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This is an experimental effort to regularly inform the Athenian community about new acquisitions and resources in the Library. These updates will be intentionally brief and only highlight some of the many new materials we receive weekly in the Library. We hope this inspires you to further explore and enjoy the Library's ever-growing collection. Please give us any feedback or suggestions.

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Films:

- **Into the Wild:** The recent release by Sean Penn inspired by the true story of Chris McCandless who abandons his life of comfort to pursue the freedom of life on the road and eventually the Alaskan wilderness and the ultimate challenge of his life. (148 min.)
- **Blacks & Jews:** Made collaboratively by filmmakers from both groups, this film goes behind the headlines and rhetoric to probe the roots of distrust and recrimination. (85 min.)
- **Fidel Castro:** This PBS American Experience production constructs an intimate and revealing portrait of one of the most resilient leaders of our time. (120 min.)

Newspapers:

- ❖ The **New York Times** is now available in print at the circulation desk on a daily basis. The Saturday and Sunday papers will be available on Monday. It is also available daily online at <http://nytimes.com>. Athenian also has unlimited access to all of the back issues in their extensive digital archive.

The Kindle:

- Amazon.com's electronic bookreader is available for checkout with its auto contrast screen and it's easy to read and adjustable font size Current titles include:

[Omnivore's Delight](#)

[Atonement](#)

[The Tipping Point](#)

This tool is the perfect solution for that book you need to read immediately and don't have time to pick-up from your local (independent) book seller. Also great for travel.

Books:

- **Recreating Class: College Admissions and the Education of Elites** – With novelistic flair, sensitivity to history and a keen eye for telling detail, Michelle Stevens explains how elite colleges and universities have assumed their central role in the production of the nation's most privileged classes.
- **1 Dead in Attic: After Katrina** – A collection of stories by *Times-Picayune* columnist Chris Rose, recounting the first harrowing year and half of lie in New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina.

- **Free for the Thought that we Hate: A Biography of the First Amendment** – Pulitzer Prize winning author Anthony Lewis tells the story of legal and political conflict, hard choices and determined Americans who led the legal system to realize one of America’s great founding ideas.
- **Major: A Black Athlete, A White Era, and the Fight to be the World’s Fastest Human Being** – A gripping story of a superstar cyclist nobody saw coming and an account of a fierce rivalry that would become an archetypal tale of white versus black in the 20th century that combines longshot thrill of Seabiscuit, the groundbreaking nobility of Jackie Robinson and the dramatic flair of Babe Ruth.
- **Rolling Stone Interviews** – Forty of the very best interviews from the magazine’s remarkable forty-year history (Pete Townshend, Joni Mitchell, Jack Nicholson, Kurt Cobain, Bono, Neil Young, Bob Dylan, Spike Lee, The Dalai Lama, etc.).
- **Our Inner Fish: A Journey into the 3.5-Billion-year History of the Human Body** – By examining fossils and DNA, Neil Shubin (discoverer of Tiktaalik-“the missing link”) shows that our hands actually resemble fish fins, our head is organized like that of a long-extinct jawless fish, and major parts of our genome look and function like those of worms and bacteria.
- **The Tortilla Curtain** – Illuminates the many potholes along the road to the elusive American Dream. Illegal immigrants Candido and America cling to life at the bottom of Topanga Canyon, dreaming of a privileged existence of the sort endured by L.A. Liberals Delaney and Kyra. When a freak accident brings these two couples together, darkly comic events leave them wondering what the world is coming to.
- **Atonement** Ian McEwan’s bestselling novel which is a love story, a war story and a story about stories.
- **Dishwasher** – A true story of a man on a mission: to clean dirty dishes professionally in every state in America.