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FROM THE DIRECTOR

Welcome to another fall term. Oesterle Library staff has been busy making improvements this summer. You’ll find thousands of new eBooks, streaming videos, and new circulating technologies.

You’ll also find a lot more art throughout the building. There is a series of iPosters in the Reference Room, depicting a lot of people from campus doing a lot of interesting things. We also added three excellent works of art from last year’s Senior Art Show, some new signage, and a stand for the Boy’s Day display.

One of the most notable upgrades is the addition of a new flat screen television in the lobby. In the mornings and evenings the news will be playing; during the middle of the day interesting items from the Library and Archives collections or information about special programs will be featured.

New seating arrangements in the back half of the Reference Room allow for more comfortable use of one of our primary spaces, and the downstairs lobby area has been reconfigured to provide easier access to the browsing magazine collections and current newspapers. We’re glad that a new term is starting, and look forward to working with everyone on campus.

John J. Small
Clare and Lucy Oesterle Director of Library Services

WHAT’S HAPPENING IN INSTRUCTIONAL MEDIA by Tom Gill



It’s been a busy summer for Instructional Media (IM). The oldest data projectors on campus were replaced; all of the classrooms now have bright, 2500 lumen NEC projectors. This upgrade also made it possible to connect most data projectors to the campus network, giving IM the ability to monitor and control the projectors remotely. The projectors will notify us automatically when the lamps or filters need to be changed, or when a more serious problem occurs. In addition to the classrooms, Heininger now has a brighter new projector, with a consolidated equipment rack and lectern. Pfeiffer Theater was outfitted with a new, high-powered data projector. The 6000 lumen projector provides a bright, vivid image required for presentations in this large venue.

Don’t look for a remote! New push button control panels, mounted on the lecterns, now operate the data projectors in Smith Hall, Heininger, and Madden Theater.

“Check-out” our new equipment! Instructional Media has some great new items for student and faculty projects. New Flip video cameras allow users to create and share videos quickly and easily. Built-in software downloads when connected, turning any computer into a video editor so videos can be created, saved and shared without the need to reserve space and time in a special lab. We also have new digital voice recorders that record directly to MP3, so the audio files can be downloaded to any computer without the need for special software or file converting. The Flip video cameras, MP3 recorders and all of our other equipment must be reserved online, by submitting an equipment request: http://library.noctrl.edu/instructional_media/request.htm. As always, if you have questions, comments or suggestions, please let us know at imedia@noctrl.edu.

THE “NEW” CARDINALCAT – by Belinda Cheek and Rosemary Henders

If you’ve tried to search for books using CardinalCat lately, you probably noticed that the database has a whole new look. What is not obvious is that a new uniform consortium-wide borrowing policy is in effect.

First, the new look. The keyword search has been greatly improved to function in a similar manner to other databases. A case in point: A keyword search on global warming in the old CardinalCat retrieved 1604 items; in the new CardinalCat a far more manageable and relevant 84 items are retrieved.

CardinalCat’s search and results screens have been simplified to look and function much like many periodical databases. Results are displayed in relevance order accompanied by a “Narrow Search By” column on the right side of the screen, which enables the searcher to limit their results by format, author, general topic area, subject area, genre, time period, or geographic region. Click on the title of any item and the full record is displayed compactly, with tabs to open only the information you actually need.

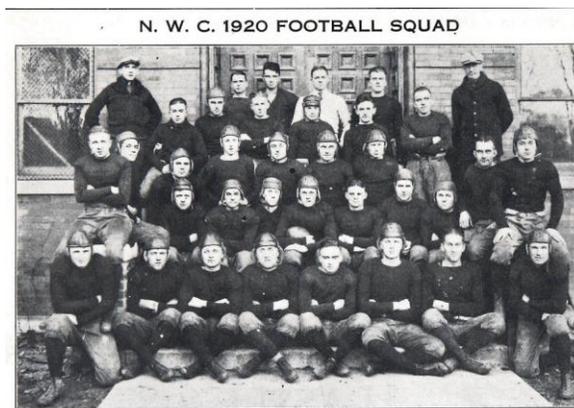
If Oesterle Library does not own the book you are looking for, or if our copy is checked out, you will be given the option to “Repeat search in the I-Share catalog.” After you open the record of the book you would like to request, click on the “Request 1st Available” tab, login if you are not already logged in, and click on the “Request” button. The first time you request an inter-library loan in the new catalog, you will be required to establish a new username and password by clicking on “Create New Account.” The beauty of the new system is that it allows you to create a username and password of your choice. Although you will need your 14 digit library ID number when you create your new username and password, you can eliminate the need to dig out your NCC ID card every time you want to place a request.

