



Library Currents

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Do you need to talk to someone in the library about your specific subject area? Please contact your subject's library liaison any time. We are here to help.

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New technology in the library

By Karla Strand, Access Services Assistant

You'll notice some exciting new technological changes throughout the library this semester. Over the summer, ITS upgraded the computers in both the reference area and in the classroom. All of the computers in the library now have flat panel monitors and are faster than the previous models. The reference area computers are available for patrons to access the Internet, search the library's online catalog, and to access library databases. The classroom is open to the campus community when no library classes are scheduled. Above and beyond access to the Internet, these computers also provide students with software specific to various areas of study and are equipped with MS Office programs. Printing is available in both the reference area and the classroom.

As part of a campus-wide plan, the library's photocopiers were replaced by multi-function devices (MFDs). These machines offer students the ability to copy items back-to-back, staple and more. These machines are available for patron use for a nominal fee in the reference area on the main level and in the copy room on the lower level. They do look a bit different from the old machines, but they are very user-friendly and efficient. Always feel free to ask any library staff member for assistance.

The library continues to offer wireless (wi-fi) access in most areas of the building, including the Coffee Shop. The library strives to offer the Carroll community thorough and efficient access to information with up-to-date equipment, relevant software and knowledgeable staff members.

Library partners with non-profit to help the summer book weeding project

By Katie Sanders, Electronic Resources and Serials Librarian

This summer, as we were changing the location of a good portion of our collection, we decided that this was also a fine time to weed out some of the books in our collection that have become dated or have not proven useful to the Carroll College community. Once we started this search for titles to be culled, we found approximately 10,000 books in this category. Now, I bet you are wondering where those 10,000 books are going? What can you do with a 1950s book on TV repair and Windows 95 for Dummies? In the past, most of these books would have been sent to the trash and recycling bins.

This year, the library staff discovered a non-profit organization called Better World Books, which helps libraries keep books out of landfills and recycling bins. The group accepts used library books and sells the newer ones on any of several used book sites such as Amazon.com. Part of the profit from these sales will return to the local community. The Carroll library staff chose to direct a portion of these profits to the Literacy Council of Greater Waukesha. The remaining profits will go to literacy organizations Better World Books has established, namely Books for Africa and Room to Read. Also, all books the organization is unable to sell will be dispersed to schools in need around the world.

So this year, the summer house cleaning dumpster was reserved for dusty and, in some cases, moldy, unused periodicals, boxes, old insulation and the occasional neighborhood grill.

For information on Better World Books, visit <http://www.betterworldbooks.com/rtr.aspx>

Reference goes online! (Partially, anyway ...)

By Linda Hartig, Reference Librarian



This past year, both the Gale Group and Oxford University Press began to offer reference books (encyclopedias, dictionaries, handbooks) as Ebooks with ownership. This means that, unlike our article databases, we actually own the Ebook. Of course, these publishers charge a nominal fee to maintain our online access, but when the book becomes outdated, we simply quit paying the access fee, or we buy an updated edition.

Students these days seem to want to find everything online. They have grown up using the Internet and they have little patience with books – especially if they have to come into the library to get them! Publishers and librarians are aware of this, so we are working to make available online as much authoritative information as possible.... 24/7 as it were.

The Carroll library staff decided to buy four of these new reference titles in both print and online versions. With our proxy server, we will be able to count the number of times the online version is searched, but alas, we have no really solid way to count the in-house use of the printed books. This year will be a sort of test to see if students are more attracted to reference books if they are available online.

In the process of putting this article together, I discovered that we also have free online access to a few other reference titles, so the following titles are now available both in the reference book collection and online. The link to the online version will be found in our online catalog by calling up the title and looking at the full bibliographic record.

