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**FROM THE DIRECTOR**



The library was awarded a \$4,000 Library Services and Technology Act grant this year to purchase upper division and graduate level books in the social sciences, languages, literature, history, and geography of Mexico and Central America (Belize, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, and Panama). The library partnered with four other Illinois academic libraries to create the grant proposal, “Global Reach – Local Touch”. The books selected will become part of the library’s Circulating Collection.

This grant supports not only the College’s graduate programs, but also undergraduate majors and minors in Spanish, International Business, and International Studies. While the library has a strong collection of books on East and Southeast Asia, holdings on Mexico and Central America have been more limited. Moreover, since the College’s international focus this year is on Cuba, Nicaragua, and Costa Rica, this grant is especially timely.

Since the Library Services Act (LSA) took effect in 1956, the federal government has supported library services with grants to state library agencies. The Library Services and Construction Act (LSCA) that succeeded LSA in 1964 funded the construction of library buildings, but only public libraries could apply for LSCA funding. However, in 1996, Congress made major changes in the government’s information policy by enacting the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA), which now provides funds for all types of libraries. Through the materials purchased in this LSTA grant, as well as through cooperative collection development and resource sharing, Illinois academic libraries are truly providing local students with a “global reach”.

Carolyn A. Sheehy  
Director of Library Services

**THE ENCYCLOPEDIA OF CHICAGO DISPLAY**

On display winter term in the library lobby is the recently published *The Encyclopedia of Chicago*, edited by North Central College’s Dr. Ann Durkin Keating, professor and chair of history, and including articles written by eight members of the NCC community. More than a decade in the making, this historic work was released in October 2004, with an electronic edition to follow in 2005. Featuring over 1,400 articles written by hundreds of historians, journalists, and subject experts, the encyclopedia is a monument to the intellectual, cultural, and civic life of Chicago and the surrounding area. This important reference work was developed by The Newberry Library with the cooperation of the Chicago Historical Society. A copy of the encyclopedia can be found in the Oeseterle Library Reference Collection at R.977.311 En1g. Dr. Keating will discuss the development of *The Encyclopedia of Chicago* on March 8, 2005 at the second program in the Oesterle Library “Community Speaks” Series (details on page 2).

## OESTERLE LIBRARY "COMMUNITY SPEAKS" SERIES

Dr. Gerald Gems, professor of health and physical education, presented the first program in the Oesterle Library "Community Speaks" Series on "The Role of Sports in American Imperialism" on November 16, 2004. Opening his remarks with a quote from Senator Albert Beveridge proclaiming that Almighty God has marked Americans "as His chosen people, henceforth to lead in the regeneration of the world," Gems went on to describe the many ways in which native cultures were subjugated by elements of American culture introduced by missionaries, the YMCA, and businesses. As an example, he cited the ways in which the Hawaiian culture was destroyed by American colonizers as being immoral, and was not resurrected until the Hawaiian Renaissance of the 1970's. Despite such attempts, American culture continues to infiltrate the globe under the guise of "globalization."



On Tuesday, March 8, 2005 at noon, Dr. Ann Durkin Keating, professor and chair of history will present "*The Encyclopedia of Chicago* and the North Central College Connection." Members of the campus community are welcome to attend this program in the Oesterle Library Periodicals Room and bring a sack lunch, if desired.

## LIBRARY ORIENTATIONS

Orientations to Oesterle Library will be held Tuesday, January 11 from 5:30 - 6:15 p.m. and Saturday, January 15 from 12:15 - 1:00 p.m. No advance registration is necessary. Participants meet in the lobby of the library.

## ARCHIVES EXHIBIT: ROCK ON!

The Archives exhibit in the Oesterle Library lobby during winter term highlights WONC 89.1, the radio station of North Central College. Far removed from its current eclectic rock format, WONC, was begun in 1949 by a group of students experienced in ham radio operations. Originally named WNCC, the students broadcast the new station through the city's electrical lines, a method of transmitting called "carrier current". The station changed its call letters for the first time in 1954 to WNOC and was broadcast at 550 AM. In 1968, the station again changed its call letters, this time in conjunction with a move to the FM dial, to the now familiar WONC 89.1. The station's formats, broadcasting schedules, and even locations have varied widely over the years and will be shown in the exhibit through photographs, news clippings, programs and play lists from the College Archives.

## NEW ARCHIVES COLLECTION OPENED

The Dr. Lowell Maechtle Papers have been opened for research in the North Central College Archives. Dr. Lowell Maechtle was a 1936 graduate of North Central College. He immediately entered the seminary at Oberlin, completing his work at the Evangelical Theological Seminary in Naperville. Upon receiving his divinity degree, Dr. Maechtle served as a parish pastor in Tomah, Wisconsin, but soon returned to the classroom at the University of Wisconsin to pursue Masters and Ph. D. degrees in sociology. Following his completion of coursework at the University of Wisconsin, Dr. Maechtle became the sociology professor at Indiana Central College (now Indianapolis University) and St. Olaf College before returning to North Central College as the head of the Sociology department in 1951. Dr. Maechtle continued in this position until his untimely death in May of 1955.

