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FROM THE DIRECTOR

Welcome back to campus, and to the fall term. Here at Oesterle Library we've had a busy summer, with many projects. One that bears mentioning is a six month old initiative, spearheaded by Aimee Walker, to significantly update the way we search for library information by subject. This new format allows for better identification of relevant subject specific resources, and is a major step forward for our website.

If you start at "Research by Subject" (<http://library.noctrl.edu/subject/>) and choose any one of the subjects listed, you'll see that the new format presents, in an organized manner, the library resources best suited to information research in that discipline. Searching for information using research guides ensures that you aren't missing important disciplinary databases and other resources.

The librarians will continue adding more topical research guides over time. For example, the "Guide to Ted Conover's Coyotes" has been on the library website all summer, supporting this year's summer reading selection. Individual research guides for each of the four case studies used in the new FYE 100 course are also featured on the library website.

As always, we'll keep you updated with what we're doing with this tool and other initiatives via the library blog, Oesterle Library News, on the library homepage, or at: <http://blogs.northcentralcollege.edu/library/>

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WHAT'S HAPPENING IN INSTRUCTIONAL MEDIA by Tom Gill

Over the summer, Instructional Media completed some projects that should make everyone's experience with classroom data projection much more pleasant. In the past, those wanting to connect a laptop computer to the classroom data projector had to first disconnect the desktop computer in order to use the cables for the laptop. Occasionally the desktop computer was not reconnected after class, or when it was, the desktop computer would not recognize the connection. This would often lead to problems for the next user, and numerous assistance calls to ITS and Instructional Media.

Starting this fall, connecting a laptop computer in a classroom will be fast and simple, and will not require unplugging anything (disconnecting any cable is strongly discouraged). VGA switchers have been installed in all classrooms lacking a secondary laptop computer connection (located on the wall next to the computer monitor). This switcher will sense when a laptop computer has been connected and automatically display the laptop computer signal on the data projector. Disconnecting the laptop computer from the switcher will automatically route the desktop computer to the projector.

Detailed instructions can be found on our website instruction page:
http://library.noctrl.edu/instructional_media/instructions.htm

In addition to the new laptop connections, all classroom equipment has been checked and cleaned to make certain it is in perfect running order for the start of Fall Term.

OESTERLE LIBRARY WINS TWO GRANTS

Oesterle Library was awarded two very different grants this year. “Explorations into Teaching & Learning: Peace, Conflict and Social Justice” was awarded as part of the *CARLI* (*Consortium of Academic and Research Libraries in Illinois*) “Collections Enhancement Awards Program: Collection Partnerships.” There are nine schools partnering in this award. Oesterle Library was awarded \$3,000 to develop “Peace/Justice/Conflict Issues Explored Through Children’s/ Young Adult Literature.” The library will collect both fiction and non-fiction children’s/young adult literature, focusing on social justice and human rights issues. We will focus on issues such as, but not limited to, diversity (multicultural and religious sensitivity, gender issues, etc.), human rights (homelessness, poverty, child labor, etc.) and conflict in children’s daily lives (bullying, neighborhood violence, etc.).

The library was also awarded 60 books from the Nippon Foundation’s “100 Books for Understanding Contemporary Japan” grant. The Nippon Foundation is an independent, non-profit, grant making organization that was founded in 1962. It supports projects both in Japan and overseas. It funds activities in three areas: domestic social welfare and volunteer support; maritime research and development; and overseas cooperative assistance. Through conducting these overseas activities, the Foundation has become aware that in many countries there is a lack of understanding of the true face of contemporary Japan. As a means to facilitate understanding of Japan overseas, the Foundation produced a catalogue detailing 100 carefully selected books that provide information on contemporary Japan in the English language, and began donating these books to libraries that have an interest in Japan.

Happily, Oesterle Library already owns 40 of the titles on the project list. Acquiring the remaining 60 titles enables the library to complete a unique core collection on Japan. Titles received include: *Constructing Civil Society in Japan: Voices of Environmental Movements*, *Securing Japan: Tokyo's Grand Strategy and the Future of East Asia*, *Japan's Financial Crisis: Institutional Rigidity and Reluctant Change*, *Japanamerica: How Japanese Pop Culture Has Invaded the U.S.*, *Loving the Machine: The Art and Science of Japanese Robots*, and *Five Modern Japanese Novelists*.

