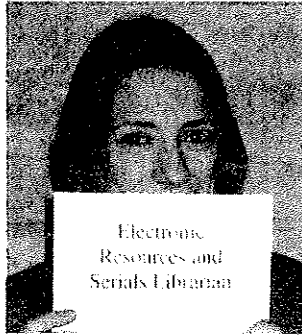


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Know your librarians



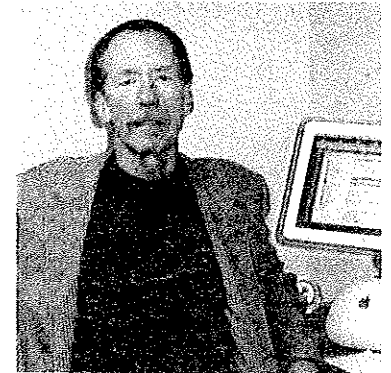
Felicia Vastalo:
Wanted for copyright challenges

Vitals:
BORN: Chicago, Illinois
YEARS AT CARROLL: 1
TITLE: Electronic resources and serials librarian
WHAT DOES THAT MEAN? She manages all of the library's database and periodical subscriptions. This includes trouble-shooting technical problems, assisting in the selection of resources and getting the bills paid. She also mans the reference desk and conducts information literacy sessions for the BAE department. Also, she helps answer copyright questions from the library staff.
LIBRARY LIAISON TO THE DEPARTMENTS OF: Business, Accounting and Economics, Communications, Computer Science and Politics
FAVORITE MOVIE: Godfather II
FAVORITE TV SHOW: Law & Order, Queer Eye for the Straight Guy
FAVORITE BOOK: Pride and Prejudice
FAVORITE FOOD: Anything in the carbohydrate family
FAVORITE CONCERT: U2 Popmart show in 1997
PETS: One goldfish
HOBBIES: Reading (big surprise), cooking, spending time with friends and family, auctions
PET PEEVES: Drivers who don't use their turn signals
A.K.A.: Lee

FROM THE DIRECTOR Liaison program serves college mission

By Lelan McLemore

Librarians do many things, but two are at the forefront: they work to develop a collection of books, periodicals and databases that serve students needs, and they teach students how to find, use and evaluate information. The more librarians know about academic programs and the informational needs of students, the more effectively they can do these things. It was for this reason that the library liaison program was created in 1998. This program is still evolving, but it is at the heart of the library's efforts to serve the college's educational mission.



The program encourages professional librarians to expand their knowledge of a few academic programs while becoming a communication link between these programs and the library. Thus each librarian is assigned a few departments/programs. The goal is for the librarians to develop an understanding of departmental projects, programs and initiatives that have implications for the library as well as to keep faculty aware of relevant library services and materials.

For each assigned department/program, the librarian is responsible for:

1. Developing a book collection that serves courses.
2. Developing recommendations for the addition of databases and periodical subscriptions to the collection.
3. Coordinating information literacy instruction for classes.
4. Evaluating library holdings in key subject areas for breadth of coverage and currency of material.
5. Performing collection analyses for course proposals and accreditation reports.
6. Serving as an advocate for the department.
7. Serving as an advocate of the department/program to the library so that its students' needs are better represented.

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Felicia Vastalo currently heads up the library's liaison program. If you have questions about the program or suggestions for improving it, please contact Felicia or me.

Career Collection

By Carole Winrich
Circulation and student supervisor

So, have your parents asked you...

What the heck are you going to do with a major in history or philosophy or English?

The library's Career Collection holds more 160 books to help students explore career opportunities, perfect cover letters and resumes, and research "hot" jobs. Maybe Great jobs for liberal arts majors (HG5382.5 .U5 C252 2002) or Careers for book-worms & other literary types (Z471.E25 2003) will help you find the answer.

Perhaps you expect life to deliver something a little out of the ordinary. You're adventurous. You seek a noble cause. Then look to these books for guidance: Teaching English abroad (on order), So you want to join the Peace Corps (HC60.5.B34 2000), 100 Best nonprofits to work for (HD2769.2.U6 H365 1998), Lavender road to success: the career guide for the gay community (HD6285.S693 2003), Best careers for bilingual Latinos: market your fluency in Spanish to get ahead on the job (HF5382.5.U5 K455 1999)

Want to pursue a traditional route? We have books for you, too! Biology, nursing, theater, music, business, we have it all, or darn near! Carroll doesn't have too many grads looking for careers like running a bed and breakfast, Career opportunities in casinos and cruise ships, or A Hollywood Agent's Twenty Step Guide to Launching your Modeling Career. (yes, these are actual titles - I found them on amazon.com) but we do have dozens of practical guides... What Color is your Parachute, The Resume kit, Master the Miller Analogies Test, Cracking the GRE psychology test, 200 Best jobs for college graduates, I went to college for this? or How to find a scholarship online.