The new borrowing policy provides that loan periods for all patrons (faculty, students, and staff) will be uniform, whether borrowing items from Oesterle Library or from another I-Share library. The new loan period is four weeks, and three renewals of four weeks each are allowed. So conceivably a borrower could have a book checked out for four months.

If you have any questions about any of these changes to the online catalog, don’t hesitate to contact the Library for clarification.

ARCHIVES EXHIBIT: HOMECOMING by Kim Butler

The Archives exhibit this fall focuses on the history of Homecoming celebrations at North Central College. Interestingly, although football at North Central began as early as 1899, the first Homecoming was held in 1920. The first mention of this now annual event was in the College Chronicle. November 20, 1920 saw North Central (then called North-Western College)’s football team defeat Monmouth 21 to 7. The first Homecoming game was followed by a dinner for alumni and a musical concert in Old Main’s chapel. In 1921, the Alumni Association decreed this to be an annual event and thus began our annual Homecoming. The Archives exhibit will include the Chronicle announcing the original event as well as a selection of souvenirs, programs, and photographs from the now 90 year old tradition.



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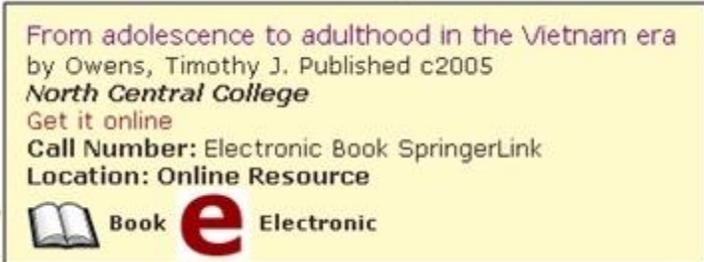
Oesterle Library Secretary Diana LeVerso Canna ‘03 was recently promoted to the position of Acquisitions Assistant in the Technical Services Unit. She replaces Melissa Jung, who left this summer to pursue other career goals. Diana’s primary responsibilities will involve processing faculty and librarian requests for library materials. Despite the fact that this takes place behind the scenes, she will regularly be seen at the Information Services Desk in the Library Lobby. While a student at North Central College Diana worked in the Admissions Office.



NEXT GENERATION INFORMATION RESOURCES by Emily Prather-Rogers

North Central College students and faculty know that they can do much of their research from the comfort of their dorm rooms and offices. For many years, the Library has provided access to databases which allow Library users to access journal articles and some streaming music from anywhere in the world at any hour of the day or night. Early this summer, Oesterle's librarians decided to make it easier for Library users to access books and films by adding more than 17,000 e-books and 1,500 streaming videos to the Library's collections.

The Library's new SpringerLink e-book collection includes every title published by Springer from 2005-2010. The majority of these new e-books will support the curriculum of the college's Science Division, but students in the Arts & Letters, Economics & Business, and Human Thought & Behavior Divisions will find titles of interest to them as well. All of the new e-books can be found in CardinalCat, the Library's online catalog, and can be recognized by the "book" and "electronic" icons and the call number of "Electronic Book Springer Link." Off-campus users will be asked to enter their campus network ID and password in order to access the books. One of the most exciting features of this new e-book collection is that users can choose how they prefer to access and use the content. Books may be read online, printed, or even downloaded to a computer, Kindle, iPad, or other e-reader device for later use.



