



The 5CLIR 2004 Annual Reporter

The Mission: "To enrich our lives by providing forums for sharing the pleasures of active learning."



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A visit to the Mortimer Rare Book Room, Smith College Library during a 5CLIR January Program.

45 PEER-DESIGNED AND PEER-LED SEMINARS AND WORKSHOPS FILL THE YEAR WITH VARIED LEARNING

Five College Learning in Retirement, founded in 1989 by a group of retirees and supported by the Five College presidents, finished its fifteenth year with a wide array of peer created and peer led seminars. These ranged from "The Diversity of Operas" and "Sculptors of the 20th Century" to "Revisiting Jane Austen - Two Novels," and to "Intermediate Level Computer Usage," "Secret Intelligence Organizations," and "Perspectives on U.S. Foreign Policy."

Every term for the last 15 years 5CLIR has offered up to 25 seminars a term, all moderated by members. Seminars are usually ten weeks long and most are held at the five colleges. Members are from all walks of life – academics (faculty and staff and college or school), office workers, medical professionals, entrepreneurs, psychologists, home-makers, etc. Our low fees (\$175/yr) and support from the Donor's fund make 5CLIR open to all.



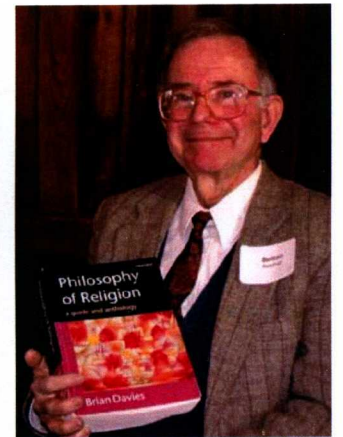
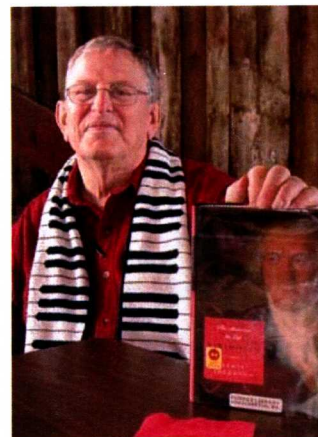
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Helen Dysinger, 5CLIR member, moderates "Vive le Sonnet," at The Renaissance Center, UMass/Amherst.



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Bob Romer, Amherst College retiree and 5CLIR member, shares his discoveries on slavery in the town of Deerfield.



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5CLIR members Diedrick Snoek, left, Smith College retiree, moderated "Beethoven's Genius" with Barbara Snoek; and Bert Bandman, right, moderated "Philosophy of Religion" with Bob Forsyth, spring, 2004. (Pictured at a "Meet the Moderators" session at the Red Barn, Hampshire College.)