

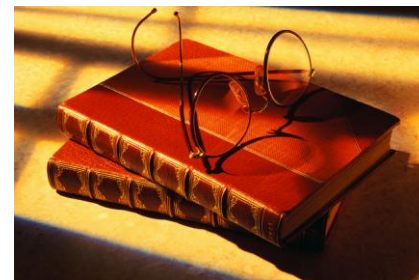
*Books are lighthouses
erected in the great
sea of time.*

- Edwin P. Whipple

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From the Director

Welcome to Western Library! Western Library's mission is to develop, promote, sustain, and transform a library that provides easy access to information in support of a technical college education, teaching, scholarship, and research. To accomplish these goals, library staff develop effective information literacy programs, maintain a user-focused public service philosophy, acquire appropriate information resources and technology, and support the teaching and learning environment by ensuring quality services. Fall 2009 exemplifies this commitment through a number of initiatives.

First, Western Library staff is pleased to announce and unveil a new Integrated Library System (ILS) and its participation in the WISPALS Library Consortium. This new venture provides member libraries shared access to information resources, electronic databases, an ILS, and other services and technology at reduced costs. It also promotes the better exchange of ideas, as well as providing a link between member libraries and other library organizations. The Consortium will align Western TC with ten other technical colleges in WTCS. The new system will be exciting for all

of our library users since it incorporates many advantages that allow for easier access and future enhancements.

Our library computer lab has gotten better. All of the previous PC's in the lab have been replaced with new Dell flat panel display 19" computers complete with DVD/CD players and other extras. Faster and bigger are the operative words. Likewise, the same level of quality assistance will remain in response to a variety of customer needs.

Finally, our desire to provide excellent library instruction to meet user demand will remain constant. Class-related instruction, workshops, tours, and one-on-one sessions will be conducted. A new online form to schedule your library instruction sessions will be available during the fall semester.

This coming academic year will bring a variety of changes to Western Library, but our commitment to providing quality service will remain.

Ronald G. Edwards
Director of Library Services

Newsletter Feature: Public Safety Training Center – Sparta

by Patrick Fisher



We are a program specific campus that offers training in Criminal Justice, Fire Protection, and Emergency Medical Services (EMS) programs. As a result we offer classes that apply to degree and certificate programs. We also offer recertification courses for persons who work in the respective disciplines throughout the year. This provides a number of opportunities for public safety personnel in our district and for those who wish to enter any aspect of public safety. The training center is active on a year-round basis. We offer college courses during the regular school year and offer a full-time law enforcement academy during the summer semester. Advanced and specialized classes in all disciplines are also offered on a year-round basis.

The current facilities, which are located on Hwy. 21 east of Sparta, have been an active training facility for approximately 10 years. We are an interactive facility, in that the students have the opportunity to train with much of the same equipment that they would use on the job. This includes the use of emergency vehicles, the ability to confront actual fires, and making decisions involving persons who are armed and are threats to the community. The training is as realistic as possible without putting the students in harms way.

Criminal Justice Periodicals Index

Want access to current and important information on criminal justice issues, law enforcement, corrections administration, family law, industrial security, rehabilitation, and a variety of other related topics? With abstracting and indexing to over 250 titles, and more than 100 available in full-text, ***Criminal Justice Periodicals Index (CJPI)*** should be seriously considered. In addition, full image and text+graphics are interspersed throughout.

CJPI titles include the American Journal of Criminal Justice, International Journal of Legal Medicine, Journal of Criminal Law & Criminology, Journal of Forensic Sciences, Journal of Law & Education, and many more. Although primarily for faculty and

We also are in partnership with Ft. McCoy and have a training site at the fort. It is utilized during the year by both fire protection and law enforcement personnel for continuing and advanced training. For several years we have partnered with the military during their specialized summer exercises. We also provide training for several federal agencies that maintain offices within our district.

Currently we provide training to: 68 law enforcement agencies, 63 full-time and volunteer fire departments, 21 full and part-time ambulance services and 35 first responder organizations. A plan is in place to add additional classrooms and lab space to the existing facilities to address the expanding needs of our customers. We also hope for more partnerships with Business and Industry, and the ability to provide safety training for entities in the private sector.

