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Greetings from Robin Miller, New Librarian

Hello, I'm Robin Miller, the new research & instruction/government publications librarian at McIntyre Library. I'm pleased to join the UW-Eau Claire community and I feel very fortunate to have joined a group of librarians and staff who are so committed to supporting student and faculty research.

You will see me teaching information literacy classes, assisting patrons at the reference desk, and consulting individually with both students and faculty. I am the library's liaison to the American Indian studies program, the environmental and public health program, and the criminal justice and political science departments. I look forward to working with faculty in these departments, and throughout the university, to foster our students' critical thinking about information and research.

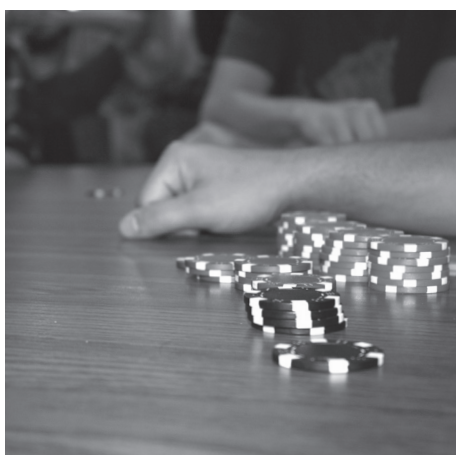
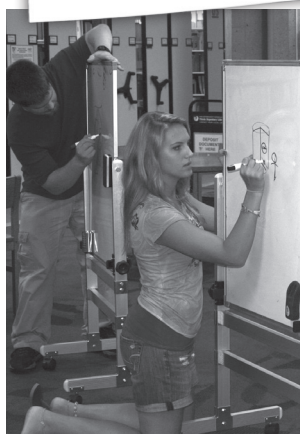
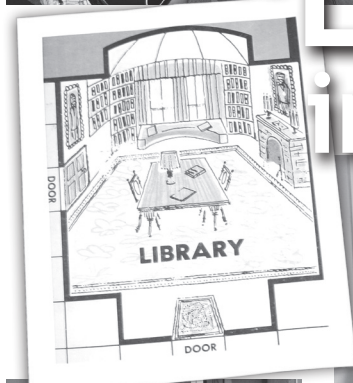
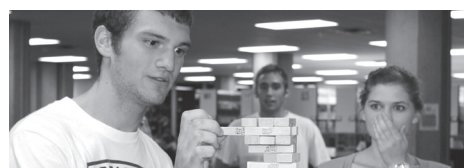
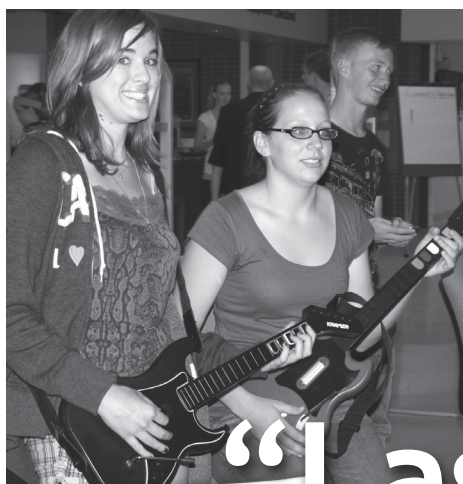
As McIntyre Library's government publications librarian, I am able to indulge my lifelong fascination with government and politics. I have broad expertise in finding government information of all types and I enjoy helping users discover how government information is situated within broad research topics. I have worked extensively with legislative material, though if I had to pick a "favorite" government document, I would choose census data. Government documents can be difficult to locate and understand, but I hope to demystify them for students, faculty, and community members.

Here at UW-Eau Claire, I am working to expand the library's LibGuides (libguides.uwec.edu) about finding government information. To be a resource to the campus community, I believe that libraries must develop a comprehensive array of Web-based materials that are easy to find and can be used at any time. I also hope to collaborate with faculty to develop information literacy instruction that builds students' skills in conducting research in their chosen fields. My research interests include quantitative and qualitative assessment of student learning outcomes from research assignments. I am also very interested in exploring the links between civic education and ability to find and interpret government documents.

My personal interests include cycling, gardening, and good coffee, as well as food, cooking, and restaurants. I recently moved to Eau Claire with my husband, Jonathan. We are trying to make a list of the best places to hike and camp, so feel free to suggest places to go and see in the area.