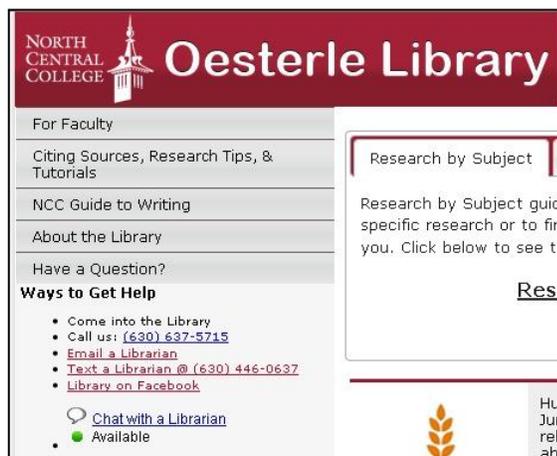
Oesterle Library's streaming video collections from Alexander Street Press include thousands of hours of video in opera, American theatre, counseling and therapy, American history, and ethnography, plus the entire BBC Shakespeare series. Professors may stream videos for in-class film viewings or place direct links to individual films in Blackboard or Moodle. Users can create film clips or personal play lists for research or personal use. Additionally, transcripts accompany every film, allowing users to search for films using keywords and to skim through content quickly to find relevant sections of videos. Like the SpringerLink e-book collection, all of the streaming videos can be found in CardinalCat.

For more information about these new collections or for assistance, please call the Information Services Desk at (630) 637-5715.

CONTACTING THE LIBRARY by Rosemary Henders

There was a time not so long ago when getting an answer to a question meant either calling the Library (630-637-5700) or dropping in to chat with a librarian. Those are still both fine options, and in fact we actually like meeting our patrons face-to-face, but they are no longer the only options. Today, chatting with a librarian may mean never seeing her face-to-face. The Library's "Chat with a Librarian" service uses Google Talk to create an interactive reference service that lets you communicate with librarians in real-time. This feature is designed to answer brief questions and is available on every page of the Library's website. Help will be available whenever the Library is open. Simply click on "Chat with a Librarian" and enter your question. Not into "chatting?" Not a problem. Oesterle Library also offers text message reference service. To text an Oesterle librarian just send a text message containing your question to (630) 446-0637 during regular Library hours.

If you just want to keep up with what's going on at the Library, join us on the Library's Facebook page. Fans of the Library will be notified of upcoming Library events and other important information such as changes in Library hours. You can also use the Facebook page to communicate with the Library and to discuss the Library with other fans. The "Discussions" section is a great place to post questions about the Library or to make suggestions. What's your favorite thing about the Library? Write on Oesterle Library's wall today! To become a fan, search for "Oesterle Library" in Facebook or visit the Library website and click on "Library on Facebook." We at the Library look forward to "chatting" with you soon!