The collection of Dr. Lowell Maechtle Papers includes materials that reflect his entire academic career. The "Student Papers" series includes his class assignments and research papers from his undergraduate career at North Central College through his doctoral studies. The majority of the collection, however, is the "Dissertation Research" series. Dr. Maechtle's dissertation was titled, "A Socio-Psychological Study of the Adjustment Problems of Conscientious Objectors in Civilian Public Service Camps during World War II". His research, as demonstrated in this series, included obtaining newsletters produced by conscientious objectors placed in the camps during the war, corresponding with various officials in administrative positions, and collecting any pamphlets or guides created by the administering agencies or government. Archival processing, which included organizing the materials, placing them in acid-free folders to halt deterioration, removing all metal fasteners, and creating a finding aid for accessibility, was completed during the fall term.

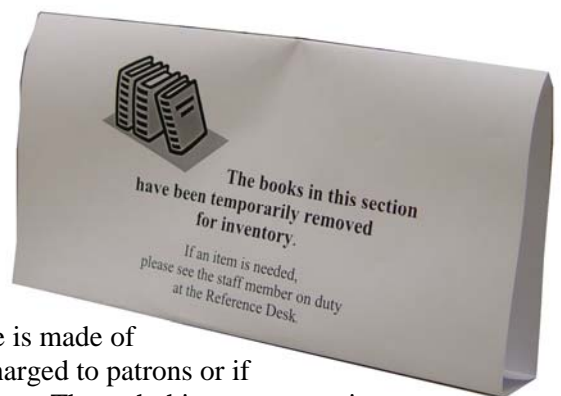
## NEW LIBRARY SERVICES WEB SITE DEBUTS

A major component of the new North Central College Web site is the completely redesigned Library Services Web site. Redesigning the Library Services Web site, one of the largest and most complex components of the campus Web site, was a challenge that Information Services Librarian Ryan Williams relished. A self-acknowledged Web enthusiast, Williams has devoted countless hours to creating a web presence for Library Services that fits the look and feel of the campus site, while retaining the functionality necessary to provide access to scores of electronic information resources. Much of the new site will be recognizable to users (“Find Books,” “Find Articles,” “Find Journals”); however many new options have also been added, such as a “Finding Library Resources FAQ,” an “Information Literacy” page, a “Renew Books” link, and a series of library tips of interest to library users. One of the most significant changes is the renaming of the online catalog. North Central College’s catalog of local holdings (books, DVDs, CDs and more) will henceforth be called “CardinalCat,” in order to distinguish it from “ILLINET Online,” the universal catalog shared by 65 Illinois colleges and universities. If you have any questions regarding the new Library Services Web site, please call the Reference Desk at Ext. 5715.

## INVENTORY OF LIBRARY COLLECTION

Have you seen this sign around the library recently? If so, then you’ve discovered the library’s inventory project. Over the last several months, library staff have carefully reviewed over 60% of the books, videos, CDs, and other materials on Oesterle Library’s shelves. The Library’s circulating collections (excluding bound periodicals) encompass over 127,000 volumes.

As each item is checked, staff makes sure that it is accurately displayed in CardinalCat, North Central College Library’s online catalog. Catalog records are also checked for items that aren’t found on the shelf, and a note is made of



whether those items are charged to patrons or if they are possibly out of place. Through this process, various errors in the records used in the online catalog have been encountered. In order to make the catalog more useful to all, every effort is being made to correct these errors and upgrade descriptive content on catalog records.

Counting and comparing over 127,000 items is a daunting task, and making these comparisons and identifying problems takes training and coordination. Cataloging Assistant Bethany Veitengruber (pictured at left) has provided library staff with both. Besides being the key “clean up” person, Beth has helped staff with tips in getting through the project effectively without

missing any steps. “Everyone here working on this project has made a big contribution,” says Beth. “In the end, our online catalog will be more representative of what is on the shelves in the library.”

Most libraries conduct periodic collection inventories to verify the numbers of items owned and to guarantee that the catalog accurately reflects what the library owns. In the past, a library would track its shelf holdings in a shelf list, a type of card catalog having all the books in shelf order. Oesterle Library has such a catalog list containing close to 100,000 cards. When the inventory is complete, CardinalCat will be the authoritative record for what Oesterle Library holds, and the shelf list will be retired from use.



## THE FINAL WORD: LIBRARY SPACES



Biology students Stephanie Brainard, Leaders Kay, Mark Piechocinski, and Bhumika Shah put the finishing touches on their class project in one of Oesterle Library's seven group study rooms.



Carlota Rodelo, Caitlin O'Connell and Jonathan Mukukenow make use of one of the library's two computer labs to finish up papers.



Teaching Assistant Justin Ashton (at the head of the table) leads a study session for a group of students from Dr. Barbara Sciacchitano's "History of Modern Europe" class in Haven Hubbard, a small meeting room in Oesterle Library available by reservation only.



Students chat with artist Tyler Lotz at the recent opening of "Dual Display of Ceramic Forms" in the Oesterle Library Art Gallery.

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