

Dewey gained fame ...



Cooper (Countway Library of Medicine)

Animal Ambassadors: Leveraging Library Pets to Reach Out to Patrons (Or, Think Outside the Doghouse)



Photo of roach by Piotr Naswrecki

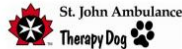
... Dogs for Animal- or Pet-Assisted Therapy are becoming more common ...



Paws for a Study Break!

Bella, a therapy dog from St. John Ambulance, will be visiting the library to relieve exam stress. Paws for a break, come pet & play with her!

Where: Marvin Gerstein Room (1st Floor of the library)
When: Wednesdays and Thursdays, Nov 28 – Dec 13
Time: 1:30 – 3:00 pm



... But we have **COCKROACHES!**



Therapy roaches assisting patron writing her dissertation

Why animals?

- People like live animals
- Interactions with animals can reduce stress
- They add interest and an extra dimension to the library

Our Madagascar hissing cockroaches are:

- Perfect for starting conversations with patrons and engaging them
- Very slow and docile; relatively easy to keep
- Excellent parents (well, the moms are– see photo to right)
- Educational – faculty even bring students
- A great way to raise the library’s profile across the institution!



Group with newly hatched nymph, bottom right



Photo by Elizabeth Neswald, 2013
(Visiting researcher from Brock University)

Mother roach with newly emerged young



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