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FROM THE DIRECTOR

The collections in Oesterle Library have been shifting over time, and primarily moving toward more electronic formats. While the growth in digital databases and journals has been underway for a decade now, the acquisition of books in electronic formats, e-books, is still fairly new.

There are many benefits to an electronic book, as opposed to traditional print formats. They can be easily accessed from any networked computer in the world; they can be rapidly searched for keywords and phrases; and they can be added to our collections very rapidly, without the need for more traditional cataloging and processing. Up until recently, however, e-books didn’t make it into many library collections because the digital rights restrictions were so difficult to navigate that they were limited in ways that made little sense for inclusion in a library collection. While many of those challenges still exist, some publishers have developed licensing rights models that allow our library to begin to take fuller advantages of materials in these formats, and we’ve been quick to adopt the materials that meet our collection needs and allow for actual wide use.

In FY2008, Oesterle Library owned 2,297 books in electronic format, a widely scattered series of individual volumes and small collections, using a number of differing technologies and interfaces for use. As fall term 2011 begins, Oesterle Library owns a collection of 25,775 e-books, all fully cataloged in CardinalCat and ready for students, faculty, and staff to access and use. That’s major growth for any library collection, but a really noticeable growth for a library of our size.

As you’re searching within CardinalCat, once you have results for your search, you’ll see the option to limit your results to “Electronic” format (“Narrow Your Search” on the right-hand side of the screen). If there are appropriate e-books available that fit within your search parameters, those will show up in the main listing. Many of the titles we own are in the areas of science and technology. If you’re struggling to locate an example, you might search for Bioethics in Law. A good percentage of the newer e-books we own are in PDF format, and can be downloaded for offline use, a major benefit for those who wish to have a copy available on a regular basis. Many, but not all, of the e-books can also be loaded onto an iPad, Kindle or other e-book readers.

Oesterle Library will continue to add to the collection of e-books as long as we can find appropriate materials that satisfy our requirements for acceptable licensing and usage terms. As you’re looking through materials in CardinalCat, take a look and see what you might find?

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

DID YOU KNOW?

The interlibrary loan program was thriving during FY2011. Oesterle Library filled 5,380 requests made by other libraries to borrow books and articles from our collections. At the same time we received 4,992 books and articles requested by our students and faculty from other libraries. Also during FY2011, Oesterle Library patrons checked out 23,326 items from our own collection.
SESQUICENTENNIAL NEWS FROM THE ARCHIVES by Kim Butler

This fall many products and events marking the College’s sesquicentennial will feature the College’s archival collections.

Naper Settlement’s newest exhibit features the rich history of North Central College. Opening on September 2 and running through mid-June 2012, the exhibit, titled “150 Years: A Promising Start,” utilizes many artifacts and photographs from the College Archives to illustrate the close relationship between the community and the College. The exhibit will be on display in the Heritage Gallery at Naper Settlement’s Pre-Emption House Visitor Center, 523 S. Webster St., Naperville.

A new history of the College, written by Ann Durkin Keating, the Dr. C. Frederick Toenniges Professor of History, and B. Pierre Lebeau, Professor of History Emeritus, will be released this fall. The authors used the College Archives extensively in their research and photo selections.

Two additional documentaries produced by NCTV will continue the planned 5-part series. The first documentary titled “A College is Born” debuted in May. The second part of the documentary, “The Growth of a College,” will premiere at 7:00 p.m. on September 28 in the Madden Theatre. The third installment is slated for the week of Homecoming in November.

In addition to the archival materials featured during the sesquicentennial, autographs from the Dr. Philip and Elsie Sang Americana Collection, a part of Oesterle Library’s Special Collections, will be featured in an exhibit in the Schoenherr Gallery between November 1 and January 8. A noted philanthropist and collector of Americana, Dr. Sang donated many historical artifacts to North Central College, including signatures of 31 of the first 37 American presidents and a letter written by John Wesley.

LIBRARY SERVICES STAFF NEWS

Jeanne Bortolini is Oesterle Library's newest employee, taking over as library Secretary in June of 2011. Library patrons will be most likely to encounter Jeanne when they need help with the copy machines, although her duties also include bookkeeping, correspondence, reports, statistics gathering, and much more.

Jeanne has worked at North Central College since October of 2005. She began in Admission as Data Entry Clerk, and then held the position of Transfer Admission Secretary. Prior to transferring to the library Jeanne was the Administrative Clerk in the Department of Education. She is married and the proud mom of three sons. She enjoys spending time with her family, volunteering at her church, singing, traveling, biking, and reading.

Lisette Odegaard, part-time Reference Services Librarian, is known only to those who frequent the library evenings and weekends. Those patrons can always count on being greeted with a smile and an offer of help. Lisette joined the library staff spring term, and also works part-time at the University of St. Francis Library. Lisette says, “I love being a librarian! I enjoy helping students understand and utilize the resources at their disposal, making their research so much more effective and time-efficient.” She earned her bachelor’s degree in history at the University of St. Francis in 2007 and her master of library and information science degree from Dominican University in 2009. In her spare time, Lisette enjoys reading books and comics, watching anime and Joss Whedon shows, gaming, and spending time with friends and family.

The latest additions to the library family were born to library staff this summer. Penelope Elizabeth Canna (right), born August 24th to Acquisitions Assistant Diana LeVerso Canna ‘03 and Joe Canna ‘03, weighed 7 pounds 8 ounces and was 21 inches long.

