



Editorial

The first term is almost over. First acquaintances have been made, friendships have been formed and all the students have now settled into their own schedules and routines.

The Library has also been busy organizing new activities. The monthly Book Club meetings are in progress, and a second art exhibition by two College students is currently underway.

We encourage you to like our new Facebook page which we constantly update to keep you informed about our latest events. You may also get in touch with us through the Facebook page for advice and support on services offered by the Library.

Since we are only a couple of weeks away from the end of term, may we take this opportunity to wish all our readers peace and blessings throughout the Christmas season and a blissful New Year ahead.

JC Library Staff



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Collections at the Junior College Library

The Junior College (JC) Library is made up of **five** collections: the **Main, Reference, Short Loans, Fiction and Biographies** and **Melitensia**.

The **Main Collection** houses books pertaining to all subjects taught at this College. History, geography, management, accountancy, chemistry, biology and mathematics are some of subjects included in this section. Books from this section **can be borrowed** for a period of three weeks.

The **Reference Collection** includes encyclopaedias, dictionaries, thesauri and atlases. *Reference works provide* specific, detailed information or definitions on general or specialized topics. Reference works cannot be checked out of the Library premises so as to ensure their constant availability. Reference books can be identified by a yellow label on the spine.

The **Short Loans Collection** is located behind the Circulation Desk. The section contains textbooks which are in high demand. Short loan books may be borrowed for **use inside the Library premises** and issued solely on presentation of the Smart card/student card. All books in the Short Loans Collection are identified by a pink label.

The **Fiction and Biographies Section** contains works of fiction in a number of genres as well as biographical works. The publications can be identified by an orange label and a white label respectively and can be borrowed for a period of three weeks.

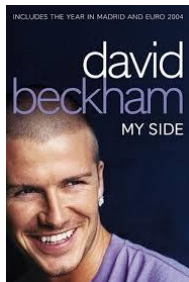
The **Melitensia Collection** comprises works written by Maltese authors, as well as publications related to Malta and authored by foreign writers. Books vary from history to geography and from culture to literature. The section also houses reference works such as Maltese dictionaries, as well as encyclopaedias and biographies. Melitensia reference works cannot be checked out of the Library. Melitensia publications are colour-coded with a blue label.



One Stop Search
through all the Library's
print and online resources

Librarians' Choice

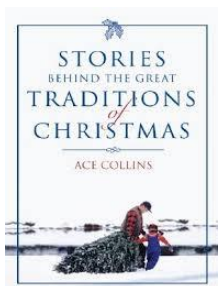
Recommended reading from our bookshelves.



David Beckham : My Side (2004)

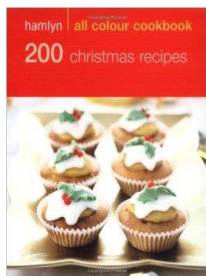
He may live in Madrid but he continues to make front-page headlines. This is David Beckham's own story of his career to date: from his childhood, family and private life to Manchester United, Real Madrid and England.

Featuring David's first full account of a turbulent year in Spain, on and off the field, and England's fortunes in Euro 2004, this is Beckham's fascinating life story in his own words.



Stories behind the great traditions of Christmas by Ace Collins (2003)

The birth of Christ was filled with beauty and wonder. Do you ever feel its meaning has been lost amid our customs and cultural mores? This book will help you and your loved ones reclaim the sparkle and spirit of our holiday traditions as you discover the truth that lies behind them. Stories Behind the Great Traditions of Christmas - Advent wreaths, holly, Nativity scenes, Yule logs, caroling and even Santa Claus - have opened the door for Christ to once again be the soul of the celebration. You will be captivated by the stories of how our cherished Christmas traditions took root and grew, filling this most wonderful holiday with holy awe, spiritual joy, and family warmth.



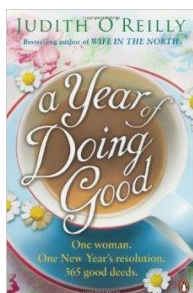
200 Christmas recipes by Hamlyn (2009)

The essential companion for a mouthwatering Christmas, Hamlyn All Colour Cookbook: 200 Christmas Recipes, contains delicious ideas for festive mealtimes, both traditional and alternative. Why not impress friends and family with roast goose with spiced apples and figs, roasted parsnips with thyme butter, or perhaps some ginger and hazelnut ice cream? The book also contains recipes for classic cakes and cookies, edible gifts and even left-over turkey - allowing you to banish those endless turkey sandwiches!



Sixpack u Sonza ta' Donovan Gatt (2011)

Ġabra ta' novelli mingħand awtur zagħżuġh, novelli intriganti u kurjużi. Karattri li lkoll jigg'errew fil-kurituri xi kultant doġoq, xi minn daqqiet wiesa', tal-moralità. Hemm storja għal kulħadd. Kull storja hi adrenalina bbalzmata. Jonqos biss li taqrahom.