Broadcasting / Media / Communications:

The Encyclopedia of Television [Ref PN1992.18 .E53 1997 for the print]

Environmental Studies:

Encyclopedia of Global Change: Environmental Change and Human Society [Ref GE149 .E445 2002 for the print]
Encyclopedia of Water Science [Ref S494.5.W3 E54 2003 for print]

History:

Encyclopedia of the Middle Ages [Ref CB351 .D5413 2000 for the print]
Historic Documents Index [Ref E839.5 .H571 for the print, 1970-1989. Online access to 1999]
The Holocaust Chronicle [Ref D804.25 .H654 2003 for the print]
The Oxford Dictionary of the Renaissance [Ref CB361 .C27 2003 for the print]

Science:

Encyclopedia of Evolution [Ref QH360.2 .E54 2002 for the print]

Health Sciences:

The Gale Encyclopedia of Alternative Medicine [Ref R733 .G34 2005 for the print]
Nutrition and Well-being A to Z [Ref RA784 .N838 2004 for the print]

We are also awaiting the publication of the Gale Encyclopedia of Medicine, which we will purchase in print with online access, as well.

Faculty, please let your students know of these online resources and encourage their use.

Students, please be aware of these new online resources. And remember, a good reference book is the best place to start when looking for information. Reference books provide background information and terminology that will help with more in-depth research.

First Year Seminar Library sessions and tours

By Susan Heffron, Instructional Services Librarian

FYS library sessions are designed to introduce freshman students to all the information resources available to them at Carroll College. Students learn how to use the library's online catalog, and electronic databases, journals and newspapers. We discuss the importance of evaluating information resources, especially those found on the World Wide Web. This year, we will give special emphasis to the importance of protecting intellectual property, yours and everyone else's, and avoiding plagiarism. The FYS library sessions will give you the tools you need to become intelligent consumers in the information universe!

For many FYS classes, the library sessions will take place in the computer "classroom" labs in New Hall instead of the library. Our usual library tour at the beginning of the first library session will become a "virtual tour" presentation. As an alternative, the library staff invites every Carroll student and faculty member to tour the Todd Wehr Memorial library on Tuesday, Aug. 30. Tours are scheduled throughout the day beginning at 9:30 a.m. and ending at 3:30 p.m. We will show you around the building, explain our library policies and services, and make sure you receive your free Carroll College library mug.

"Hey, where are my books?" ... or ...what we did over summer vacation

Carole Winrich, Circulation and Student Supervisor

Patron traffic might be lighter in the summer, but that's when the library staff tackles some of our biggest projects. The summer of 2005 was no exception. We decided to change the layout of the book collection in a manner we think will be more logical for our patrons.

Math, computer science, physics, chemistry, biology, medicine and agriculture books (or call numbers starting with Q through TP) were moved to the west corner room on the first floor, as a continuation of the TR-Z books already in the alcove.

The social sciences, political science, law and music books (call numbers starting with H, J, K, M) are now on the first floor under the mezzanine in the Reading Room.

All education books (L) that were housed in the main collection have been incorporated into the CMC just across the aisle. It is no longer necessary for education students to look in two areas for education materials. The Carroll graduate education theses and the college yearbook, The Hinakaga, were included in this move. You will find the education theses and the Hinky on the low shelving on the left as you enter the CMC area.

We hope you will like the new arrangement and find it more convenient. As always, if you need help locating materials, please ask any library staff member.

More shelving changes will take place on second floor between fall 2005 and summer 2006. Stay tuned for these improvements.

NEW BOOK LOCATION GUIDE, SUMMER 2005

2nd Floor

- A General works and encyclopedia
- B Philosophy, religion and psychology
- C Auxiliary sciences of history (archaeology, genealogy, biography)
- D History: general and old world
- E/F History of The Western Hemisphere
- G Geography, anthropology, recreation, sports
- H-HJ Social sciences (business, statistics, economics)

1st Floor, Reading Room

- HM-HX Social sciences (sociology)
- J Political sciences and international law
- K Law (United States law)

CMC (Curriculum Materials Center)

1st Floor

- L Education* (History of, theory and methods, special aspects of)
- * All education materials (L-LT call numbers) have been incorporated into the CMC shelving. This includes Carroll education theses and the Carroll yearbook, Hinakaga.

