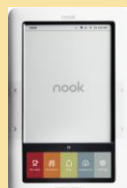


“Knowledge is of no value unless you put it into practice.”

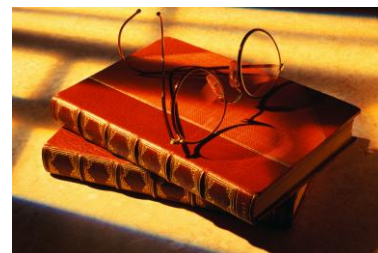
~Anton Chekhov

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From the Director

NOOKS OR BOOKS?

Periodically, I get asked if the end is near for the printed book. Isn't everything electronically available to students, anyways? Don't all students have Nooks? Why do we still need books since students use their computers? My general feeling is that Lambeau Field will have a dome before print books vanish completely.

So why do we continue to acquire books for our library users. There are many reasons, but here are just a few.

First, not all print books have been converted to electronic format. Academic librarians, seeking to acquire electronic books that support most academic programs on campus, often find it challenging finding ebook packages that can achieve this outcome.

Many Western students, and faculty as well, take advantage of our Interlibrary Loan (ILL) service. If books are not owned by Western Library, our library users often request the item from another institution via ILL. Ebooks don't allow for that option at this point in time. Academic libraries usually buy collections of ebooks since that is the way they are offered by vendors, as collections. Those vendors who supply ebook collections normally don't allow for the transfer of individual items.

When you check out a print book it's as simple as going to the shelf, retrieving the item, and checking out the book. With ebooks the process is a little more challenging. The more platforms you purchase or lease, the more the rules and

restrictions change regarding usage. Some platforms allow you to download the ebook, while others don't. Some allow the user to print, while others place restrictions on the number of pages.

Although there are various procedures involved with purchasing books in print, the rule of thumb is that once you buy it, you own it. Academic libraries subscribe to ebook collections in compliance with vendor contracts. Once their subscriptions are up, unless renewed, the ebooks you had access to, can disappear. A faculty member who used the material three months ago to create curriculum or conduct research, may not find it there later if the subscription is not renewed or the collection changes.

Finally, the varied formats of ebooks can pose problems when citing material for a research paper. Kindles and Nooks often display the same text on different pages. Unlike print material, there are no fixed pages. Factor in other devices that may change font size of the same work and the situation becomes more problematic when trying to follow course assignments that require using a particular citation style with correct pagination.

Library staff will continue to acquire ebooks, but until it becomes more cost-effective and standards are more uniform, the proliferation of ebooks may take some time.

Ronald G. Edwards

Up Close & Personal

Name: Nicki McCallson

Position: Technical Assistant - General Studies

Years at Western: 6 Years

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What's the most exciting and/or challenging aspect of your job?

The most challenging and exciting thing about my job is scheduling. I enjoy a challenge and figuring out the puzzles. Putting all the pieces together while scheduling General Studies courses to fit into program schedules all while following the contract language to create instructor schedules is a challenge, but a challenge I enjoy.

How long have you been in your current position?

I have been in my current position since May (8 months). I am still learning, but I'm starting to feel comfortable in the processes at least. Prior to this position, I worked front-line in the General Studies office for about 3 years. My previous position taught me a lot of things about our courses, division, and the college as a whole that have really helped me out in my current job.

What's the primary focus of General Studies and how does it impact other areas on campus?

The General Studies Division has an impact on all Western students. What other division has students in their courses from every program in the college? We schedule courses that students can take around their program classes to earn their degree within two years.

What is the event you remember most since you've been at Western?

I would have to say probably the addition of the Welcome Center. It was quite the change going from having all of the main offices (Business Office, Cashier, Registration, Financial Aid, etc) nearby in Coleman to having none of them in the building. We still get the lost former students that are looking for those offices that were students here years ago. They are always very surprised with how much things have changed. It was a good change and seems to be working well for students.

Name something you'd like to share that many people may not know about you.

