



# Library Currents

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## THE DIRECTOR'S CORNER

By Amelia Klem Osterud  
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Welcome back. There have been many changes in the library in the past few years and there have been a few big ones this summer. As you know, Dr. Lelan McLemore retired as library director and professor of politics after 40 years at Carroll, with the past 15 in the library. I've stepped in as interim library director, and Karla Strand, our reference, instruction and diversity librarian, is now the interim associate director.

If you don't know me, I'm the librarian with all the tattoos who used to send you overdue notices. I say "used to" because Brittany Larson, who was previously the Supplemental Instruction director, is now in charge of circulation, so you will be getting friendly overdue notices from her.

In addition to my new responsibilities, I have moved upstairs to the second floor and am overseeing the archives, which gets me back to my roots. My background is in archives and special collections, and I'm thrilled to be working in that capacity again. If you've ever had me talk to your history class about my research into historic tattooed women, you'll know that I love working with old documents and books. I encourage you to stop up to the archives and see what interesting things we have on Carroll history, or check out our historical digital collections online, which now include more than 100 years of Carroll student newspapers.

In addition to staffing changes, we've made a few other noticeable changes we think students, faculty and staff will appreciate. We added six computers to the Information Commons in the area near the research assistance desk. We got a new circulation desk. The previous desk was actually original to the library, which was built in 1942, and, as you can imagine, there have been many changes in both technology and library circulation since then. We think the new desk will be an improvement for library services, in addition to being attractive and easier for our staff to work at. The new desk also accommodates our circulating iPads, with room for change as technology inevitably changes.

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## And old friend goes back home

By Sue Riehl  
Public and Technical Services Librarian

If you are a newspaper reader, every so often you will see a blurb concerning the return of a library book many years after it was checked out. Apparently, the Carroll library is not immune to these situations. Early in July, a package was delivered to the library addressed to the library director. Inside was a 1951 Cassell's French-English dictionary that once belonged to the library's reference collection. The book included a wonderful note from the sender, Linne Thomas, a 1966 Carroll graduate. She has given permission to use her name.

Below is her original note:

*I am at a point in my life where it is time to clean some things up. I always meant to return this to you after I graduated, but it is now over 40 plus years later and I am just now returning it to you. Perhaps it has historical value? If it is any comfort, I have used it a great deal and I will miss it. I am enclosing a contribution to the library. I apologize for this very selfish act, the cost and inconvenience it caused the library.*

We were delighted to hear from Linne. It was obvious she wanted to correct a wrong. We appreciated her gesture of returning the missing dictionary to us, as well as grateful to her for the donation to the library. The immediate response from all the library staff was to thank Linne for her generosity and return the dated dictionary to her, as it appeared she valued it.

We mailed the dictionary back and again, received a response.

*Thank you for your very generous letter and for giving me the French-English dictionary. I will continue to refer to it once more. I will have no problem with you writing a short article about the return of the dictionary. I wouldn't object to you using my name, either; I deserve a little shame.*

*Thank you again for your very charitable response to my "crime."  
Yours truly,  
Linne Thomas class of 1966*

We hope Linne is exploring the French language and enjoying her French-English dictionary.

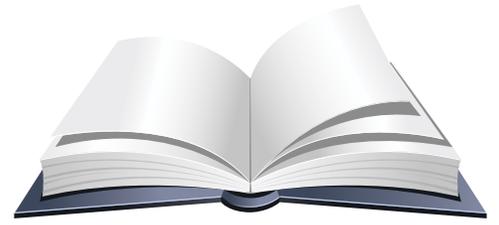
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# Circulation:

## What Comes Around, Goes Around

This summer, the Todd Wehr Memorial Library said goodbye to its old circulation desk and hello to a brand new way of checking out books.



THIS SUMMER, the library's entrance and circulation area got facelifts. Outside the building, the sidewalk from the library to Barstow St. was replaced, and the commemorative brick walkway was remodeled, giving us more green space around the building. Inside the library, the circulation desk was replaced with a new model that accommodates more computers and our circulating iPads. We think that the new circulation desk makes a great impression on people entering the library, as well as making it easier for the library's circulation staff to help you with your books and questions.



### Photos:

1. The circulation desk, 1942.
2. 2011.
3. Circulation area renovation, summer 2012.
3. Circulation area renovation, summer 2012.
5. Completed circulation area, fall 2012



## Streaming video is back

By Nancy Bennett

Electronic Resources and Systems Librarian

For those around in 2010, you might remember that the library had streaming video for humanities and social science disciplines from the Films on Demand video group, also known as Films for the Humanities. Well, we are happy to announce that once again the library is subscri-



ing to this streaming video service, but it is now bigger and better than ever. Instead of simply offering videos and video clips for

the humanities and social sciences, we are subscribing to the entire Master Academic Collection to provide support for even more academic areas.

