

“What spectacle can be more edifying or more seasonable than that of liberty and learning, each leaning on the other for their natural and surest support.” – James Madison

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From the Director

Promoting Diversity through Resources

In the Library’s current Strategic Plan, it states that one of the important goals library staff strives for is to “enhance and maintain diversity in collections and services.” This objective is among the many regarding our collection development and public service initiatives.

Because of our global society and current economic conditions, acquiring and providing access to an array of relevant electronic and print resources is paramount. As library professionals and staff at Western Technical College, we seek to keep our customers well informed about a variety of issues affecting our educational mission and society in general. By supporting the teaching and learning environment through its collections and services, developing a strong library instruction program

concomitant with these collections, and providing the technical facilities and physical environment to promote the optimum use of information and resources, library staff remain committed to enhancing educational outcomes for all of its library users.

Maintaining electronic and print resources in our collections do not guarantee change, new ways of thinking, or progress, but they do provide a foundation for reflection, dialogue, and future action. In preparing students, faculty, and staff for a global society in achieving their educational and professional goals, information access is a key ingredient. Hopefully, this vital ingredient and others will result in a successful recipe for diversity.

Please see the Diversity

Bibliography on page 7 for a list of relevant resources.

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New Reference Librarian

Hi! My name is Sam Wood, and I'm the new Reference Librarian at Western. I look forward to the opportunities and challenges of serving our students, staff, and faculty. Please visit the library for any questions you have regarding library services, research help, or other matters. We have a great library staff, and I'm excited to be part of this team.

I am committed to helping all patrons learn the building blocks that support life-long learning. There are no secrets to conducting quality research, but there is so much more than simply using Google. I'll be happy to help you identify your information need, efficiently find the resources that best address it, and use information in a legal and ethical manner.

Since 2002 I've worked for three different academic libraries, and I earned my Masters of Library

Science at Indiana University in 2003. The various positions I've held gave me the chance to work with all manner of patron – young, old, black, white, foreign, special needs, on- and off-campus, and so forth. While my broad experiences give me the background necessary to provide quality service, I know that there will be many unique questions, requests, and tasks. Just as the staff and faculty of Western Tech are devoted to educating our students, we know that students educate us, too!

In addition to stopping by the library, you may also reach me via email (woods@westerntc.edu), phone (785-9406), and Internet (<http://www.westerntc.edu/library/askalib.asp>). It will be my pleasure to help create a more robust and convivial learning environment at Western!

Year Round Book Giveaway

Free Books!

Remember our annual spring book giveaway? Now it's our **daily book giveaway!**

Books that have been withdrawn or are no longer needed will be available. They are

located in bookcases in our front entrance to the library. (We accept donations – please keep us in mind when clearing out your areas.)

Tell your students about the free books!



Western's Veteran's Services

By Jackie Helgeson

Western's Veterans Service Office assists soldiers, veterans and their family members with applying for and understanding the myriad of military education benefits. These benefits are both Federal and State and all have different program requirements and regulations that can be extremely difficult to understand.

Taking on a case-management model has allowed Western to serve over 475 veterans this year offering not only information about their benefits and how to apply but also career exploration, program shadowing, job seeking resources and connection to other agencies that offer support and assistance to veterans and their families.

Collaborating with other service agencies the college has been able to enhance services to the veterans that attend Western by bringing agency representatives from; the County Veteran Service Office, the Madison Vet Center and Veterans Employment Assistance on campus to provide outreach and information. Along with this assistance Western has counselors on staff available to assist the veterans with transition issues and Western's disability services department offers assistance with accommodations. Western respects the experience our veterans and soldiers bring and accepts military training and experience for advanced standing and transfer credit. In order to make available as much helpful information as possible Western has established a list serve for students receiving VA education benefits. This makes it possible for the

Veteran Service Office to do mass emailing of announcements and important information directly to those students. Western also has a webpage just for veterans where information and information is available 24 hours a day. The website also has links to useful information and websites that has been very helpful to this student group.