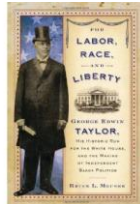
I grew up on a dairy farm, where I lived for 17 years. My parents still operate the farm. I'm very much a country girl. My husband and I look forward to the day when we build a house and raise our family out in the country.

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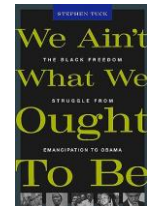
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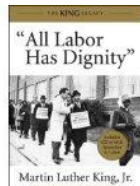
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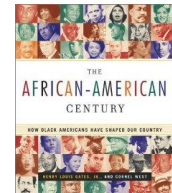
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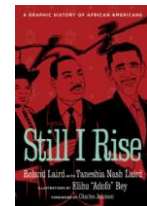
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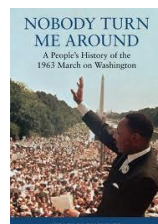
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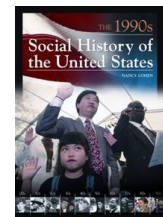
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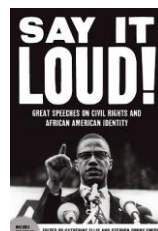
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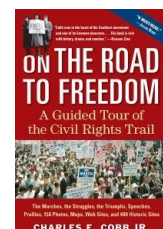
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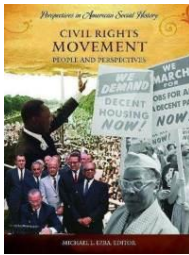
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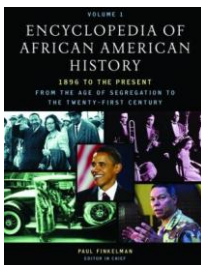
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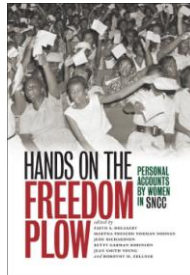


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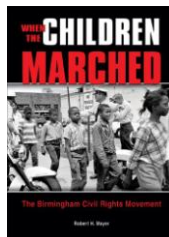


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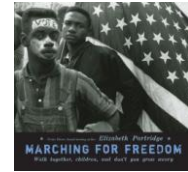
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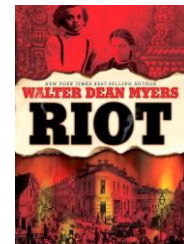


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Library Gets Greener

Western Library is greener than ever. Thanks to the efforts of Joyce Cielecki, Landscape Design Instructor, and the students from her fall semester Interiorscaping class, a variety of plants now adorn Western Library. The students braved the elements during our blustering winter months, transported the plants across the street, and arranged the plants throughout the Library. Library staff would additionally like to thank Pete Bemis, Landscape Design, who collaborated with the Director of Library Services to “plant the seed” for this project.

If you haven't visited Western Library lately, library staff encourages you to come and see the new presentations. We have received a number of positive comments regarding the new greenery. Students in particular have indicated that the plants have added to the already positive atmosphere of Western Library. The plants are also consistent with the College's sustainability efforts.

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“Knowing is not enough; we must apply. Willing is not enough; we must do.”

~Johann Wolfgang von Goethe

Inside Libraries

Physical Space

In addition to collecting and organizing quality electronic and printed resources to help you meet your academic, research, and personal goals, Western Library provides a comfortable environment for you to study, network, and share with your friends and colleagues. With high ceilings yielding natural light and oversized, comfy chairs, consider enjoying some time in your campus library.

The past semester has seen a number of cosmetic and practical improvements. Theater-style brass posts and velvet ropes grace the entrance of the library. These replace the wood-and-plastic set-up with a sturdier, more attractive guide as you pass through our gates. New signage on our stacks more clearly indicates which collections are held on a given set of shelves. We've even included these sleek, modern designs on the rear side of our circulating collection. No more getting lost in the stacks!

