“Don't use words too big for the subject. Don't say infinitely when you mean very; otherwise you'll have no word left when you want to talk about something really infinite.” — C.S. Lewis

From the Director

Words are important. Words have meaning. Words are important because they have meaning. The common (generally understood) meanings of words help us communicate. The uncommon meanings of words—those that we have associated with words contrary to the generally understood meanings—tend to obfuscate and hinder good communication. This can be unintentional or intentional, but is always bad for good communication.

We have depended on dictionaries for a few centuries now to help us with the meanings of words. Here are some “alternative dictionaries” that will either assist you in achieving good communication or at the very least, pique your imagination: http://mentalfloss.com/article/51779/6-alternative-dictionaries-your-bookshelf-needs. But seriously, if you really want to know the meaning of a word, try our Oxford English Dictionary, which gives every reasonable meaning assigned to the words of the English language. The word “run,” for instance, takes 20.5 three-columned pages to fully define in the print edition of the OED, which is twenty volumes long. But don’t despair; the online version is as portable as your smart phone.

— Dr. Fitsimmons

Database of the Month

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Year-long Book Sale

Did you have your eyes set on a certain book at the book sale, but did not have a chance to purchase it before the sale ended? Well now is your chance! New shelves have been set up next to Spoede Lounge with all of the books left from the sale. All of the books are now organized by subject and are priced as marked. There are still a few commentary sets left! Only cash or checks are accepted.

Happening in the Library this Month

International Games Day, Saturday, November 19th — From 6pm-10pm the library will be hosting its annual International Games Day event. Come by the library for a fun evening of gaming and fellowship with your fellow students and some of your favorite faculty and staff. Games and activities will include various table/board game tournaments, video games, library mini golf, an obstacle course, corn hole, paper airplane crafting, a door prize, and more! Some of the games that are hosted will have the opportunity to win prizes. Snacks will also be provided!

Wall of Thanks, November 13th-22nd — Stop by the library during these dates to leave a note stating what you are grateful for on our Wall of Thanks.

Thanksgiving Break, November 23rd-26th — The library will be closed the 23rd through the 26th and will open again on Sunday evening the 27th.