Meditations on Time: or, take your shoes off* and stay a while.

We’re Expanding Fall Hours!

We’ve been talking a lot about time management here in the library. A tip we received was to write down in 10-minute increments what we were doing every day to see where our precious time was going. So, we got this stamp that said “talked about time-management” so we wouldn’t have to write that down so much. Then, I looked up more about it, and Someone Official™ said that there is Real Time that we live in and Clock Time which really means nothing. Which is why time flies when you’re having fun, for example, and drags when, say, you’re eating Cheezits, biting your fingernails, and staring at your monitor (multi-tasking as this may be).

And then a Lovely Colleague sends me a Lovely Passage from an interview with John O’Donohue, an Irish poet, who talks about not letting time be a bully by doing this meditation: “You imagine the surface of the ocean is all restless and then you slip down deep below the surface where it’s still and where things move slower.” I thought about that a long time.** Then, another lovely colleague sends me: “Think Meister Eckhart.” And I do. And then I think we should make bumper stickers that rival “Think UWF” ones, only Meister Eckhart’s name is quite long for a bumper sticker. So, I then thought about abbreviating it. But, “Think M.E.” might start a wave of narcissism that we’re not prepared for.

All to say. Whether you’re a slave to Clock Time or find yourself completely at peace with it (and it rolls out before you endless and true), we’re expanding our Fall Hours to help you get your inner study-bee on. We hope they help you get lost in the beauty of a book or at least allow you to come in early enough to hammer out that paper so that you can make it to the beach before noon. Enjoy.

*Hippies!
**And got that John Lennon song, “Watching the Wheels,” in my head and told Time that ‘I’m doing fine watching shadows on the wall.’ I didn’t, however, tell my boss that, for instance.

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Emma Lazarus Exhibit Closing Event:
“The Mixed Message on the Statue of Liberty.”

The Pensacola Jewish Federation will present a poetry recitation by Ms. Donna Quinn as our last event related to the traveling exhibit, Emma Lazarus: Voice of Liberty, Voice of Conscience. Join us at 7:00pm, August 11th, on the 3rd floor of the library. Refreshments will be provided. (I’m not sure what they are yet, but last time? There were cupcakes. I repeat. Cup. Cakes. And it was fantastic.)