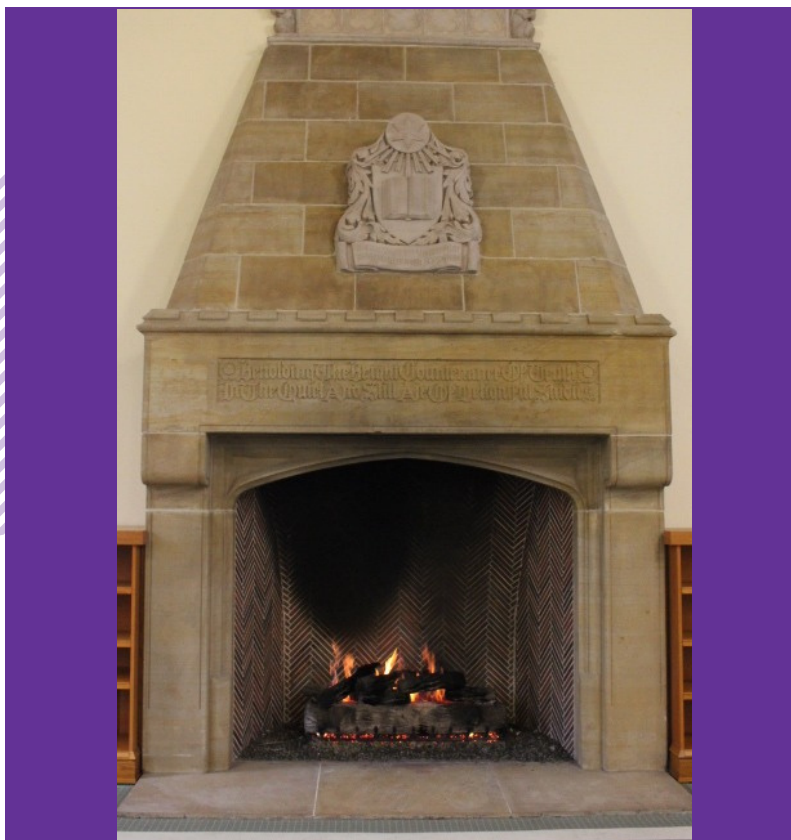


# THE STUDY HALL

THE OFFICIAL MCCAIN LIBRARY NEWSLETTER

January 4, 2021



## Library Town Hall

McCain Library will host a Town Hall on Wednesday, January 6th to address any questions or concerns regarding library services during the spring semester. Register for the Zoom meeting to learn what resources will be available and how we can best fulfill your needs in the upcoming semester.

We will host a Town Hall for faculty and staff at 11AM and for students at 4PM. See the next page for a brief introduction to some of the topics we will cover in the Town Hall meetings, in addition to library hours, course reserves, and accessing resources remotely. Register for the Town Hall and our other upcoming events [here!](#)

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#### Skill Builders

Requesting Equipment for  
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January 11th @ 4:30 PM

Using Course Reserves to  
Find Required Course  
Material  
January 15th @ 1:00 PM

# COVID-19 Safety Procedures in the Library

After nine months of mostly remote work, McCain Library staff are excited to reopen for returning students, faculty, and staff. We have diligently worked to exercise proper safety precautions so Scotties feel comfortable using library services this semester. This will be a challenging time for everyone, and while some procedures may seem inconvenient, the safety and well-being of our patrons is our primary focus. Please carefully read and review the library updates protocols below before visiting McCain this semester.

- Use your ASC ID card to enter through the Ground Floor entrance facing Alston. You will need to also scan your ASC ID card at the interior door coming into the library and must have the daily Green clearance from Medicaat to enter. The doors on Floor 1 by the Circulation Desk will be used as the exiting doors and will be locked from the outside, directing users to the Ground Floor door.
- Masks are required for entry and must be worn at all times.
- Please do not pull books from the shelves. Place a hold through WorldCat and library staff will pull the items as soon as possible for contactless pick up at the Circulation Desk or front door.
- No food is allowed in the library. Because masks need to stay on at all times, no food or beverages except drinks with lids (ex. bottle of water) will be allowed in the library.
- Hand wipes will be provided throughout the library. Please wipe down any desks or computers before and after use. Hand washing is also recommended.
- Furniture has been placed 6 feet apart for your safety. Do not move any chairs, tables, or couches out of their current position.
- Do not move the plexiglass shields between computers and on larger tables. These are there for your well-being and the safety of others.
- Limit elevator rides to one person at a time or take the stairs.
- Research appointments will be virtual only to prioritize the safety of everyone involved, and can be scheduled online via [YouCanBookMe](#).

## Print and Electronic Access

McCain Library uses Controlled Digital Lending (CDL) to make print editions of books we own available to students for set amounts of time, similar to physical reserves. When sections of a physical book are requested for virtual access, the library will scan the requested pages and then make them available by email. During that time the viewer cannot download, print, and/or share the PDF file, and the physical book is not available for loan to another patron. CDL allows the library to utilize our physical collections in a virtual space while still following established copyright law.

McCain Library has also acquired many new eBooks since July 2020. For same-day sources, eBooks are very helpful. To view a complete list of new eBook titles, click [here](#). Additionally, ILL (Interlibrary Loan) is fully functional and requests may be made directly from WorldCat. To see how to use the WorldCat ILL feature, click [here](#).

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DVD	REFERENCE
MCSWEENEY	VHS

## McCain Library Collections

In addition to our well-known Archives and Special Collections, check out some of the collections on the first floor!

To play online, visit [The Word Search](#)

## January Book Review

by Rafael Ocasio  
Charles A. Dana Professor

Filipinos are, according to the Filipino American National Society, the second largest Asian American group in the United States, tracing back their presence to 1587 as inhabitants in the territory known today as California. Indeed, as Grace Talusan traces in **The Body Papers: A Memoir**, the historical connection between the Philippines and the United States is paramount to understanding the current socio-political conditions of modern Philippines, as well as the circumstances that brought Filipinos as immigrants to the United States. But writing about one's country of birth and one's immigrant family's history can be a daunting chore, as Talusan succinctly notes: "My story is not only my story. While everyone has the right to report their lives, I know that telling my secrets impacts other people" (xi). Talusan is not referring, however, to the actual mechanics of writing but to the cultural limits she had to endure as a writer disclosing intimate details about her life as an individual of Filipino descent. Talusan's diary takes its reader through a full immersion of native Filipino cultural traditions, both in the Philippines and among U.S. Filipino communities.

To read the rest of Professor Ocasio's review and more from the Smith Collection, see the full post [here](#) and place a hold on **The Body Papers: A Memoir** [here](#).

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