Please stop by to meet me any time, and remember — I welcome questions and requests for assistance! My office is on the first floor of McIntyre Library in Room 1001C. I am easily reached via email at millerob@uwec.edu or at my office phone, 715-836-3132. ■

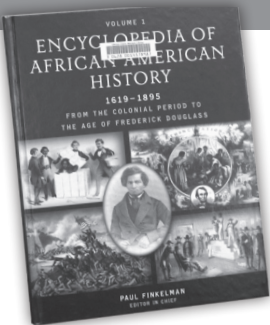




“Last Call” in the Library???

Over 400 students enjoyed food and fun at McIntyre Library's first back-to-school event. On September 2, from 9 p.m. to midnight, the library was on course with mini-golf, Pictionary, poker, video games, life-sized Clue, Rock Band, and students generally having a great time. Thanks to Sodexo, Topper's Pizza, and Action City, for help making “Last Call” a success.





African American History Resource Highlighted

Encyclopedia of African American History, 1896 to the Present : From the Age of Segregation to the Twenty-First Century

This five-volume set completes the series that began with the three-volume set titled *Encyclopedia of African American History, 1619-1895: From the Colonial Period to the Age of Frederick Douglass*. The publisher's description is as follows: "Focusing on the making of African American society from the 1896 "separate but equal" ruling of *Plessy v. Ferguson* up to the contemporary period, this encyclopedia traces the transition from the Reconstruction Era to the age of Jim Crow, the Harlem Renaissance, the Great Migration, the Brown ruling that overturned *Plessy*, the Civil Rights Movement, and the ascendant influence of African-American culture on the American cultural landscape."

This set is located in the reference collection (1st floor) E185 .E5453 2009. ■

Required-Purchase Course Texts

By Janice Bogstad, bogstajm@uwec.edu

McIntyre Library is purchasing single copies of required-purchase course texts. We are continuing our experiment in purchasing one copy of every text which students are required to purchase for their classes (this does not include course-required textbooks). Lending of these books has been a very popular service, as reflected by usage statistics.

We especially wish to acknowledge and applaud the cooperation of our campus bookstore in this endeavor. When an instructor notifies the bookstore that students will need to purchase texts in addition to their main textbooks, the bookstore notifies the library. We add the titles to our collection, if we don't have them already, and the books are then moved to three-day reserve. So if your students can't get a copy of the book they need, or forget to bring it with them, they can check the "search course reserves" link on the library home page and check out a copy of the text you have asked them to purchase. ■

Virtual Library

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What We Did on Our Summer Vacation

By Jill Markgraf, markgrjs@uwec.edu

Summer can be a time for relaxing, tubing in the river, painting the house or traveling. In the library, it's the time of year when we make things better. One of the things we made better this summer is the interface for finding and searching the library's nearly 200 databases.

Metasearching – the ability to search several databases at one time – has been available for years, but the search interface left room for improvement. This summer improvements arrived in the form of *Xerxes*, an open-source interface application developed at Cal State, which allows us to do more with existing data. Click on *Databases by Topic* from the library's (also improved) homepage to find a list of subject areas. Choose a subject to retrieve a list of relevant databases. Up to ten databases can be searched simultaneously by clicking on their checkboxes. Databases without a checkbox cannot be searched simultaneously. To search these – or any of the databases – individually, simply click on the database name.

If you searched databases by topic in the past, you will now notice additional information for your selected subject area. On the right side of the screen you will find links to related course and research guides that McIntyre librarians have developed. You will also find contact information for a subject specialist librarian, if there is one. Once you conduct a metasearch, your results will be richer and easier to navigate than before. Peer-reviewed articles are clearly marked, as are those available in

full text. You can view your results by the database or journal in which they appear, or limit your results to a specific topic, date range or author. Click on a title to see an article summary or suggested citation formatting. Change your mind? Your browser's back button works!

Perhaps you have a favorite database and do not wish to metasearch several of them. From the library homepage, click on *Databases by Title*, and search for a database by name. This alphabetical list of databases now includes brief descriptions.

What next?

The current metasearching technology is a move toward offering library patrons a single interface for simultaneously searching many disparate tools, much like what they were familiar with in using Web-based search engines. Next generation library discovery tools, which are being explored and tested by UW System libraries, go even further. Rather than searching several individual database indexes at the same time – a process that is sometimes slower than library patrons have come to expect in a Google world – these new "Web scale" discovery tools harvest data to create one huge index for searching virtually all library resources. Such systems provide a single point of entry for searching databases, catalog records, and digital content – and do so at lightning speed.