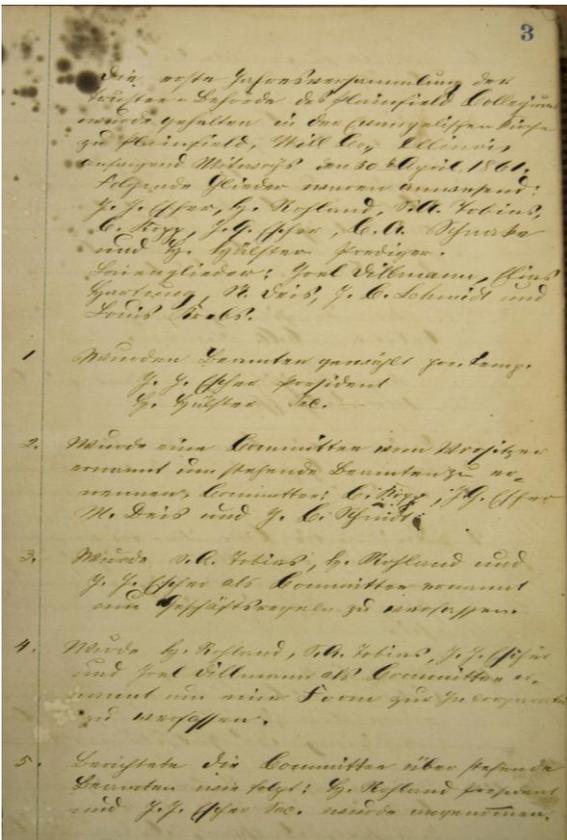


FROM THE ARCHIVES: 150 YEARS AGO THIS TERM by Kim Butler



The College is completing plans to celebrate its 150th anniversary in the 2011-2012 academic year. Leading up to this event, the College will be sharing its history through various outlets. In this column, "From the Archives: 150 Years Ago This Term," Kim Butler, the College Archivist, will highlight items of interest that happened 150 years ago in the history of the College.

On the eve of the Civil War, the Evangelical Association of North America founded an institution of higher education at Plainfield, Illinois. After years of skepticism within the denomination towards formal education, a shift in thinking allowed that piety and intellectualism were compatible, and desire for trained leadership led to the idea to found a college. A committee on institutions organized in 1859 by the Illinois and Wisconsin Conferences of the Evangelical Association reported back to those bodies in 1860 with several offers for communities seeking to be the one chosen as home for the new college. The group decided in favor of Plainfield, Illinois. The Illinois Conference passed a resolution on April 10, 1861 that formally established the institution:

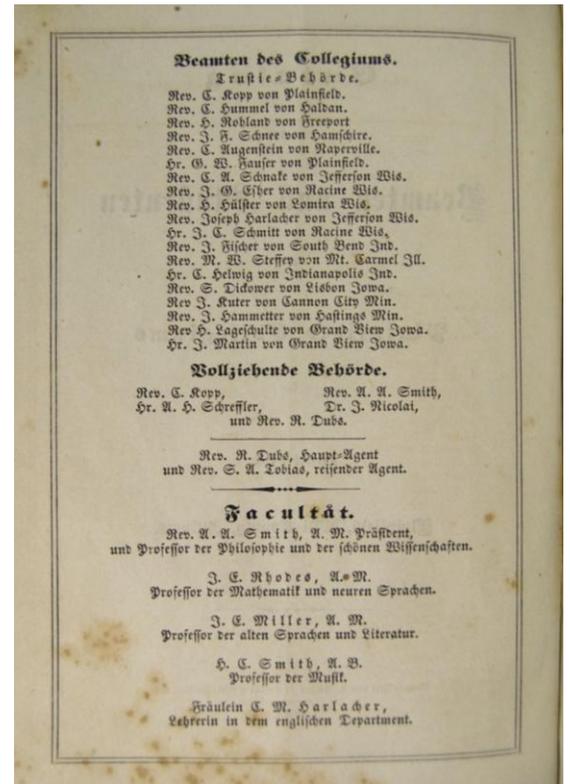


Resolved: That this conference in union with the Wisconsin, Indiana, and Iowa Conferences erect a college including a preparatory department for male and female students.

Resolved: That this institution be located at Plainfield, Will County, Illinois, and be known by the name and title The Plainfield College of the Evangelical Association of North America.

A board of trustees was named and first met on April 30, 1861. The image on the left shows the first page of the volume recording this meeting. On the right is a page from the 1862 Plainfield College catalog showing the Board of Trustees and faculty of the new institution. Interestingly, if you look closely enough, you will realize that these documents are not written in English. In fact, the first 10 years of records of the Board of Trustees are entirely in German and in a handwriting script seldom seen anymore, adding to the difficulty of translation and usability of the record. It is not unusual or entirely unexpected that these minutes would be in German as the Evangelical Association, especially in the Midwest, was heavily involved with German immigrant population and many congregations held services

only in German. Actually, the College itself had coursework through the 1910's in German; that is to say, a student could take classes in any subject toward a degree taught in German. The College Archives holds and cares for the permanent records of the College including the Board of Trustees records.



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