

What's On Your Mind – Summer 2009

- I am requesting a new documentary: FOOD, INC. directed by Robert Kenner, starring Eric Schlosser.

The above title has been requested for purchase.

- Please get the movies Shawshank Redemption and 10 Things I Hate About You.

The above titles have been requested for purchase.

- It would be easier for users to have the boxes with the titles of the DVD's and VHS outside instead of looking at the lists. We would have a chance to see the whole collection of titles. For security reasons, the discs and VHS could be stored inside the desk. Thanks.

The reason we have only a title list and not the actual boxes available for browsing is space. The videos are in compact shelving behind the desk for security purposes, and adding shelving to accommodate a browsing collection is not feasible at this time. We have, at students' request, added additional copies of the printed title list, and we hope this helps.

- I see that Fondren just spend at least a \$150 on books about "Baseball's All-Time Greatest Hitters." Many academic subjects have a very poor collection in Fondren—if they are lucky they may have e-book access, which is a poor substitute. If Fondren is meant to be an academic/university library, it's priorities in forming collections are badly misplaced.

SMU's history department has an interest in sports history, which also is occupying the interest of academicians across the country. University presses and other academic publishers are producing large numbers of books on sports subjects. There is not, frankly, much popular interest in baseball hitters in our community; these books ordered by the history department—and largely funded by money raised by the history department—have been purchased for purely academic reasons.