The Master Academic Collection from Films on Demand provides more than 8,200 full-length videos and 99,500



video clips – an impressive collection already, but one that is actively managed to both increase and improve offerings. This collection covers business and economics, science and mathematics, humanities and social sciences, and health and medicine. This can no longer be called Films for the Humanities because it has grown so much bigger than that. This superb collection can be accessed from the database A-Z List under Films on Demand, but all videos/video clips will have individual records in the library catalog as well, so come browse the collection and see what piques your interest. We're sure to have something you'll enjoy.

## Ebooks at Carroll

By Nancy Bennett

Electronic Resources and Systems Librarian

The library has seen an expansion of ebooks. For several years, we have had the computers and IT collection from Ebrary, which is comprised of about 4,400 ebooks and has proven to be quite successful.



Starting in fall 2012, we will now have access to the entire Ebrary Academic Complete ebook col-

lection, which is comprised of 16 subject areas, 500 publishers and more than 77,000 ebooks. The collection is dynamic and is expected to experience a net growth of about 10 percent per year. Some disciplines will grow faster than others simply because of the type of research being done, but all disciplines are actively developed to include both established works being digitized (the oldest book was published in 1628), as well as the new born-digital generation (currently through 2011), with 99 percent published since 1990, 87 percent published since 2000 and 12 percent published since 2010.

In addition, Ebrary just announced that "Elsevier Science & Technology Books is adding more than 1,000 titles to Academic Complete. This marks the first time that these Elsevier titles, covering subjects such as mechanical engineering, chemical and process engineering, and civil engineering, as well as environmental energy and alternative energy, have ever been available under a subscription model. The titles include classics of science publishing, including some of Elsevier's most respected backlist titles."

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### Library Home Page:

[www.carrollu.edu/library](http://www.carrollu.edu/library)

### Library Mission Statement:

The mission of the library is to satisfy the informational needs of students by providing an environment that fosters academic excellence, and by providing services that help students develop the sophisticated informational skills required for lifelong learning.

## By the Numbers:

*Carole Winrich*

*Access Services Assistant and  
Circulation Manager*

Full-time library staff	9
Part-time evening/weekend staff	6
Information Commons computers	39
Collaborative workstations in the Information Commons	3
Instructional classroom computers	28
Printers	4
MFDs	2
Scanners	1
Scanning & Reading Appliance (SARA)	1
Fulfilled archival research requests in 2011-12	103
New e-books added to Ebrary collection	77,000
Visitors in 2011-12	356,926
Items circulated in 2011-12	19,602
Information Commons: average weekly visitors	508
Reading Room (quiet study): average weekly visitors	318
Instructional classroom: average weekly visitors	217
CMC: average weekly visitors	184
Second-floor study rooms: average weekly visitors	165

## Evidence-Based Medicine and the Health Science Student

By Susan Heffron

*Natural Sciences, Health Sciences & Nursing Librarian*

Rarely a day goes by without a breaking news report about new medical research that will help us stay well or get better faster. Upon hearing that news, we make a note to ask our doctor, physician assistant, nurse, physical therapist or fitness trainer whether this new medical discovery could help us.

Those medical and health care practitioners must be equipped with the skills necessary to evaluate new research and decide whether it can be applied to help their client. This is an important component to evidence-based medical practice.

In evidence-based practice, a medical or health care professional combines what he/she has learned in the classroom and through clinical experience with newly published research in a particular field to determine the best possible care for an individual client. Developing the skills needed to find, read and evaluate current medical research takes a lot of practice on the part of a health science student. That is why they must devote so many hours researching in the library and writing evaluations of the information they have uncovered. All areas of health care today are grounded in the philosophy of evidence-based practice and so is the curriculum at Carroll University. The Carroll library has first-class evidence-based medicine resources and research support for all areas of life sciences, health and movement sciences, and nursing. Please stop by the library if you are interested in learning more about these special library resources.



## Marian the Librarian

Dear Marian:

When I walk into the library, I see a monitor hanging from the ceiling. Every once in a while, there are people up there smiling down at me. Are they celebrities?

Sincerely,  
Looking for Famous Faces



*Marian the Librarian*

Dear Famous Faces,

Those are our librarians. You should stop by and say "hi." Those aren't fake smiles you see up there; they are very friendly. Each area of study at Carroll has a librarian assigned to provide support to the students and faculty. They can offer personal research assistance and you might even run into one of them teaching a research class for one of your courses. As for being famous ... well, you would have to ask them.

Sincerely,  
Marian the Librarian

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Speaking of iPads, the library now has 62 iPads and we've extended the checkout time from 24 hours to 48 hours based on student response. The iPads also now have Apple's iWork software, Pages, Numbers, and Keynote, and you can easily work on Microsoft Office files using iWork. And you can use those iPads to access our 77,000 new ebooks from Ebrary. These ebooks

cover many disciplines and can be accessed from either our library catalog Plocat or the Databases A-Z Pioguide. You can also use the iPads to watch educational films and film clips from our new database, Films on Demand, which has more than 8,900 films and 104,000 film clips. We think you will be pleased with all these changes, so stop in and let us know what you think.