

Wallace State Community College Library Newsletter



Faculty and Staff,

As we promised in our first newsletter, we would like to inform you of new and "happening things" in the WSCC Library.

Our automation system is now installed. It allows anyone to access our card catalog from remote locations. A link has been provided on the Wallace State web site (www.wallacestate.edu).

We have purchased (2) two LCD data projectors, (4) four tv/dvd/vcr combo units and (4) four overhead projectors. Please reserve these items before you actually need them.

We are now receiving 167 new and/or renewed periodicals subscriptions. Please encourage the students to use these in their assignments. If you have any new subscription request please e-mail Patty Dean (patty.dean@wallacestate.edu). We have also been able to purchase several hundred new book items for the library collection. These items primarily consist of health related subjects. We still want to update our sources for the technical programs. If you have any book or audiovisual requests please contact Renee Marty (renee.marty@wallacestate.edu). We also encourage you to use the Alabama Virtual Library (AVL). This is a great source for both you and your students. Come to the library and we will issue you a card. If anyone needs training on the AVL Databases please contact Renee or Patty at 8260.

We now have (10) ten new Dell Computer with (9) more on the way. When the last nine are received it will allow library patrons access to the card catalog from each floor of the library. We have a general library web address (library@wallacestate.edu). This will allow students, faculty and staff the ability to contact us at any time. A link is located on the Library Web Page.

Again we hope you find this newsletter useful and informative.



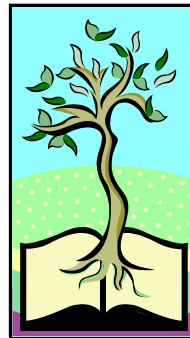
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Its new come and see!!!! Learning Express Library

NEW

We're pleased to announce that at Wallace State Community College, you now have free and unlimited access to practice tests that will help the students reach their school and career goals. It's www.learningexpresslibrary.com, our newest service. This interactive online database features more than 300 practice tests based on official school and career exams, including the ACT, SAT, GED, ASVAB, Fire-fighter, Police Officer, Paramedic, EMT Basic, U.S. Citizenship, Postal Worker, Cosmetology, and Real Estate Sales Agent & Broker Exams, among others. You or a student can log into one of our computers or go to library link off the Wallace State web site, select Learning Express Library and begin taking the test you or the students prefer. You will be given immediate scoring and detailed explanations of answers to all. The test

results will be stored in a personalized account, assessable only to you or the student. When you log-in remotely you must select new user or returning user then use 35077 to start your username, it must be 14 digits long (example 35077352826010). Then create what ever password you would like to use.



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Just Arrived Top Ten

Above and Beyond
Emmas Secret
Odd Thomas
Broken Music
Amateur Marriage
Purpose Driven Life
Pillsbury Best of the Bake
Off Cookbook

Bleachers
Wolves of the Calla
Blood Canticle the Vampire Chronicles

Origins of the Crash
Five People you meet in Heaven

Split Second
Kate Remembered
Da Vinci Code
Teeth of the Tiger
Stories Behind the Great Traditions of Christmas

Blow Fly
Wild Orchids
Namesake
Life of Pi
Big Bad Wolf
Birthright
Seven Money Mantras for a Richer Life

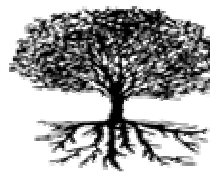
Wedding
Reluctant Suitor
Blackwood Farm
Were Just Like you Only Prettier

Tour of Duty
East of Eden
By the Light of The Moon



FINDING SOMEONE IN THE GENEALOGY DEPARTMENT

by Robert S. Davis, Jr.



The fifth and sixth floor of the library is home to the Family & Regional History Program, where students and visitors research their family trees. However, it is a great place to find historical information on any people and events. On the sixth floor, for example, we have numerous reference books that provide background on all sorts of subjects (even for old and obscure terms and words) and for various periods in American history.

However, our collection also consists of some very rare resources for research. We have subscriptions to the computer databases Genealogy.com, Ancestry.com, and Newspaperarchive.com. All of these sites can be searched by subject keyword as well as names. The last two provide

access to millions of back issues of newspapers. In those two particular databases, you can not only do word searches for texts relating to what you are seeking but you can bring up the actual page of any of the newspapers and print it out!



Our resources for biographical research are equally impressive. Ancestry.com includes access to the Biography and Genealogy Master Index, some 1.4 million biographical sketches. In book form we have the Alabama Biographical Index and we will soon have on microfiche some 1.2 million biographical sketches of some 250,000 Americans before World War II. Our microfilm of applications to the presidents of the United States for

federal jobs and other sources also supply personal information.

In addition to these resources, we also have staff until 4:00 PM each day to answer your questions and we have numerous handouts that explain specific resources and to help you with genealogy. Each semester, we also offer our courses in genealogical research, including a very popular video class, as humanities electives.



Interlibrary Loan (ILL)

New system for requesting Interlibrary Loan coming soon!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!



W <http://chronicle.com>
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B <http://aldaily.com>
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I <http://chronicle.com/free/resource>
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E www.majors.com
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Think About This

"Instruction begins when you, the teacher, learn from the learner; put yourself in his place so that you may understand.....what he learns and the way he understands it".

Kierkegaard

Library Computer Lab

The Library Computer lab is located on the first floor (AKA "The Basement") and is open to all Wallace State students, faculty and staff. In keeping with the public access policy of the library, non-students also have access to the lab; however, currently enrolled students have priority status. Hours are 7:30 AM until 4:00 PM.

The Compass Placement Assessment will be offered during evening hours on

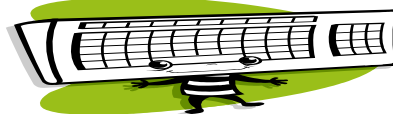
several upcoming dates. In addition to the regular day-time testing between the hours of 8 AM and 2 PM, Assessments can also be scheduled for the following sessions:

- Tuesday, April 13- 8 AM through 6 PM
- Thursday, April 22- 8 AM through 7 PM
- Monday, May 24- 8 AM through 6 PM

Another newsworthy item of mention is the Health Science Computer Lab. True, it's not part of the Library, *but*, it does now have a full-time lab attendant! Yeah! Mary Thornton, x8018, can be found on the 2nd

floor. Now there are 2 smiling lab attendants ready and willing to help you with your computing needs.

Cherie Smith
 Computer Lab Specialist



Please notify the library if you have any suggestions.
 Thank You, Renee Marty, Editor