These and other changes small and large help keep Western Library a vibrant location for you to focus on your studies

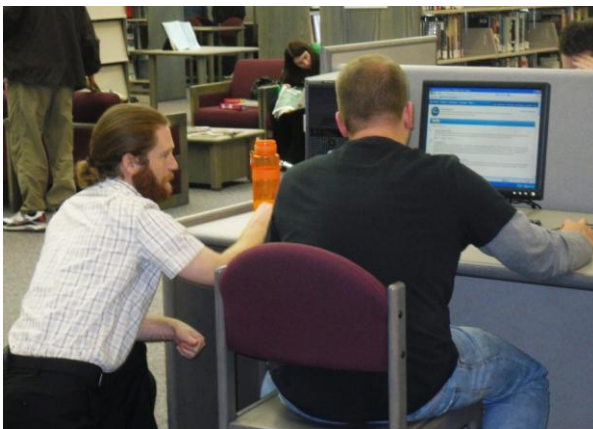
and work. Other behind-the-scene actions keep the library appealing: the custodial staff does a wonderful job of keeping the place clean. Also, our student workers help keep the books orderly and tables clean.

A library is a constantly changing beast, and it's not just the information and the mediums of transfer; it's the building and the computers and furniture and everything else that makes a library a library. We strive to give you the tools and resources you need to be successful. That includes keeping our physical space inviting and conducive to knowledge development and the sharing of ideas.

Come spend some time in your library, and let us know what you think!

S.W.

Got a question about a library term or how libraries work? Contact us at libraryreference@westerntc.edu. We'll do our best to provide answers to your burning questions!



"Information is not knowledge."

~Friedrich Nietzsche

Finding the Answer Fast



You're involved in some research project. You require the latest, scholarly, full text information available. You want that edge for the upcoming meeting and want to impress. Maybe it's connected to an assignment you just gave your students. Or possibly it's just because you desire credible information.

So where do you start, where do you go, what amount of information is available, and how much will it cost? The answer is simple. You start with a variety of electronic resources at Western Library, access an abundance of data, and it's all free (printing not included).

Western Library owns a plethora of print material, including journals, reports, and books, but thousands of full text journals and other electronic resources are there for the taking. Although many journals go back a couple of decades, an array of material go back much further. If you're looking for information pertaining to marketing, educational leadership,

medicine, dentistry, the environment, management, or veterinary medicine, Western Library probably has what you need. Here's just a snapshot!



Greenfile

A multidisciplinary database comprised of scholarly and general interest titles that examines the human relationship and the environment.

LexisNexis

Access to over 6,000 full text news, business, and legal publications.

Opposing Viewpoints in Context

Pro and con viewpoints addressing social issues from stem cell research, to gun control, racism, birth control, and terrorism.

ProQuest Nursing Journals and Allied Health

Nursing journals, dissertations, and evidenced based resources.

CREDO Reference

Dictionaries, encyclopedias, atlases, biographies, and quotations covering a spectrum of disciplines.

Academic Search Premier

A multidisciplinary database with more than 4,600 full text journals with PDF backfiles to 1975 and beyond for some publications.

The above databases represent a mixture of various resources maintained at Western Library. For additional information, please consult with library staff.

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Native American Web Sites

Are you looking for some basic information concerning Native Americans? Does your question pertain to tribal history, health issues, or genealogy? Although many other sites exist, here are just a few that will get you started.

Don't forget, Western Library has an assortment of books and electronic journal articles that should also be useful in doing your research or leisure reading.



www.aihec.org

The American Indian Higher Education Consortium (AIHEC) is comprised of the nation's Tribal colleges and Universities and serves to provide opportunities in higher education for American Indians. The site contains information on programs and resources regarding higher education.

www.americanhealth.nlm.nih.gov

A health and medical resource that provides information on various health topics, tribal information and traditions, programs and services and research and data regarding American Indians

www.indians.org/Resource/resource.html

The American Indian Resource Directory lists information on administrative tribal contacts, cultural information, and other relevant links.

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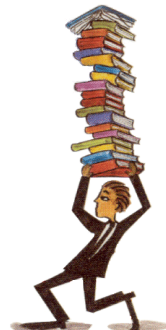
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