CIRCULATING COLLECTION SHIFTS

If you think you know exactly where to find books of a particular call number range in Oesterle Library, you may be in for a surprise this fall. Since compact shelving was installed in the Reference Room during the winter of 2008, the entire 110,769 volumes of the circulating collection has been moved!

Circulation and Reserves Assistant Heidi Kaul and her dedicated team of Library Student Assistants accomplished this Herculean task. One of the bonuses to this project was the discovery of a number of books previously thought to be missing, which had become lodged behind the book shelves.

The new numbering breakdown is:

- 000-309 west balcony
- 310-779 east balcony
- 780-999 Reference Room east

The most exciting part of the “big shift” for library staff and student assistants is that there are no longer shelves that are so crowded that there are books laying on top of the shelved books (at least for the moment!)



LIBRARY SERVICES STAFF NEWS

In June, Rosemary Henders, Instructional Services Librarian, was promoted to Librarian IV, the highest level of recognition for Oesterle librarians. This designation reflects her many contributions in the areas of service to Oesterle Library, service to the College, and professional growth and development. Rosemary is beginning her twelfth year at the library.

ARCHIVES EXHIBIT: STUDENT HOUSING AT NORTH CENTRAL COLLEGE by Kim Butler

From housing students in the tower of Old Main through the newly opened Residence Hall/Recreation Center, North Central has provided housing for students in many different buildings and styles. The fall exhibit will highlight the variety of buildings dedicated to student housing through the years through photographs and letters.



In 1870, when the College moved to Naperville, students were provided housing in Old Main, but after several years of this, the need for additional space for classrooms, offices, and organization activities outweighed housing needs. Students were obliged to find housing privately either through boarding clubs or renting rooms in homes of professors and other local families. In the mid 1920s, the College purchased two homes on Chicago Avenue (Bolton and Johnson Halls) and retrofitted it as housing for some of the female students. Next door to these, in 1928, the first residence hall (Kaufman Hall) built by the College. Just following World War II, the College again began building residence halls, this time on land recently acquired two blocks east of Old Main. Seager, Geiger, and Rall Halls were built 1955-1963 on the sites of the houses purchased in 1920s. More recent additions for student housing include Patterson and Ward Halls, the Townhomes, and the most recent, Res/Rec Center.

PHOTO CONTEST: NORTH CENTRAL IN THE WINTER

The creative photographers of Oesterle Library once again took to the streets this winter, cameras in hand, to capture “North Central in Winter.” From the array of interesting submissions, judges John Small and Tom Gill picked this snow-laden shot by Access Services Coordinator Belinda Cheek. Her inspiration? - “My real interests in photography are nature shots - mainly birds and flowers. As I was walking along Brainard Street looking for possible shots, the contrast of the heavy snow on the pine needles really attracted me. The fact that I could get the library as the back-drop was the added bonus.”

The winning photographs hang in the library’s Reference Room. The photo contest is an ongoing, seasonal event. The fall theme is “Return to North Central”



FROM THE ARCHIVES: 100 YEARS AGO THIS TERM by Kim Butler



The College has begun plans to celebrate its 150th anniversary in the 2011-2012 academic year. Leading up to this event, the College will be sharing its history through various outlets. In this column "From the Archives: 100 Years Ago This Term," Kim Butler, the College Archivist, will highlight items of interest that happened 100 years ago in the history of the College.

A Fall without Football

100 years ago the fall intercollegiate sport was... baseball and soccer!

The football craze came to North-Western College (as North Central was known until 1926) in 1897 when the College team played the Naperville Athletic Association team. 1899 saw the first season schedule and 1900 was when the first game against Wheaton was played. However, this all came to a screeching halt in 1906, when the College's Board of Trustees ruled that playing football was not compatible with "the high standards of a Christian school" and the faculty voted to abolish football and sold the equipment to a Kansas high school. North-Western was not alone in this abolishment of football, with many other institutions investigating or dropping their own programs due to the injuries to student-athletes.

Repeated efforts by the students, including signed petitions, did not result in a reinstatement of the intercollegiate football program until 1913. But, the faculty did allow the students to participate in football through the intramural program and that is what is highlighted in this page from the November 1909 issue of the Chronicle. The College has had football nearly continuously since 1913, with only wartime interruptions.

In December 2008, the Archives had the North Central College Chronicle converted into a digital format for increased accessibility. For the first time ever, the Chronicle is now keyword searchable and delivered via the web site: <https://www.arcasearch.com/us/nc/>

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