A year doing good by Judith O'Reilly (2013)

Judith O'Reilly, author of the hugely popular blog and book *Wife in the North* embarks on a year long social experiment in the witty *A Year of Doing Good*. Fed up of New Year's resolutions involving diets and exercise abandoned on January 2nd, Judith is attempting to be good for one whole year. She embarked on a mission to do one good deed every day. Some called it a social experiment. At times she called it madness.

The Star of Bethlehem

Myth? Fact?

Without doubt, one of the most prevalent symbols of Christmas is the Star of Bethlehem. According to Christian tradition, the star led the Magi to Bethlehem, the place where Jesus Christ was born. The star is only mentioned in the gospel of Matthew:

Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, saying, Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the East [or at its rising¹¹¹] and have come to worship Him.” [Matthew 2:1–4 New King James Version (1982).]

There have been many different explanations of what the Star might have been, ranging from pious fiction to some sort of astronomical phenomena. It is very likely though that it was truly an astronomical event. Several theories have been put forward. Some have suggested that it was a comet or a supernova, but the most likely explanation is that it was a planetary conjunction.

In the year 2 B.C. the two brightest planets, Jupiter and Venus, approached each other so closely that no human eye could separate them.

In Babylonian myth, Jupiter was the planet associated with kings while Venus was the herald of dawn. A conjunction of these two planets occurred close to the bright star Regulus (meaning king), in between the feet of the constellation Leo (the Lion), an ancient Jewish symbol. This combination of events can be interpreted as suggesting that a King has been born in Israel heralding hope and light.

The event occurred on Tuesday, 17th June 2 B.C. On that day, the ‘Star of Bethlehem’ appeared above the western horizon as seen from Palestine.

(This information has been taken from a Christmas card issued by the Astronomical Society of Malta (Meteor Group) in 1995.)

Those interested in Astronomy can access the website of the **Astronomical Society of Malta** at www.maltastro.org

Research Tip

Start, don't end, with Wikipedia

Wikipedia is a great place to start your research — spend some time searching for keywords related to your topic, browsing the links you find on each page, and following their suggested resources.

Take notes, especially of any good sources they recommend.



The goal here is to get a good overview of the subject you're writing about, and Wikipedia is far better for that than most print sources, because of its hyperlinked nature. By the time you get ready to write, though, you should have much better sources at your command than Wikipedia, so avoid citing it in your assignment.

New books at the Library

• 50 Artists you should know *by Thomas Koster.*

• The body in contemporary art *by Sally O'Reilly*

• Universal design *by Selwyn Goldsmith.*

• Learning to look at paintings *by Mary Acton.*

• Being dead *by Jim Crace.*

• The gift of stones *by Jim Crace.*

• The science of nutrition *by Janice Thompson.*

• The embroidery stitch bible *by Betty Barnden.*

• Soft furnishings *by Wendy Shorted.*

• Americanah *by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie.*

• The thing around your neck *by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie.*

... and many more.

Useful links 

Heritage Malta
Homepage

<http://heritagemalta.org/>

Online encyclopedia

<http://www.encyclopedia.com/>

Europeana

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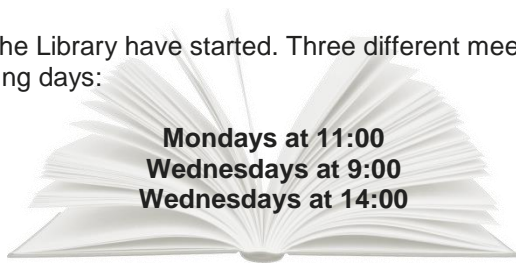
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Intermediate Syllabi

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sec](http://www.um.edu.mt/matsec)

Upcoming Events at the Library

Book Club Meetings

Book Club meetings in the Library have started. Three different meetings have been scheduled on the following days:



Book clubs are held **once a month**. Those who are interested in joining are kindly requested to contact the Junior College Library Staff.

EXHIBITIONS

Current

The Library is currently exhibiting the artwork of Fatma Mustafa and Zarifa Dag. Ms. Mustafa and Ms. Dag are first-year students at the Junior College. The exhibition will remain open till the end of January 2015.

Upcoming

The next Art Exhibition will commence in February. Exhibitions are open to ALL students of the College. Any student who would like to exhibit his work is kindly asked to contact the Library staff. **Photographic work is also accepted.**

**Santa Hat Selfie Competition
at the Library**

This year, Christmas celebrations at the Junior College Library have gone digital. Take a photo with our Santa Hat on, in the library then send it to us in a private message. We will then upload your photo on the Library's Facebook page, and the picture with the highest number of likes will win a prize!

The competition is open from
1 December
till
17 December 2014.

Winners will be announced
via our Facebook page on the
18th of December 2014.

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