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## Library Tip: Eagle Dollars Accepted Here!



Have a fine at the library and no cash?

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to take care of your obligation with Eagle Dollars and present your ID card. They will take care of the rest.

You may also use your ID card and Eagle Dollars to pay for computer printing.

## Travel & Leisure Book Club Events

**Wednesday, October 30**

**6 pm**

Join us for a casual conversation about:



### ***The Last Train to Zona Verde***

by Paul Theroux

Following the success of the acclaimed Ghost Train to the Eastern Star and The Great Railway Bazaar, The Last Train to Zona Verde is an ode to the last African journey of the world's most celebrated travel writer.

“Happy again, back in the kingdom of light,” writes Paul Theroux as he sets out on a new journey through the continent he knows and loves best. Theroux first came to Africa as a twenty-two-year-old Peace Corps volunteer, and the pull of the vast land never left him. Now he returns, after fifty years on the road, to explore the little-traveled territory of western Africa and to take stock both of the place and of himself.

**Wednesday, November 20**

**6 pm**

Join us for a casual conversation about:



***Between Man and Beast: An Unlikely Explorer, the Evolution Debates, and the African Adventure that Took the Victorian World by Storm***

by Monte Reel

The unbelievably riveting adventure of an unlikely young explorer who emerged from the jungles of Africa with evidence of a mysterious, still mythical beast—the gorilla—only to stumble straight into the center of the biggest debate of the day: Darwin's theory of evolution

The book club meets at:

**The Clarion Free Library  
644 Main Street  
Clarion, PA 16214  
Lower Level**

Everyone is welcome.

Please let others who might be interested in reading travel and leisure books know about our book club.

Copies of the book(s) will be available to borrow from the Clarion Free Library. Feel free to email Marilyn Harhai ([mharhai@clarion.edu](mailto:mharhai@clarion.edu)) for more information or with questions.

The book club was started with a  
Clarion University Community Fellows Grant.

Please join us!

## Cranial Candy: Did You Know?



The Terms of Service is a set of rules an individual or organization must abide by in order to use a service.

A Terms of Service agreement is legally binding (except in cases where the individual is below a certain age and does not have parental consent or the terms of service violates local, state, or federal laws) and generally covers various aspects of the user's interaction with the service, such as how the user's data will be used, how the user can use the

service (e.g. you can send personal email but you can't send commercial email), and so on.

Terms of Service agreements are widely criticized as being arcane and difficult to read; so much so that it is rare for end users to actually read them and to instead blindly accept the terms.

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## Computer Tip: Sticky Situation



**You've spilled soda (or, here in Western Pennsylvania ... "Pop") on your laptop's keyboard. What do you do now?**

Please sit down. The prognosis is not good. I'm sure your computer led a full and active life until this happened.

If this were a desktop keyboard, you could run out and buy another one. Or if you had time - and weren't intimidated by the idea of taking apart a keyboard - you could attempt to clean it.

A laptop is a different story. You've got a sticky mess gumming up the works and there's no way to clean it without disassembling your computer. If your computer is still under a warranty, the spill likely invalidates that warranty. Some premium plans do offer spill coverage, so if you have a warranty or insurance, make sure to check.

Some brave, tech-savvy souls have disassembled their laptops and cleaned them successfully. But this is a pretty complicated process and isn't suggested for the novice. You might take the laptop to a computer repair shop with a good reputation to see what they can do... but be warned: This could be expensive.

Situations like this are why it's important to regularly back up your important files to an external drive or a cloud service. If at all possible, get your files off your laptop before sending it out for repair. Hopefully the soda mess did not get to your hard drive so that if the computer is not salvageable, you can transfer its contents to your next computer.

Technology has become such a part of our everyday life that we often eat or drink with it at our fingertips and forget that it can be pretty fragile. Keep liquids away from computers. If you must have food or drink near a computer, at least use cups with lids to reduce the chance of spillage. This is one of those cases where an ounce of prevention really is worth a pound of cure.

### Something To Think About:



*A good head  
and a good heart  
are always a  
formidable combination.*

*~ Nelson Mandela*