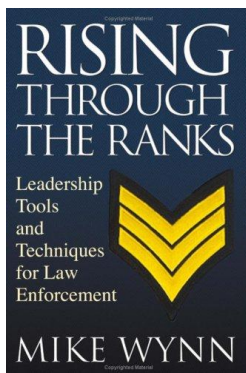
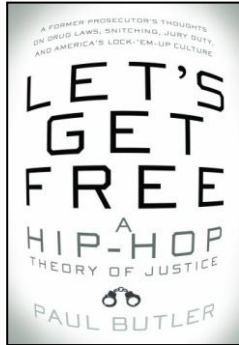
We would welcome all of you that haven't visited the Public Safety Training Center to come by and tour the facility. The staff, which is made up by persons who have worked in their respective disciplines, would be glad to explain what their programs have to offer.

students pursuing careers or involved in the aforementioned areas, the database has an abundance of articles that will prove useful to anyone conducting research in these related fields.

CJPI is one of many new resources recently added to the library's electronic collection of journals and library staff is excited to offer it to our library users. If you require assistance in accessing ***CJPI*** or navigating through it, please let library staff know.

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Resources: Public Safety Training Center



Criminal justice / David Haugen and Susan Musser, book editors.
HV 8141 C67 2009

Let's get free : a hip-hop theory of justice / Paul Butler.
KF9223 .B88 2009

M.E.T.T.L.E. : mental toughness training for law enforcement / Laurence Miller
HV 7923 M55 2008

Constitutional police procedure : an instructional dialogue written expressly for the law enforcement officer / Michael A. Petrillo.
KF 9619.85 P48 2008

Discovering careers for your future : law enforcement
Ferguson Publishing
HV 9950 D597 2008

The everything guide to careers in law enforcement : a complete handbook to an exciting and rewarding life of service / Paul D. Bagley.
HV 8143 B34 2007

Journals/Magazines In Print

EMERGENCY MEDICINE
Emergency Medical Services
EMS Professionals
JEMS (Journal Of Emergency Medicine)

FIRE PROTECTION
Dispatcher
Fire Chief
Fire Engineering
Fire-rescue magazine
Wildland Firefighter

Police vehicular pursuits : constitutionality, liability and negligence / by Wendy L. Hicks.
KF 1307 H53 2007

Rising through the ranks : leadership tools and techniques for law enforcement / Michael Wynn.
HV 7935 W96 2008

Technology and law enforcement : from gumshoe to gamma rays / Robert L. Snow ; foreword by Raymond E. Foster.
HV 7936 E7 S56 2007

Just the facts : investigative report writing / Michael Biggs.
HV 7936 R53 B54 2008

First response to victims of crime / a guidebook for law enforcement officers
Electronic Books, Documents, Databases, and Websites

Privacy on the line : the politics of wiretapping and encryption / Whitfield Diffie, Susan Landau.
UB 256 U6 D54 2007

EMS and first responders key terms / compiled by Richard J. Lapierre
RC 86.3 L313 2008

CRIMINAL JUSTICE
Corrections Today
Dispatcher
Law And Order
Law Officer
Police Chief

Western Library Joins Statewide Consortium

Organized in 1989 by three of the colleges in the Wisconsin Technical College System (WTCS), the Wisconsin Project for Automated Libraries (WISPALS) now has Western Technical College as its newest member. Besides Western TC, other technical colleges involved include Chippewa Valley TC, Fox Valley TC, Gateway TC, Lakeshore TC, Mid-State TC, Moraine Park TC, Northcentral TC, Northeast Wisconsin TC, Waukesha County TC and Wisconsin Indianhead TC. Western becomes its eleventh member.

Western's affiliation with the WISPALS Library Consortium provides an array of benefits to library users. In addition to affording students, faculty, and staff shared access to a library automation system, information resources, electronic periodical databases, and a variety of services at reduced costs, it encourages the exchange of ideas across the WTCS. Western's connection to WISPALS also helps to bridge the gap between various local, state, and national library organizations and vendors. Group licensing of information management products, discounted database subscriptions,

consortium-wide purchasing ventures, joint staff development, and group licensing of electronic reserves systems reflect just a handful of long-term advantages.

