \$80,000 vase that belongs to the "Host Club," a mysterious campus group consisting of six super-rich (and gorgeous) guys. To pay back the damages, she is forced to work for the club.

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A young woman named Sophie is cursed and is turned into an old woman who is unable to tell anyone of her plight. Unable to continue her job, she goes to the ambulatory castle of the notorious wizard Howl and insinuates herself into his household.



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Kenji is your typical teenage misfit and spends most of his time hanging out in the all-powerful, online community known as OZ. His second life is the only life he has—until the girl of his dreams, Natsuki, hijacks him for a starring role as a fake fiancé at her family reunion. Things only get stranger from there.

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Want to know the full list of titles here at McCain? Check out our [Anime and Manga LibGuide!](#)

Shoujo? Shonen? What does that mean?

Two of the most common genres in anime/manga are Shoujo and Shounen. Shoujo series are geared more towards the demographic of young women. Shounen series are geared towards the demographic of young men. Each genre comes with its own subset of renowned tropes like shoujo's accidental kiss or shonen's infamous fridging of female characters.

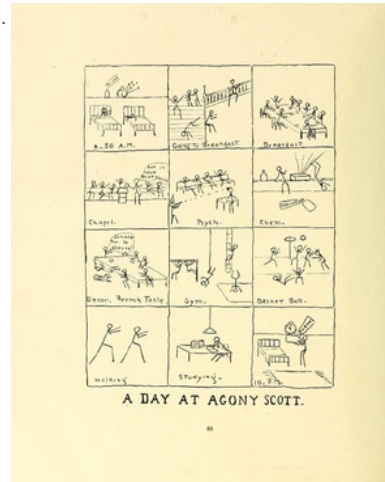
Where Can You Cry During Finals?

By **Nathalie Slaughter**

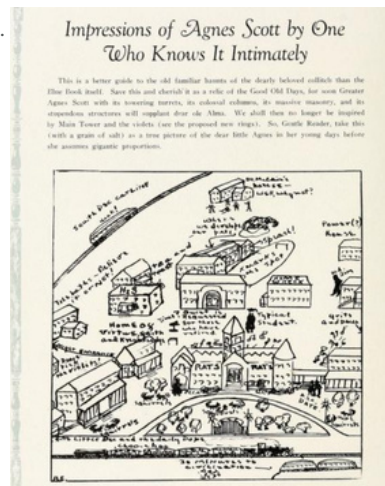
Finals are around the corner, which means that students will be running around trying to do everything they can to finish their projects. But in that busy schedule full of assignments, uncomfortable family dinners and that situationship that won't text back, where is a student supposed to cry in private without their roommate awkwardly staring at them? Well, we have the quiz for you called, "Where Can You Cry During Finals?" You answer the questions, then whatever letter you get the most of, that will be the place you should cry with your favorite playlist blasting in your ears.

- What's the piece of furniture that you love the most?
 - Couch
 - Wooden Chairs
 - Bean Bag
 - Carpeted floor
- What's your favorite time of the day?
 - Dawn
 - Morning
 - Noon
 - Night
- Winter at Agnes is here. Where are you going?
 - McCain Fireplace
 - A friend's dorm/apartment
 - Lower Evans
 - Cafe in Decatur Square
- Which Mollie's special do you like the most?
 - Chicken Wings
 - Scottie Grain Bowl
 - Chicken/Grilled Veggie Quesadilla
 - Hot Dog/Cheesesteak
- Music genre/playlist that you listen to when studying for finals?
 - Metal/Rock N Roll
 - Melancholy/Blue
 - Pop/Pop Punk
 - All of the Above/Nothing at All

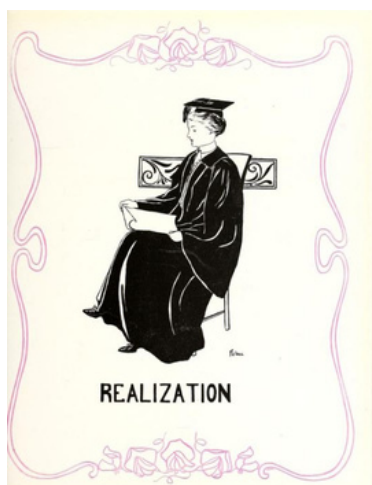
b.



c.



a.



d.



Answers on the next page!

If you got mostly **As**, you want a place of comfort and safety to cry in. You should go cry on Stack 3 at McCain Library. Not only are our couches comfy, but crying can be tiring, so you'll have a place to nap right after as well. Come to McCain, your one stop shop to read, cry and nap, all in a few hours!