Other initiatives the college will undergo is helping the veterans and their families connect with programs being offered by the VA River Valley Integrated Health Center that just opened in La Crosse and offering on campus events like the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs Benefit open house to be held March 3rd.

For more information about Veterans Services at Western please contact Jackie Helgeson at (608) 785-9091 or email her at helgesonj@westernnc.edu.

Useful Resources:

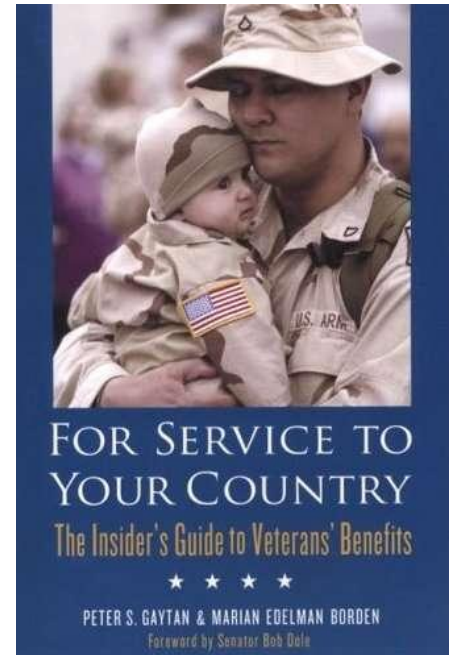
http://www.dva.state.wi.us/Ben_education.asp

Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs Education Benefits

<http://www.gibill.va.gov/> Federal Veterans Education Benefits

<http://www.dva.state.wi.us/CSVSO.asp>

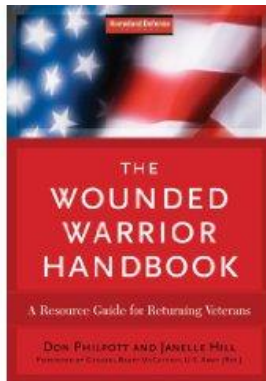
State of Wisconsin County Veteran Service Officers



For service to your country : the insider's guide to veterans' benefits
Gaytan, Peter S.
Call Number: UB 357 G39 2008

Resources on Veteran's Services

**The Wounded Warrior Handbook :
A Resource Guide for Returning
veterans** / Philpott, Don.
Call Number: UB 363 P55 2008



**Deployed : How Reservists Bear the
Burden of Iraq** / Musheno, Michael C.
Call Number: DS 79.76 M88 2008

**The Adult Student's Guide to
Survival & Success** / Siebert, Al.
Call Number: LB 2343.32 S556 2008

**Collateral Damage : The
Psychological Consequences of
America's War on Terrorism** /
edited by Paul R. Kimmel and Chris E.
Stout ; foreword by Philip G.
Zimbardo
Call Number: HV 6432 C638 2006

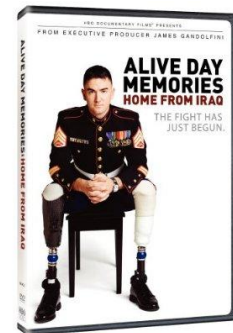
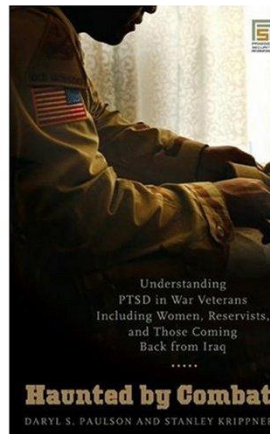
**Expert Resumes for Military-to-
Civilian Transitions** / Enelow, Wendy
S.
Call Number: HF 5383 E47885 2006

**Homeless Veterans Programs :
Improved Communications and
Follow-up Could Further Enhance
the Grant and Per Diem Program :**
**Report to the Chairman, Committee
on Veterans' Affairs, House of
Representatives** / United States.
Publisher Washington, D.C. : U.S.
Govt. Accountability Office,
Call Number: HV 4505 U565 2006