The Career Collection is easy to find. Just walk into the main lobby and look for the three wooden book towers in the center of the room. One tower houses the Career Collection and the other towers are dedicated to "New Books" and the Leisure Reading collection. Last year, the Career Collection was tucked away in a corner of the coffee shop, but its new tower location in the lobby has proven to be very effective. Circulation of these books has increased significantly in just a couple of months.

Some of the most popular books have been:

- Cool Careers for Dummies (10 checkouts)
- College majors and careers: a resource guide for effective life planning (10 checkouts)
- The complete resume and job search book for college students (10 checkouts)

- The 250 job interview questions you'll most likely be asked: and the answers that will get you hired! (10 checkouts)
- Gallery of best resumes: a collection of quality resume by professional resume writers (12 checkouts)

And the book checked out from the Career Collection MOST OFTEN....

- Great jobs for English majors! (14 checkouts)

If you still can't find what you're looking for, the library welcomes your suggestions. Fill out a comment card in the main lobby or go to <http://piopac.cc.edu/acquire/> to make a request, and we'll do our best to get it.

What's your style?

By Carol Brill
Instructional Services Librarian

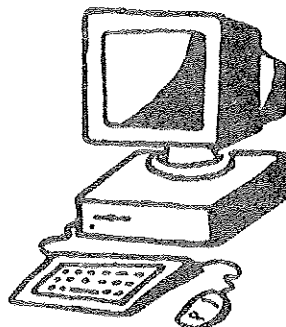
What's your style? Learning style, that is. We learn in different ways and many of us use several different learning styles as we process information and learn. Some people are visual learners, others are kinesthetic or tactile learners. Some people like to learn by reading. Others prefer to have new concepts explained orally, or to have them demonstrated. Others learn best when they experiment directly with new concepts. In instruction at the library, we try to address a variety of learning styles. We present information online, in written handouts and one-on-one with a librarian. If you attend one of our walk-in library sessions, or come to the library with a class, we will present information in a variety of ways. We'll talk with you, demonstrate ideas, ask you to work in groups, and create exercise sheets, to name a few.

If this topic interests you, here are some resources in the library you may want to check out on learning styles.

- Learning Styles and the Nursing Profession
Carroll College Catalog
(electronic resource)
- Ten best teaching practices: how brain research, learning styles, and standards define teaching competencies / Donna Walker Tileston.
LB1775.2 .T54 2000
- The Learning Styles Network at
<http://www.learningstyles.net/>

My favorite Web site: one librarian's opinion

By Linda Hartig
Reference librarian



The library staff helps students daily with their research and information needs. I hope I speak for everyone on the staff when I say that we always advise students and faculty to begin with our online catalog or the databases to which we subscribe. These two electronic tools lead us to information that 1) is organized by subject, author, title and format and 2) has been evaluated for authority and accuracy in one way or another. However, once in awhile, we need to go out into cyberspace to find information. Where do you start? Google? Yahoo?

As we are all aware, the Internet is a vast jungle to which anyone who has computer access can contribute, whether qualified or not, biased or not. There is at least one valuable starting point, however, and that is a Web site titled Librarian's Index to the Internet, which can be found at <http://lii.org>

The Librarian's Index to the Internet was initiated by the California State Library and is maintained and funded by them with additional grant funding from the Institute of Museum and Library Services. It is mounted on the Berkeley Digital Library SunSITE.

What are some advantages of starting your Internet research at this site?

1. Human knowledge, if you will, is broken down here into 14 large categories, each with smaller subdivisions, of course. These categories then become your directory.
2. Each Web site listed within the subdivisions has been evaluated for authority, currency, accuracy and bias by one or more librarians from around the country.
3. New Web sites are added each week and are featured on the front page under a "New Sites" link.

Our society today, with its "I want it now" attitude, is rapidly replacing traditional print resources with online ones, but finding good authoritative information is dependent on human evaluation. This is where lii.org has the edge over Google or Yahoo search engines.

If you still can't find what you're looking for, ask a librarian! We live for two things: helping and hunting...