Highlighting the benefits of this alignment with the WISPALS Library Consortium is the new Integrated Library System (ILS). Although many of the features such as cataloging, acquisitions, and circulation functions may appear inconspicuous to the library user, it is the ILS that provides our constituents easy access to materials in a timely fashion. Besides using the same system at most of the technical college libraries in Wisconsin, similar software is used by the UW System libraries as well. This should go a long way in allowing for the seamless transition of students who may end up transferring to one of many UW schools in the state.

Finally, Consortium involvement increases efficiency regarding the overall communication process because of its collaborative nature. Improved technology, available as a result of the commitment to the WISPALS Library Consortium, is now the way we do business. The



WISPALS website includes web 2.0 technologies, including a wiki, blog, and various discussion forums. Regular system upgrades are now the norm providing members with an up-to-date Online Public Access Catalog (OPAC) that allows for more customization.

Library staff hope you enjoy the new ILS and are optimistic it will meet your needs and beyond. Our commitment to the Consortium is ongoing and ambitious, just as our commitment is to providing quality customer service and resources.

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New Online Form

Western Library is pleased to announce a new online form whereby faculty may request a Library Instruction session for their classes. This form can be found at the Library homepage: www.westerntc.edu/library

Simply fill out the form and submit it any time you want: 24 hours a day,

seven days a week, and completely online. A librarian will then respond in a timely manner to confirm your request and gather any extra information that will help us meet your needs. Of course, you can still contact us with your instruction requests via phone, email, or in person.

Western Library: working hard to give you the tools, resources, and services you need!

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Saturday Library Hours - Fall/Spring Terms



libraryreference@westernnc.edu

Library hours on Saturdays during the 2009-10 Fall/Spring terms will be from 11am – 3pm. A library assistant will be available to help library users with their circulation needs, general informational questions, and other inquiries. The library computer lab will be open with assistance also available. If you have any questions about additional services or resources, please call 608-785-9142.

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Library Computer Lab Enhanced

Besides implementing a new Integrated Library System (ILS), acquiring new electronic resources, expanding services, and making various cosmetic changes in the library, the Library Computer Lab underwent some essential upgrades and enhancements during the summer months.

Forty new Dell computer systems were installed each with a variety of updated features. Previous 17" screens were replaced with 19" flat panel displays. Other hardware included DVD/CD players, 320 GB SATA hard drives, and Intel onboard video controllers. Software installed consisted of Windows XP Professional SP3 and various program related software requested by such areas as Nursing and Radiography. Five Mac workstations

complement the PC's all located in the Lab. From all early indications, hardware and software enhancements have been well-received.

For your convenience, Library Computer Lab hours are the same as the Library Circulation and Reference areas. A Library Technician is available in the Lab during the days with work study students staffing the area during the late afternoon, evening, and Saturday hours.

If you should have questions or require clarification about the Library Computer Lab, let us know by telephoning Charlie Callan at 608-789-6145 or callanc@westernnc.edu.

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Inside Libraries

The next time you visit the Western Library homepage, click the link “Western Catalog.” If you’ve accessed our catalog in years prior, you’ll notice that it’s got a new look-and-feel. That’s because we’ve upgraded!

You might hear this catalog referred to as a few different things: WebVoyagé, ILS (Integrated Library System), OPAC (Online Public Access Catalog). While there are semantic differences between the systems these names represent, all you, the end user, really need to remember is that these names refer to our catalog.

Just what is a catalog? In general, a catalog is a representation of the items a library *owns*. The Western catalog lists the books, reserve materials, DVDs, periodicals, and other resources we’ve purchased for your use. Sometimes a catalog will list a few of the items a library can *access* but doesn’t own. For example, Western has a subscription to a suite of eBooks from NetLibrary. These can be identified in and accessed through the Western catalog. We also include a number of websites we’ve judged as useful to Western patrons. However, these are exceptions; catalogs are

populated mostly with items *owned* by a library.

Each library, whether it is public, academic, or special, has its own catalog specific to its collections. Our catalog is unique: no other institution’s catalog lists exclusively the holdings of our library. Sometimes a consortium of libraries will create a shared catalog. Western Library is part of the WISPALS consortium. WISPALS maintains a catalog that lists the items owned by all its member institutions, including Western.

So, take a few minutes to browse our new catalog. Use your favorite research area as a test search to see what materials Western Library has purchased for you! If you have questions about how to use our catalog or any other, stop by the library.