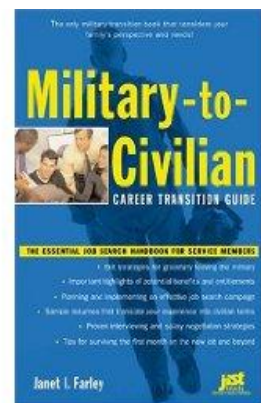
**Military-to-Civilian Career
Transition Guide : The Essential Job
Search Handbook for Service
Members** / Farley, Janet I.
Call Number: HF 5384 F37 2005 c.1

**Military Transition to Civilian
Success : The Complete Guide for
Veterans and Their Families** /
Krannich, Ronald L.
Call Number: UB 357 K72 2006

**Haunted by Combat :
Understanding PTSD in War
Veterans : Including Women,
Reservists, and Those Coming Back
from Iraq** / Paulson, Daryl S.,
Call Number: RC 552 P67 P38 2007



**Alive Day Memories Home From
Iraq** / HBO Documentary Films in
association with Attaboy Films
presents; produced by Ellen
Goosenberg Kent; directed by Jon
Alpert and Ellen Goosenberg Kent.--
United States : Home Box Office
Call Number: DS 79.76 A3938 2007
(DVD)



**The Adult Student's Guide to
Survival & Success** / Siebert, Al.
Call Number: LB 2343.32 S556 2008

Library of Congress Classification System

A	General works
B	Philosophy; psychology; religion
C	Auxiliary sciences of history
D	History: General and Old World
E-F	History: America
G	Geography; anthropology; recreation
H	Social sciences
J	Political science
K	Law
L	Education
M	Music and books on music
N	Fine arts
P	Languages and Literature
Q	Science
R	Medicine
S	Agriculture
T	Technology
U	Military science
V	Naval science
Z	Library sciences

Most library users who come into the library have probably never thought about why they are able to retrieve information so easily. Books, pamphlets, reports, and other items are usually located via the online public access catalog, call numbers are written down, and then the material is located on the shelf. Before that occurs, though, many other things happen to allow for easy access.

Like many academic libraries in the United States and throughout the world, the library at Western TC uses the Library of Congress Classification (LCC) to identify, describe, and access its resources. Developed during the late nineteenth century and early twentieth century, LCC basically divides all bodies of knowledge into twenty-one major classes, each

identified by a single letter of the alphabet, and then subdivided additionally by various letter combinations and spans of numbers to represent subclasses. Briefly stated, H represents the Social Sciences, K Law, L Education, R Medicine, etc. The end result is an organized and systematic approach to cataloging materials.

Too much information and detail? The bottom line is that the reason you find information quickly and efficiently is because of the complexity, yet logical nature, of the system. But, just in case you can't find resources fast enough, please let us know. Library staff is here to assist you with finding articles, navigating through electronic resources, general research questions, and we are here to help you locate material on our shelves, if needed.

Social History of the United States



Library staff is pleased to announce the acquisition of the *Social History of the United States*. The ten volume reference work covers the entire 20th century from start to finish. Each volume examines a specific decade in detail, exploring a variety of major issues and themes in American life.

From both world wars, to the Vietnam War, Persian Gulf War, and the Culture Wars involving such issues as abortion, affirmative action, and gay rights, *Social History of the United States* offers unique perspectives. Written by well-known scholars in the field of social history, the work provides an abundance of information on key individuals in 20th century U.S. history and on ordinary citizens who lived during these time periods.