Perhaps we will work on that next summer. Or maybe we'll just go tubing down the Chippewa River. ■



Database Changes

By Eric Jennings, jenninge@uwec.edu

The fall '10 semester has brought another round of updates to the library's subscription databases.

JSTOR, Web of Science, Biological Abstracts and LexisNexis are four databases for which the library purchased larger backfiles. In the case of **Web of Science** (also known as **Science Citation Index**, **Social Science Citation Index**, and **Arts & Humanities Citation Index**) we now have coverage dating back to 1971 for the Science & Social Science Index and 1975 for the Arts & Humanities Index. For **JSTOR**, we purchased the Arts & Sciences VI & VIII files to complete our collection. For more information on what is in these collections, see: about.jstor.org/content-collections/journals. We also received the complete backfile to **Biological Abstracts**. Now researchers will be able to find online resources in the biosciences all the way back to 1926. Finally, **LexisNexis Congressional** now contains the complete *United States Serial Set*. This will allow researchers to search for and find government reports, hearings, treaties, etc. dating back to 1789.

Faculty who want streaming video in their classroom can use the **Films on Demand** database. This database has over 6,000 videos and clips of videos ranging from the original broadcast footage of man landing on the moon to a documentary on Alice Walker.

Other database changes of interest include:

- **Something About the Author** – the complete series is available online and we have a continuous subscription to the digital content.
- **Alternative Press Index** – has moved to the EBSCO database platform. In other words, the content is the same, but the interface has changed.
- **Biography Reference Bank Select Edition** – is an upgrade to Biographies Plus Illustrated in that it contains 100% full text biographical information on contemporary and historical figures.
- **MRI+** – replaces Mediamark Reporter and is now available online.
- **Bizjournals** – is a collection of about 40 city business journals in the area and around the U.S.
- **MD Consult** – a clinical information database.
- **Mosby's Nursing Consult** – contains drug information, patient handouts, medical journals, health reference books, nursing news, clinical updates and more.
- **Accessible Archives** – houses primary source periodicals and other material from the 18th and 19th century such as Godey's Lady's Book and 19th century African American newspapers.

If you have questions about any of these additions, please contact the library's reference desk, 715-836-3858, or library.reference@uwec.edu. ■

UW Digital Collections and MINDS@UW

Our archives and special collections department has been adding local resources to the University of Wisconsin Digital Collections Center (UWDCC) and MINDS@UW. Look for these and many other university-related digital collections when you or your students need primary resources.

The UWDCC provides access to “resources that support the teaching and research needs of the UW community, uniquely document the university and State of Wisconsin, and provide access to rare or fragile items of broad research value.”

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Documents sent for digitization to that collection include:

- Historic UW-Eau Claire campus photos
- Stacy Jalowitz: My Experience in the Gulf War, 1990-1992 (recounts the experiences of a UW-Eau Claire freshman who served in the 13th Evacuation Hospital, Army National Guard, during Operation Desert Storm)

Find these documents online at: uwdc.library.wisc.edu/About/index.shtml.

MINDS@UW “is designed to gather, distribute, and preserve digital materials related to the University of Wisconsin’s research and instructional mission. Content, which is deposited directly by UW faculty and staff, may include research papers and reports, pre-prints and post-prints, datasets and other primary research materials, learning objects, theses, student projects, conference papers and presentations, and other born-digital or digitized research and instructional materials.”



Documents sent for digitization to that collection include:

- Oral histories for the women's studies program's "Faces and Voices of Feminism in the Chippewa Valley"
- Oral histories for the history department's "Council Oak Tree Oral History Project"

Find these documents online at minds.wisconsin.edu/. ■

Something About the Author Online



By Kati Tvaruzka, tvaruzke@uwec.edu

Not just for children's literature students...

