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The Interns at Gettysburg College’s Musselman Library captured their internship experiences since the spring of 2011. Over time the blog has featured Fortenbaugh, Smith, and Holley interns. They shared updates on semester long projects, responded to blogging prompts, and documented their individual intern experience.

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# Blogging the Library

The Interns @ Gettysburg College's Musselman Library

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Thursday, March 1, 2012

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Filming on Monday afternoon was good. Unfortunately, we only got three first-years to participate. Nevertheless, three is better than zero, and if nothing else, it was good practice and offered some important insights into what does and does not work. New filming is scheduled to occur on Friday March 2—this time students are being asked to e-mail ahead of time if they'd like to participate. Hopefully, fingers crossed, this will work! If not, it's back to the drawing board ☺

I've also been working on re-evaluating the children's book collection with Sunni and Meggan. Meggan and I have made a big excel spreadsheet in order to examine the amount of use the collection has had over the years. Usually Excel and I have an antagonistic relationship; however, I am finding I actually enjoy examining this data. It must be the subject!

Fun facts: here are ten of the most highly used children's materials here in Musselman Library:

Title	Author	Total Check-outs	Internal Use
Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire	J.K. Rowling	45	9
Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone	J.K. Rowling	36	1
Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets	J.K. Rowling	33	27
Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone	J.K. Rowling	31	2
Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban	J.K. Rowling	29	27

Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince	J.K. Rowling	27	32
The Giver	Lois Lowry	27	1
The Magician's Nephew	C.S. Lewis	25	0
My world of fairy tales : stories from Grimm, Perrault, and Andersen	Jane Carruth	24	2
The Butterfly Night of Old Brown Bear	Nicolas van Pallandt	23	5

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