Replete with decade-long timelines,

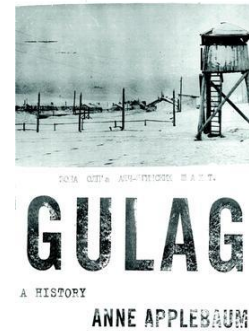
special tables, graphics, and a variety of other statistical data, *Social History of the United States* is an excellent source for students doing research projects, faculty in their course preparations, and the casual reader needing basic information on social issues in American history. Each volume can be used to access data on key individuals or events and provide overviews of important decades. Biographical sketches at the end of each chapter enhance the overall content. Bibliographies throughout the ten volume set include references to many electronic sources and assist researchers in gathering additional material on various topics.

Social History of the United States was published by ABC-CLIO in 2009 and is located in the Reference Area in the library.

Gulag Exhibit in the Library

The Gulag, or Soviet system of forced labor camps, will be depicted via a panel display from March 5-25 in the Western Technical College Library. Gulag, "History of a Camp," exhibit is presented by the Midwest Institute for International & Intercultural Education and the Gulag Museum at Perm-36. The exhibit is sponsored by the

Diversity Taskforce at Western. Viewing is free and open to all Western TC students, faculty, staff, and the general public. Various informational materials pertaining to the Gulag will be available starting March 6 at the Circulation Desk in the Library.



Gulag : A History / Anne Applebaum
HV 8964 S65 A67 2003r:

Saturday Library Hours

All services available Monday through Friday are provided to students, faculty, staff, and the campus community on Saturdays. Hours of operation are 9am – 1pm throughout the fall and spring terms, except during holiday weekends. A library assistant at the Circulation Area and a WS student stationed in the Computer Lab Area address a variety of customer needs.

As the midterm of the spring semester approaches, please advise your

students, colleagues, and other library users about these weekend hours. Although most students have classes Monday through Thursday, many individuals take advantage of our weekend schedule to complete assignments, participate in group study projects, and use the Computer Lab. It's also a good opportunity to benefit from all of the services the library has to offer such as a good collection of leisure reading materials, quiet study areas, and an abundance of electronic resources.

LexisNexis Academic

LexisNexis Academic has once again been added to our list of electronic resources. Containing more than 6,000 sources from throughout the world, the resource is valuable to researchers looking for information on current

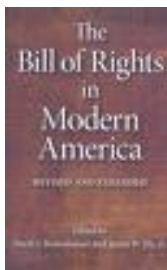
news, business, and legal issues. The database can be located within the Library website under the Informational Databases link and is available to students both on and off campus.



Diversity Resources

Gay life and Culture : A World History / edited by Robert Aldrich
HQ 76 G329 2006

The Bill of Rights in Modern America / edited by David J. Bodenhamer and James W. Ely, Jr.
KF 4550 A2 B49 2008



Long Time, No See / Beth Finke
HV 1792 F56 A3 2003

Anti-Semitism : A History and Psychoanalysis of Contemporary Hatred / Avner Falk
DS 145 F353 2008

And Justice for All : The United States Commission on Civil Rights and the Continuing Struggle for Freedom in America / Mary Frances Berry
JC 599 U5 B45 2009

Interviewing Clients Across Cultures : A Practitioner's Guide / Lisa Aronson Fontes.
BF 637 I5 F67 2008

Witnessing Whiteness : First Steps Toward an Antiracist Practice and Culture / Shelly Tochluk
E 184 A1 T63 2008

Rigging the Game : How Inequality is Reproduced in Everyday Life / Michael Schwalbe
HM 821 S25 2008

In Search of the Black Fantastic : Politics and Popular Culture in the Post-Civil Rights Era / Richard Iton.
E 185.625 I76 2008

Affirmative Action / Justin Karr, book editor.
JK 766.4 A44 2008

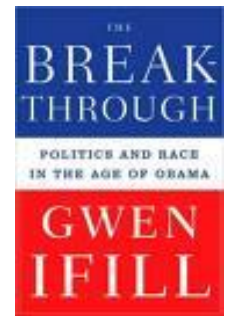


Working with Cultural Differences : Dealing Effectively with Diversity in the Workplace / Richard Brislin
HF 5549.5 M5 B74 2008