We're thrilled to announce the addition of the electronic version of *Something About the Author Online*, which has replaced the 200+ volume print set formerly found on the reference shelves. This valuable, continually-growing resource compiles biographical profiles of authors and illustrators of books for children and young adults. Each profile includes information regarding the author's personal life, career highlights, complete bibliography, and works in progress. Samples of illustrations are also included. You will also find citations for other biographical and critical sources, as well as all profiles from *Something About the Author: Autobiography Series* which provides rare first-person perspectives about the author's career and works. You can search this database by author, illustrator, title, or keyword, as well as combine terms and browse a complete list of included individuals. For information, or to schedule a session for your classes on this resource, contact Kati Tvaruzka at tvaruzke@uwec.edu or 715-836-4522. ■



Story Time Sessions Resume

After a brief hiatus our monthly story time sessions for the Children's Center and general community resumed this fall. Sessions are typically held the last Tuesday of each month of the academic year at 10:15 in the IMC. The sessions last about 30 minutes, are geared for preschool age children, and feature rhyming and movement activities, songs and music, and books just great for reading aloud. The best part? You can come along! If you have a child who attends the Children's Center I encourage you to consider joining your child at story time. It's a great way to spend a little time together during your busy day. Pass this on to your students with children, too. For more information about the library's story time sessions, or to get involved, contact Kati Tvaruzka at tvaruzke@uwec.edu or 715-836-4522. ■

Change is Good

■ Two library departments have been renamed.

OLD NAME	NEW NAME
Reference Department	Research and Instruction
Reserve	Reserve Services

■ Two library URLs have changed—here are the new links:

Library Catalog — eaulib.wisconsin.edu/vwebv/searchBasic?sk=en_US

Course Reserve — eaulib.wisconsin.edu/vwebv/enterCourseReserve.do

If off-campus access is needed to either of these resources, please create links using the Web addresses below, as they include the proxy string.

Library Catalog — proxy.uwec.edu/login?url=http://eaulib.wisconsin.edu/vwebv/searchBasic?sk=en_US

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■ Dragon Naturally Speaking software has been moved to L3027. More information on this and other services for library users with disabilities is available at www.uwec.edu/Library/services/ada.htm ■

From the Director's Desk

By John Pollitz, pollitjh@uwec.edu

writing, study and research skills. Provost Patricia Kleine is funding this collaborative effort to adapt library space to new ways of promoting student learning in the library. Because the library is moving quickly to electronic access of most of our scholarly journals, we were able to eliminate a large area of shelving for the 400 square foot installation.

Another major physical enhancement to the library will be occurring over the next six months. Our four elevators are being renovated. The project will result in cosmetic improvements to the elevator cabs and upgrades to the mechanics that control the elevators. I wrote about this in my column a year ago and now the workers are here and construction is underway! It will mean some inconvenience and longer waits for students and staff but the end result will be improved elevator service.

We have had some personnel changes since our last issue, as the *Off the Shelf* cover and staff news will confirm. Read about the seven people who joined us, left us, or changed jobs.

This summer and fall were filled with events in the library. In June, our instruction lab was turned into the class registration hub for over 2,000 new students. We hosted an ice cream social in the second floor breezeway for their parents. In May, as part of the BluGold Beginnings Fifth Grade Campus Tour Day we had 1,000 students tour the library over two days. They really enjoyed seeing our collection of young adult literature and moving tons of books with one finger in our compact shelving areas.

McIntyre Library also participated in this year's CUBE Fest, the week of activities leading up to the beginning of fall semester. Library staff planned "Last Call," a game night in the library. They called local companies and got over 50 pizzas and popcorn donated to feed the 400 students who came to play games in the library from 9 p.m. until

There is always something exciting going on in McIntyre Library. The past few months have been no exception. We have been rearranging spaces, hiring new people, watching another retire, creating new programs and participating in major campus events.

In the spring, members of our periodicals department evaluated the use of our *Education Resources Information Center* (ERIC) microfiche and found that the majority of our holdings had been digitized. What remained was seldom used. Since our students would still have access to articles and papers through ERIC full text, we eliminated all of our microfiche. That allowed us to remove 21 cabinets filled with microfiche that weighed 9,450 pounds and filled 42 fifty-gallon drums. With the space we gained we opened up a comfortable new study and reading space that currently overlooks Davies Center, but will eventually overlook green space and a planned outdoor amphitheater.