REMINDER!

HOLIDAY LIBRARY HOURS:

November 26 – 7:50 a.m.-Noon
November 27, 28, 29 – Closed
November 30 – 2 p.m.-Midnight
December 20-January 4 – CLOSED

DEAR MARIAN THE LIBRARIAN,

Questions and Concerns voiced by patrons
of the Todd Wehr Memorial Library

Dear Marian,

If I am not mistaken, the library is open until midnight. Why is it then that the computer lab closes at 10 p.m.? Some students are actually working on class work! The other night, I had a paper to type, and I had to camp out until some other student finished IM-ing friends on campus. The lab simply must be open until midnight. Better yet – the library should be open 24 hours a day!

Sincerely,
Very Serious Student

Dear Serious,

You are not mistaken: regular library hours Monday through Thursday are from 7:50 a.m. to midnight. The library is open on Friday from 7:50 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturdays, the library is open from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. and on Sundays from noon to midnight. You are mistaken with one thing however: the computer lab you mention is actually the library classroom. The classroom is intended specifically for library instruction. When a librarian is not teaching, the classroom is open for students to use. The classroom's main purpose IS NOT A LAB. There is something that begs mention – there is a computer lab in New Hall! The lab is open until midnight! If you have late-night work to accomplish, the New Hall lab is the place to be! I wish to thank you for the suggestion of keeping the library open 24 hours a day. All of us in the library are flattered to be so adored that students long for our company 24 hours a day! Unfortunately, there are other things that demand our attention. The quick answer to this question is simple – NO!

Regards,
Marian

Todd Wehr Memorial Library
100 N. East Avenue
Waukesha, WI 53186

Circulation Desk: (262) 524-7175
Reference Desk: (262)650-4892
Coffee Shop: (262) 951-3006
Library Fax: (262) 524-7377

LIBRARY HOMEPAGE:
<http://marian.cc.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: 2002-03

Number of books in the library published before 1700: 15

Date of publication of the oldest book in the library: 1604

Number of new masters theses added in fiscal year 2002-03: 34

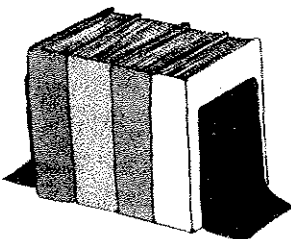
Total number full-text articles viewed in EBSCO databases, fiscal year 2002-03: 68,697

Number of videos in the library: 276

Number of DVDs in the library: 26

Number of music CDs in the library: 821

Number of leisure titles in the library: 175



What was the name of that book?

When I was much younger, I sought to build a collection of books with strange (to me) titles. I pursued this collection intermittently for a number of years, but a few too many changes of residence (books are heavy!) led me to abandon my pursuit and the collection itself. My favorite titles in the now-abandoned collection were *A History of Canadian Dentistry*, *Raising Pigeons for Fun and Profit* and a memoir of the Spanish American War entitled *The Part of Cuba that I Saw*.

I was reminded of all of this by a book I saw during the summer at an outdoor market in Bordeaux entitled *How to Speak to the Dead and Understand Their Responses* (my translation).

So what strange, bizarre book titles have you run across? A free coffee drink of your choice for the three most interestingly weird titles submitted. One submission per person. Contest ends Dec. 8, 2003. Winners will be selected by members of the library staff.

Lelan McLemore

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Books for Kids Drive

Sponsored by the Todd Wehr Memorial Library

GIVE A GIFT THAT LASTS A LIFETIME.

Donate new or gently used books or gift of money and we'll give it to the Women's Center of Waukesha

Nov. 1 - Dec. 15, 2003

Last year, we collected more than 100 books and \$150 for our book drive. We hope to surpass that number this year. Won't you help us?

HERE'S HOW YOU CAN PARTICIPATE:

1. Bring a new or gently used children's book appropriate for age's infant through teen to the library. We'll donate it to the Waukesha Women's Center for use in their transitional living homes, child and family care centers, or as gifts parents can give to their children.

Buy your favorite book or ask us for a list of suggested books.
2. Monetary gifts will also be accepted. The proceeds will be donated to the Waukesha Women's Center. Due to budget cuts, the organization's need for discretionary funds is great. Make checks out to Carroll College Library Books-For-Kids Drive.

For more information contact: Carole Winrich, cwinrich@cc.edu or 7307

SHARE THE JOY OF READING!