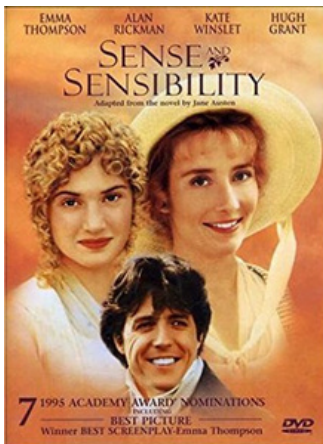
If you got mostly **Bs**, you want a place to cry in a place that is reassuring and loving. You should cry in the garden behind the Alumnae House. The past and present alum will comfort you from their graves or the dead-end jobs with understanding that they were there too. The fresh grass will caress your cheek and the bugs will hear your woes. Everyone is there to comfort and listen to what you have to say about anything that is heavy on your heart.

If you got mostly **Cs**, you need a place where your cries can be heard but not side-eyed. That place would be the Bradley Observatory. That hill will help with the quiet cries, but if you need to yell, then go ahead and do it. That place is perfect to let out your anger as well as your stress about that one professor that has been on your neck all semester. Go and yell out that frustration, then go observe the beauty of space, time and where your place is in the universe.

If you go mostly to **Ds**, you need a place to cry where it is quiet and no one can see you. That will be in the club room on Alston's 3rd floor. It's eclectic with all the forgotten things from events long past, but as you cry, you can look through them. Hopefully those forgotten things will catch your tears while reminding you that Scotties are weird. That can get your frown to turn back into a smile.

The Cure: Vitamin Sea

By Lily Brickmeier



Sense and Sensibility

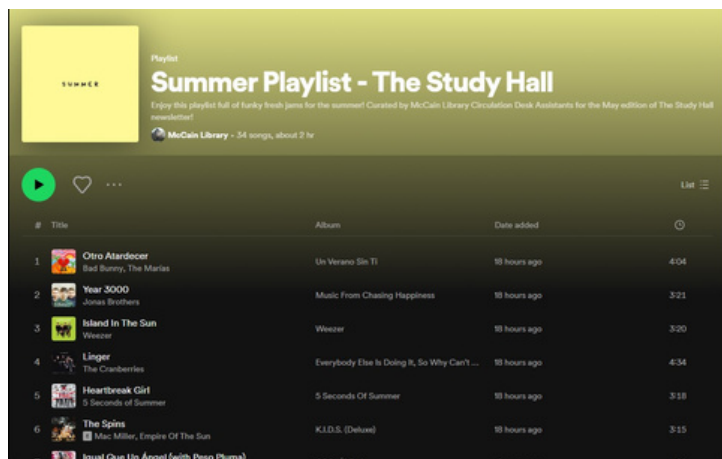
Ang Lee's 1995 *Sense and Sensibility* is a Jane Austen adaptation worth watching. We meet the Dashwood sisters in the midst of grieving their recently passed father: Elinor, one loose screw from becoming unhinged; Marianne, one reciting of a Shakespeare sonnet in the rain away from becoming dangerously ill; Margaret, one sword away from world domination. Together the sisters and their mother embark on a new life away from their treasured home, moving into a drab cottage by the sea. It's the people they come to meet along the way that help them grieve and find new joys in life or find much greater pain. You don't have to be a fan of Jane Austen to fall absolutely in love with this beautiful movie. And if you're still not convinced, for those who love a little drama, writer and lead actress of the film, Emma Thompson, took inspiration from her husband's torrid affair with another woman to complete the screenplay, emphasizing the treachery of a man and the great power of healing in time.

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Summer Spotify Playlist

By Lissete Estrella

Enjoy this playlist full of funky fresh jams for the summer curated by McCain Library's Circulation Student Assistants! Click the play button below and relax because it's almost summer!



McCain's Graduating Student Assistants

Nathalie Slaughter

"What I do at McCain Library is help fellow students with their research and finding books, along with supporting collection development and archives. After Agnes Scott, I will be attending graduate school for public history and library and information science. After that, I'd like to do something related to fashion."

Sanaa Lacore

"I'm a student assistant at McCain Library and one of my favorite tasks is helping create and design the display cases and cool holiday decorations seen around the building. Following graduation, I will be interning at the Chrysler Museum in my hometown of Norfolk, VA over the summer! I hope to have a career in the field of museum work, so this aligns perfectly with my goals. Wish me luck!"

Jada Beasley

"Hi, I am a Reference Desk Assistant, so I help students with their research! On top of that, I also work with Christina Tatum on outreach events and projects. I also create all the monthly reading lists that you see around the library and the monthly heritage-related displays! After Agnes Scott, I will be continuing to work at the Decatur Public Library while attaining my Master's in Library Science through Old Dominion University! Wishing everyone luck!"

Paxton Martin

"I am a Technical Services Student Assistant. What this means varies, but I mostly work with book donation intake, cataloging, and database input. A lot of what I do is adding things to lists or making sure that lists are consistent across various websites. After graduating, I'll be going to UNC Chapel Hill for my Master's in Library Science."


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