Seth Aloysius Mandigo (left) was born August 7th to Periodicals Assistant Jennie Mandigo and husband Ric. He weighed 8 pounds 1 ounce and was 20 inches long.

Both mothers and babies are thriving.
WHAT’S HAPPENING IN INSTRUCTIONAL MEDIA by Tom Gill

The past several weeks have been filled with projects geared toward enhancing the audiovisual equipment in classrooms and meeting rooms. All classroom equipment was inspected and rewired to eliminate the tangle of cables behind and beneath the equipment carts and tables. New classrooms are outfitted with VCR/DVD players, speakers and projectors - the standard equipment found in all North Central College classrooms. Everything is in perfect working order and ready for heavy use during the fall term.

The data/video projection equipment in the meeting rooms of the White Activities Center now have push button controls to operate the data projectors. The controls are mounted to the lecterns in Fireside, Banquet Room and Dining Room; they allow the systems to be turned on and switched between the computer input and the video input. These control units also allow the user to adjust the volume of the computer and DVD/VCR, something not possible before. Similar controls are located in Heininger, Madden Theater, and Smith Hall.

To connect a laptop computer to a data projector in most every room on campus, simply connect it to the unplugged HD15 cable lying on the computer cart. The laptop computer will automatically override the desktop computer, and show up on the classroom screen. Please do not unplug any cables from any classroom equipment.

Please remember to use the online Equipment Request when ordering equipment, and to place the request at least 24 hours in advance to ensure the equipment is available. If you experience any problems with audiovisual equipment around campus, send us an email at imedia@noctrl.edu.

INFORMATION LITERACY AND INSTRUCTION PROGRAM

The librarians at Oesterle Library made 179 presentations to 3,436 students and faculty during the 2010-2011 academic year. These sessions represent the variety of delivery methods included in our Information Literacy and Instruction Program. Information Literacy is the set of skills needed to find, retrieve, analyze, and use information effectively and efficiently. Part of the library’s mission is to help North Central College students develop these skills, not only as they apply to their coursework, but also as tools for lifelong learning. NCC students are exposed to the concepts of information literacy during the fall term of their first year in either English 115 or English 125 when they meet with Instructional Services Librarian Rosemary Henders for help in tackling their first major research assignment. Those going on to take IDS 125 will meet with her again to further develop their research skills. Two years later students in English 315 will make one more visit to the library, this time to be introduced to specialized library resources in their major field of study. These classes provide the framework for students to become information literate, but all of the librarians are eager to work with any class to learn the skills necessary to be an effective information researcher in that discipline. We offer sessions in the library or in the classroom for a full class period or only a few minutes, as the topic dictates. Feel free to contact your library liaison to discuss the possibility of an information literacy session for any of your classes.

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NEW INTERLIBRARY LOAN PROCEDURE

New procedures for the delivery of interlibrary loan copies of articles are in effect this fall. Beginning immediately, the library will be subsidizing the cost of these articles; patrons will no longer be charged for the copies. In addition, if the library receives a journal article via an electronic format, it will be sent to the patron as a PDF attachment to an email. If the library receives a journal article in paper format, the patron will receive an email stating that the article has arrived, and will still need to pick it up at the Information Services Desk.
Old Main is the oldest building on campus and one of the oldest buildings in the community. The ceremony for the laying of the cornerstone on May 17, 1870 was witnessed by many members of the Naperville community and the faculty and students of North-Western College (as North Central College was named from 1864 to 1926). Old Main was dedicated on October 4, 1870 just as classes were beginning for the year. Initially consisting of the north wing and its bell tower, and a middle section, Old Main received numerous renovations over the years, including the addition of a south tower in 1892. Before any other buildings were constructed on campus, Old Main was the location for all the classrooms, an auditorium/chapel (named Smith Hall in 1935 to honor long-term professor, H. C. Smith), reception areas, and some student housing on the top two floors of the north wing. This historic building, which cost $32,000, was only possible through the donations of the community of Naperville, especially members of the Zion Evangelical congregation (now Community United Methodist Church).

By the early 1900s, the College’s need for space beyond Old Main was becoming crucial. A bequest of the late J. L. Nichols, Class of 1881 and former principal of the Commercial Course, provided the funds for the construction of a gymnasium, which became the second building on campus. The new Nichols Hall was dedicated on January 17, 1902. Intercollegiate basketball began as a direct result of the College now having proper facilities to support the sport. Located north of Old Main (between the current Oesterle Library and Goldspohn Hall) Nichols Hall served the College until it was destroyed by fire on February 23, 1929.

College President H. J. Kiekhoefer and Judge John S. Goodwin instigated contact with philanthropist, Andrew Carnegie and ultimately, he agreed to donate $25,000 for a new library building. One condition of his gift required an equal amount for a science laboratory building, which Dr. Albert Goldspohn, Class of 1875, committed. Since these two buildings were going to double the physical plant of the College, the Trustees decided to also build a boilerhouse to centralize the heating for all four campus buildings. On April 8, 1908, the three new buildings were dedicated and all three buildings remain in use today (all have been remodeled and repurposed).

(Research and photos selected by former Archives Student Assistants, Kellie Bolster '11 and Adam Gierhart '11)