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!

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Career Planning Web Sites

America’s CareerInfoNet

www.acinet.org/explore/View.aspx

Career exploration is examined via various subject areas.

Bureau of Labor Statistics

www.bls.gov/oco/

Occupational Outlook Handbook online version explores careers through an alphabetical list of occupations.

Career Planner.com

www.careerplanner.com

Job search strategies, career tests, and basic information is provided.

Quintessential Careers

www.quintcareers.com/career_planning_tips.html

The focus is on ten tips for career planning success

Free Reference Sites

In some cases, resources are only available in print or electronic format. Various resources, though, may be available in both formats. Most of the time, there is a cost associated with acquiring this information.

Well, here's the alternative we all would prefer, but sometimes are not aware of, or haven't had the opportunity or time to discover, i.e., FREE SITES.

Constitution Finder

<http://confinder.richmond.edu/index.php>

Constitutions, charters, amendments, and other related documents. Includes hundreds of countries.

globalEDGE

<http://globaledge.msu.edu>

An international business and country studies information portal. Provides access to more than 5000 Internet resources with annotations. Country profiles easily located.

Merriam-Webster Online

www.m-w.com

An online dictionary and thesaurus for English complete with audio pronunciation, etymologies, and various illustrations.

National Institutes of Health (NIH)

www.nih.gov

Offers access to the combined medical information and scientific advances of NIH's institutes and centers, including the National Center on Minority Health and Health Disparities and the National Human Genome Institute. Information can be accessed by age, group, topics, and body locations and systems, as well as institutes.

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Less Is More . . . Small Is Big

By Sandy Cahalan and Carl Thurston

Come to the Library to compare computing devices across many centuries, from ancient China to your laptop today.

The evolution of digital and analog devices are featured in a simple yet dramatic way where less is more and small is big.

The early devices are simple in design but complicated to use. The later devices are the reverse: complex in their design but simple to use.

The time line moves from digital abacuses, through two different types of slide rules, on to an early digital rotary calculator, followed by an analog aviation navigation computer. The early magnet core memory is amazingly small compared to the large silicon wafer, from which computer chips would have been cut. Finally, Intel's first family of CPUs brings us to more modern times. Collectors' dolls from Intel watch over this historic "brainpower."

Less Is More . . . Small Is Big will be on display through November 16, 2009.



TOP 10 REASONS TO USE/VISIT THE LIBRARY

- 10) It's conveniently located
- 9) It's open evenings (M-Th) and Saturdays
- 8) It's a multi-purpose facility
- 7) It has six group/individual study rooms
- 6) It's a student, faculty, staff and community resource
- 5) It has the main computer lab on campus
- 4) It provides a social venue for the Western TC community
- 3) It has 40 new PC's
- 2) It offers users access to a plethora of electronic/print resources
- 1) THERE IS NO REASON NOT TO

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Western Library Highlights 2008-09

- WISPALS Library Consortium Agreement Signed
- New Library Instruction Area Developed
- Legal Collection Relocation Completed
- Conducted New Faculty Instruction Orientation Sessions Summer 2008
- Fall 2008 General Studies Division Meeting Hosted
- Constitution Day Activities Hosted with Student Services
- Participated in NLN Accreditation Site Visit
- New Faculty Institute Orientation Spring 2009
- Gulag Exhibit/Display
- Library Newsletter "Green" Issue Published
- ABA Accreditation Site Visit Participation



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See us at:

westerntc.edu/library

Group/Individual Study Rooms

The Library has six group/individual study rooms available for students, faculty, and staff at Western. Here's a quick overview of the things you need to know if you plan on using the facility.

- Rooms accommodate from 1-6 people
- DVD player/VHS/remote/monitor are standard
- Located southeast corner of the Library
- Wireless environment
- Available during library hours

If you have additional questions, please contact the Director of Library Services.

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Library Staff:

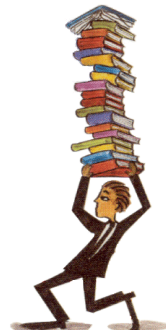
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Deborah Blum

Computer Lab
Charlie Callan



Library Hours:

Monday – Thursday

7:30 a.m. – 8 p.m.

Friday

7:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Saturday

11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Sunday closed

Any modifications to the above will be posted in advance