1st Floor, Reading Room

- M Music (scores, literature of, musical instruction) recordings on CD in coffee shop
- N Fine arts (architecture, sculpture, graphic arts, painting, decorative arts); for photography see technology TRs

Mezzanine

- P Language and literature

1st Floor, southwest corner

- Q Science (mathematics, computer science, natural history, astronomy, botany, physics, zoology, chemistry, human anatomy, geology, physiology)
- R Medicine
- U Military science
- S Agriculture
- V Naval science
- T Technology
- Z Bibliography
- TR Photography

DEAR MARIAN THE LIBRARIAN,

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



Marian the Librarian

Dear Marian:

I am a junior here at Carroll College and I am still a bit confused about how to find a book I am looking for. Could you tell me an easy way to locate specific books?

Sincerely, Looking

Dear Looking:

All the books in the library are organized according to the Library of Congress classification system. This system classifies each title individually with a series of letters and numbers that make up that book's call number. The first letter of the call number represents the book's general topic, and the following letters and numbers indicate more specific information about the topic of the book. For example, if a book has a call number starting with a "Q" that means the book has something to do with one of the many areas of science. However, more specifically, if the call number begins with "QA" then the book is about math, or "QB" is astronomy. So if you are often looking for books on similar subjects, they will be found in the same general area of the library.

More specifically, once you have found the call number of the book you are looking for, there are green sheets of paper located at each of the computer stations in the reference area of the library and on the walls through out the library that will tell you where that call number can be found. Or, as always, feel free to ask any of our friendly library staff – we are always here to help.

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Reference Desk: (262) 650-4892

Coffee Shop: (262) 951-3006

Library Fax: (262) 524-7377

LIBRARY HOME PAGE:

<http://divisions.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:

Typically, when people think of libraries, they only think about books, so this issue's By the Numbers is dedicated to a few of the Todd Wehr Library's non-book resources!

of photocopiers

3 (2 for public use)

of computers

13 in the reference area

19 in the classroom

2 elsewhere in the library

of beanbags **6**

of TV/VCR/DVD players **2**

of globes **1**

of die cut machines **1**

New databases added this summer

By Katie Sanders, *Electronic Resources and Serials Librarian*

This summer, the library subscribed to some new databases available through the U.S. government. The new Cadillac of databases is Academic Search Premier through EBSCO, which adds more than 2,000 articles in full text.

Biology and allied health studies will really enjoy two new databases. BioOne just hit the market this year. It's a small database covering topics in biology, ecology, the environment and zoology. The second is Cinahl Plus. While the library has had access to Cinahl for several years, as you might have noticed, the full-text content dropped out of it last spring. The new version of Cinahl contains more full text, and the content and indexing now goes back to 1937, providing with students more historical resources. It also includes a section called Pre-Cinahl, which contains articles that have just been published but not yet indexed. This means our version of Cinahl will have virtually no delay in online content and indexing.

As we begin the school year with a focus on upholding academic integrity and fighting plagiarism, two new resources the college purchased are now hosted on the library Web site. RefWorks is a personal citation storage and management database. Basically, it helps students and faculty keep track of their sources as they do research. The RefWorks database stores bibliographic citation information and converts it into whatever citation style the user wishes.

The college has also purchased Turn-it-in. This online tool is for faculty to combat academic dishonesty and plagiarism.

There are also changes occurring within databases that are out of our control. The humanities full-text database is being consolidated with American Humanities Index database in August and September. Although this will cause some interruption in service, Ebsco will keep us posted on the progress of this convergence.

One database was dropped due to vendor price increase: the Historical New York Times. The library will still subscribe to the current New York Times in print and will still have the current access back to 1980 through ProQuest Newstand and LexisNexis Academic database. The library has the microfilm holdings for the New York Times from 1914-98.

The library databases now include U.S. government and government agency free Web sites. These include:

Science.gov: a conglomeration of science-related information from the National Geological Survey, Department of Defense, the National Library of Medicine, the National Science Foundation, NASA and more. <http://www.science.gov>

PubMed Central: The open access journals archives (a.k.a. the full-text source for some of the PubMed indexed articles). Researchers receiving research funds from the NIH must publish their findings in an open access journal that allows its research articles to be published in full text. So, if you are looking an article from PubMed, check here first.

GPO: The U.S. Government Printing Office distributes government documents. As the government is making a move to covert to electronic documents, the GPO has created a host of databases with links to everything from Congressional reports and hearings to the 911 report. Go to <http://www.gpoaccess.gov/databases.html>