In the last *Off the Shelf*, I wrote about our collaboration with the university writing center. We are currently expanding that project with the beginning construction stages of a collaborative learning space that will provide a comfortable area for the writing center and tutoring groups to help students hone their



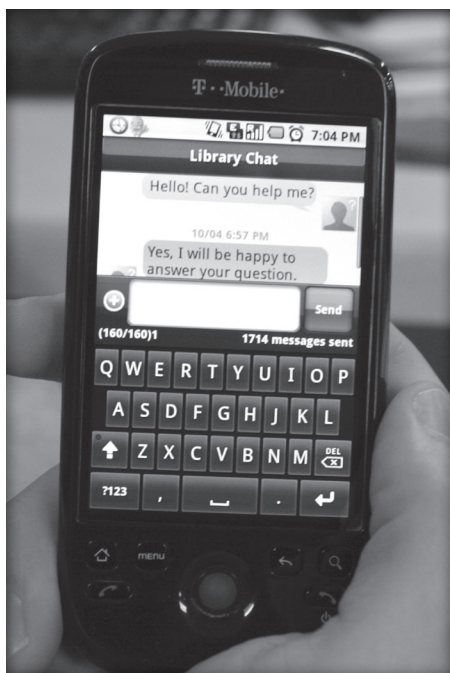
midnight. There were video, card and board games set up throughout the first two floors of the library. Guitar Hero and Pictionary were big hits. In the breezeway students could play a life-sized game of Clue, with themselves as game pieces. Perhaps the biggest hit was the mini-golf course that wound around the second floor journals and down to the first floor reference collection. The event was a great success, and we promised the students that we would do it again next year.

On a personal note, I had a delightful experience while attending the American Library Association annual conference in Washington, D.C. The UW-Eau Claire alumni relations office arranged an alumni event that I hosted during the conference. I had a wonderful time meeting many successful graduates who have fond memories of our campus, and McIntyre Library. It reminded me of the great things we do here at UW-Eau Claire and what a great group of people our students are. ■

U.S. Congressional Serial Set via LexisNexis

Students of history, rejoice!

McIntyre Library now offers electronic access to the *U.S. Congressional Serial Set* via LexisNexis. At more than 14,000 volumes in print, the Serial Set is a treasure trove of American history. The Serial Set includes Congressional documents, nineteenth century executive-branch materials, and even documents submitted to Congress by individuals and organizations, like the Lewis and Clark expedition. The digitized serial set is available for the years 1879-2003, and it is fully indexed and searchable via LexisNexis Congressional. ■



Text Reference Questions

You can now text reference questions to the library, and we will chat with you. Simply send a text to **715-403-LIBR** and we'll get back to you as soon as possible! ■

CORRECTION: In the March 2010 article titled, "Original Painting Donated," the name of the artist was spelled incorrectly. The artist is John Rogers. ■

Staff News

Welcome, **Robin Miller**, McIntyre Library's new research and instruction/government publications librarian. Please see the article on page one to get acquainted with Robin. ■

Seth Vircks began working as a records management office associate in June 2010. Recently discharged from the U.S. Army, Seth is a UW-Eau Claire graduate with a degree in history. He enjoys spending time with his wife and four children, coaching high school track and cross country, and keeping busy. *Welcome, Seth.* ■



of dedicated service to McIntyre Library. ■

Ronadin Carey, hired in 2002 as periodicals librarian, retired from McIntyre Library this past June. Roni earned a master's degree in library science from the University of North Texas, a bachelor's degree in psychology from UW-Stout, and a bachelor's degree in environmental and public health from UW-Eau Claire. Thank you, Roni, for your years of service to the library. We will miss your knowledge of our collection and calm demeanor. *Enjoy your retirement.* ■

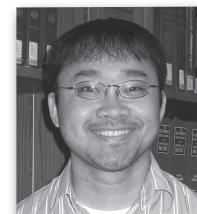


Alyson Jones and **Kate Hinnant**, both of whom staffed the reference desk last semester, have made some changes. Alyson, former head of the area research center and university archives at UW-River Falls, is now serving as our interim archivist. Kate has returned to her position as an associate lecturer in the English department. ■

Kati Tvaruzka, education reference librarian, has returned from maternity leave and resumed teaching library classes and monthly story time sessions. *Welcome back, Kati.* ■



Kong Yang has recently been hired as a library services assistant to work afternoons for the research and instruction department and as night circulation supervisor. Kong was an outstanding student worker while he was getting his bachelor's degree here and he has worked for the library as a limited term employee over the past year. Kong enjoys paintball, basketball, and church activities. ■



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- Other funding opportunities support various collections, provide furnishings, ensure preservation and digitization of collections, and replace and upgrade the equipment in our teaching lab. For complete details, see: www.uwec.edu/fndn/programs/library.htm

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