Social History of the United States
9 volumes, 1900s-1990s
ref HN 57

Navigating Diversity : An Advocate's Guide Through the Maze of Race, Gender, Religion and More / Patty Bates-Ballard and Gregory Smith
HM 1271 B356 2008

Race : A History Beyond Black and White / Marc Aronson
HT 1507 A76 2007



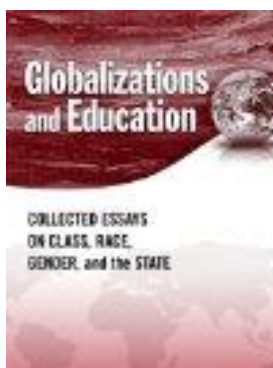
The Breakthrough : Politics and Race in the Age of Obama / by Gwen Ifill
E 185.615 I34 2009

Women in Business : The Changing Face of Leadership / Patricia Werhane ... [et al.]
HD 6054.3 W636 2007

Hidden Talent : How Leading Companies Hire, Retain, and Benefit From People with Disabilities / edited by Mark L. Lengnick-Hall
HD 7256 U5 H53 2007

Educating Individuals with Disabilities : IDEIA 2004 and Beyond / Elena L. Grigorenko, editor
LC 4031 E3852 2008

Playing with the Boys : Why Separate is Not Equal in Sports / Eileen McDonagh and Laura Pappano
GV 706.5 M3673 2008

Diversity Resources, cont.

Through Deaf Eyes [videorecording (DVD)] / a film by Lawrence Hott and Diane Garey ; written by Ken Chowder
HV 2530 T47 2007

Discounted Dreams [videorecording] : High Hopes and Harsh Realities at America's Community Colleges / produced by Learning Matters, Inc
LB 2328.15 U6 D57 2007

What's Race Got to Do with It? [videorecording] / California Newsreel presents ; written, directed and produced by Jean Cheng
LC 1099.3 W46 2006

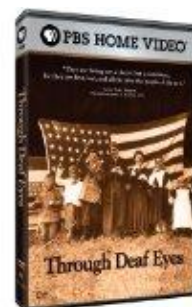
Discrimination / Lauri S. Friedman, book editor.
HN 90 S6 D57 2008

Globalizations and Education : Collected Essays on Class, Race, Gender, and the State / Carlos Alberto Torres ; foreword by Michael W. Apple ; afterword by Pedro Demo
LC 191 T578 2009

Color and Money : How Rich White Kids are Winning the War Over College Affirmative Action / Peter Schmidt
LC 213.52 S35 2007

Encyclopedia of American Indian Literature / Alan Velie, Jennifer McClinton-Temple
Ref PS 153 I52 E53 2007

DVDs



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We're on the Web!

See us at:

westerntc.edu/library

Walk to Wellness

Mayo Clinic's upcoming Walk to Wellness is an on-line walking campaign that is designed to help you dedicate fitness walking to your daily routine. The program strives to raise awareness of the importance of physical activity and to help people take action by dedicating time to physical activity each week.

The program features tracking steps or minutes of walking and offers individual or group participation. The program also provides walking resources, tracking tools, weekly motivational e-mails, and incentives.

All regular Western employees who are eligible for health benefits (regardless if they choose to be on the health plan or not), their spouses, and Western retirees and their spouses are all eligible to participate.

The enrollment period for Walk to Wellness is March 23rd to March 31st. The event dates begin April 1st and run through April 28th.



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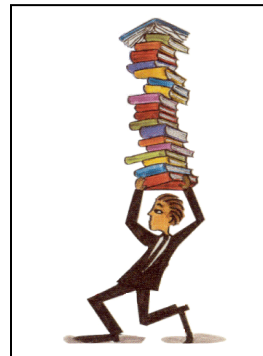
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Computer Lab
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Library Hours:

Monday – Thursday

7:30 a.m. – 8 p.m.

Friday

7:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Saturday

9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Sunday closed

Any modifications to the above will be posted in advance