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Abstract

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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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by Elli Vega

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For my final project, I'm really interested in exploring how foreign language works are catalogued and accessed at Musselman. By browsing through MUSCAT, I've found that search terms don't always work properly with foreign language titles, and many catalogues are likely to give you English works even when you are searching for foreign language titles. As a student with a foreign language minor, I dream of making these titles easier to access, as well as creating a research guide where professors can suggest different titles based on reading level. Hopefully we can give out foreign language collections a little more love!

Until next time,
Elli Vega