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[What's On the Library Shelves?](#)

[Courtroom 302: a Year Behind the Scenes in an American Criminal Courthouse](#) by Steve Bogira brings the reader to the Cook County Criminal Courthouse in Chicago to see the criminal justice system through the eyes of those who are enmeshed in its workings. The courtroom, the lockup, the jury room, the judge's chambers, and the spectators' gallery are all part of the tour.

Bogira presents a fascinating view of the busiest felony courthouse in America. A case that received a lot of public attention, what appears to have been a racially motivated brutal attack on a thirteen year old black boy by three white men, one the son of a noted Chicago mobster, is highlighted by Bogira. We, the readers, get to feel what it is like, behind the scenes, in this case and in many others that came to the Cook County Courthouse over a one-year period.

This book can be found on the shelves at **345.773 BOG** and may be checked out for three weeks.

Gary F. Cornelius talks about surviving in the world of corrections in his book [Stressed Out: Strategies for Living and Working in Corrections](#). He talks about stress, what it is, and how it affects our health, about how events in the world of the correctional officer affect the stress level experienced, about coping techniques specific to correctional officers, and many other facets of stress for those who work in the field of corrections. Burnout is a part of most work environments and even more so in correctional services. Cornelius devotes a chapter to that subject as well as to such topics as managing time, relaxing both on and off the job, and a final chapter on stress and crisis.

A bonus in this slim volume of fewer than two hundred pages is Cornelius' inclusion of

information about a healthy diet, exercise, coping strategies, relaxation exercises, and other relevant helpful recommendations.

This book is located at **365 COR** and may also be checked out for three weeks.

*****If someone out there would like to review a book in our collection for a future newsletter issue, please contact me at x3544.***

[Now Available](#)

[Improving the Police Response to Domestic Elder Abuse: Instructor Training Manual](#), prepared by the Police Executive Research Forum in Washington, D.C. has been added to our collection and can be found in the **Reference** area just to your left as you enter the library. This resource is in a loose-leaf binder and is located at **REF 363.2 IMP**.

Another new item that has been added to our **Reports Index** (mostly because of its small size) is [Tactical Spanish for Law Enforcement](#) by Jose Blanco. This came to PCTC from the publisher, Lexis Nexis, as a freebie and it is a brand-new, 2007 publication.



[Technology Update](#)

A few weeks ago, I sent out some library news about our growing online public access catalog (just like you see at the public libraries). Since that time, many more records have been added to the database and I have posted a number of bulletins to keep you apprised of the progress. You can go to

<http://10.23.152.54/surpass/websafari.exe>

to get to our online catalog and don't forget to bookmark this address so that you have easy access to our collection online.

The progress is slow but steady as records are added to the database, barcodes applied to the books, and patrons are entered into the patron database. Hopefully the few technology glitches that we've encountered will soon be resolved and then the nifty scanner will be able to check your books out and check them back in.

Do take the time to visit our catalog and explore what you can find on our shelves.



[A Reminder](#)

The last library newsletter mentioned the Book Fair that will take place on Saturday, November 10, 2007 from 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., at the Carroll Community College. This event, sponsored by Random House, will benefit student scholarships at the College, and it will have lots of wonderful activities for the whole family. In case you missed it, there will be food and entertainment, new book sales with books discounted 20%, guest authors, book signings, and much more.

Saturday's activities will be preceded by the Book Fair Kick-off Event on Friday, November 9, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. At that time, there will be a screening of Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's End at The Theater in the Scott Center.

This promises to be a fun time that you won't want to miss!

[Fun Reading](#)

Our collection of fun reading materials has grown to well over **one hundred books** thanks to the donations of staff members. The most recent wave of donations brought generous contributions from Stacey, Dan, and Susan and we are appreciative of their gifts. Authors like James Michener, Elie Wiesel, James Patterson, Jonathan Kellerman, Faye Kellerman, Anita Shreve, John Steinbeck, and many others are represented in this small but growing collection of books that anyone here at the agency is welcome to borrow.



[Training Keys](#)

The library has recently added several back issues of Training Keys that were published between 2003 and 2006. Crime scene processing, executing search warrants, consular notification and access, domestic violence, conducting searches, diplomatic immunity, eyewitness identification, and electronic recording of interrogations and confessions are the topics of focus in these publications.

These issues have been added to our online public access catalog (URL mentioned in Technology Update section) and are electronically searchable. To take a look at them or to borrow them, please come to the library circulation desk. They are part of the **Reports Index** and are housed with a variety of other reports.



[Saving Money](#)

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