

Welcome to the Fall semester at Wilmington University. Learning is a lifelong process and, at the Library, we are here to help you learn, whether face-to-face, over the phone, via email, and soon via online reference chat. Our resources continue to grow, especially online, with two new databases: ebrary and Nursing Reference Center. "ebrary" provides business and economics researchers access to over 8000+ eBooks. Nursing students and faculty will find the clinical information in "Nursing Reference Center" invaluable. If you are in need of more in-depth assistance, fill-

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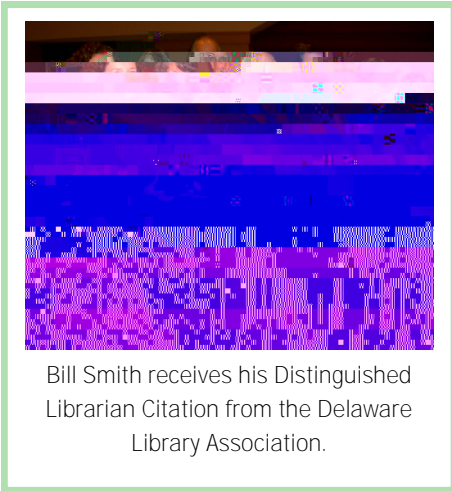
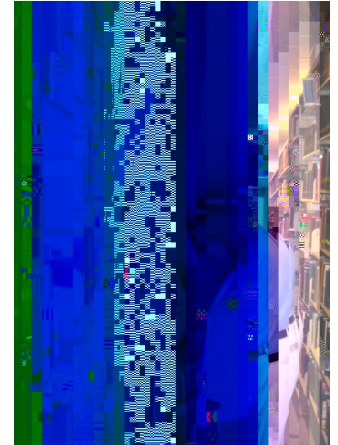
“Some books leave us free and some books make us free.”
-Ralph Waldo Emerson

Over the summer, thousands of books were shifted to expand shelf space in the Library.

In order to expand space in the main collection, the entire range of books devoted to literature, poetry, and literacy criticism (LC Class “P”) were moved over the past 6 months into the compact shelving area. Mr. Milo Gibbons supervised this shift of the collection, with the help of student workers Cheyann Gilroy, Janet O Brien, Anna McCloskey,

and Afnan Nasrin. New signage was prepared by Kailah Neal to help everyone easily find books in their new locations. Please ask for assistance from a library staff member if you need help locating any library materials.

Milo Gibbons puts the finishing touches on the book shift in the compact shelves.



Bill Smith receives his Distinguished Librarian Citation from the Delaware Library Association.

Public Services Librarian Bill Smith began his career at the Library in March of 1994. His first assignment involved creating item records for a collection of over 50,000 books for the library's online catalog. His work station was located in the old Library (now the Maintenance Shed) and in other temporary modular buildings. Bill recalls this time fondly for the challenges of working in the heat and cold temperatures. He has witnessed many changes in the library over the years, most notably the size of the Library staff and the number of students enrolled at the University. When asked what he likes best about working in the Library he replied, “my relationships with students, faculty and staff.” As an example, Bill cited the overwhelming support shown by the Wilmington University community to both him and his wife during his recent hospitalization. Bill foresees the Library environment becoming more virtual in the future with the Library staff increasingly working

with students remotely to help them access electronic library resources and help with research strategies. Bill oversees the circulation and interlibrary loan operations in the library. He continues to make significant contributions to library services including, most recently, the introduction of electronic payments for fines and overdue charges. In May of 2008 Bill received the Distinguished Librarian Citation from the Delaware Library Association. Bill holds a Master's degree in Library Science from Drexel University.

The Library is pleased to offer two new databases that help support your research needs.

**Gale Virtual
Reference Library**

In July 2008 EBSCO Publishing launched a new user interface, EBSCOhost 2.0

EBSCOhost 2.0 is filled with new features to make research easier for its users!

Some **NEW** features include:

- Simpler basic searching screen
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Persepolis: The Story of a Childhood

The Wilmington University Library invites you to join us in a discussion of *Persepolis: The Story of a Childhood*. The Brown Bag Book Club will meet on Thursday, October 16th at 12:00 noon in Room 122 of the New Castle Site Library.

From front flap: "*Persepolis* paints an unforgettable portrait of daily life in Iran preceding and during the revolution. Marjane Satrapi's child's-eye view of dethroned emperors, state-sanctioned whippings, and heroes of the revolution is conveyed through pictures similar to a comic book. Intensely personal, profoundly political, and wholly original, *Persepolis* is at once a story of growing up and a reminder of the human cost of war and political repression. It shows how we carry on, with laughter and tears, in the face of absurdity. And, finally, it introduces us to an irresistible little girl with whom we cannot help but fall in love."

Information literacy forms the basis for lifelong learning. It is common to all disciplines, to all learning environments, and to all levels of education. It enables learners to master content and extend their investigations, become more self-directed, and assume greater control

-Information Literacy Competency Standards for Higher Education

Knowing where to find information (ie. Google) does not equate to knowledge. Each day in our lives we filter information for personal, work, and academic purposes. Someone who is information literate has the ability to navigate through the expanding quantity and uncertain quality to find and use essential information for developing knowledge. Librarians at the Wilmington University Library are ready to work with you to ensure success in gaining information literacy skills. To schedule an instruction session with a Librarian, please contact the library at 1-800-451-5724 or fill out our Instruction Session form on the Library website.

All English 101 students are required to attend a library orientation and to successfully complete an assessment of their basic information seeking skills. This orientation and assessment prepares students for the process of evaluating and gathering appropriate information for their research papers. Until recently, the library assessment was completed manually by students on paper and then graded by a librarian. During the Spring 2008 semester, the Library piloted an English 101 Library Skills Assessment on the Blackboard system with seven English 101 instructors, two of which are in the Distance format only. After attending the

library orientation, students would log-in to their English 101 course page on Blackboard to complete the assessment. To accommodate Distance students, librarians prepared online tutorials covering topics normally presented in the face-to-face orientation. These tutorials were also placed on the English 101 course page on Blackboard along with the assessment. Tutorial topics include: "How to Find Things in a Library", "Research Strategies", "Evaluating Sources", and "What is a Library Database?". Feedback from students and instructors has been very positive. Each semester, a new research topic will be presented in the assessment covering

a variety of sources such as encyclopedias, catalogs, electronic databases, and the internet. Librarians will continue to provide face-to-face orientations on how to use the library. Faculty should schedule their class for an orientation by completing the online form at <http://www.wilmu.edu/library/facultyservices.html>. In addition, one-on-one assistance can be requested if desired. Faculty, from other

Hours & Locations

Handy Library reference guides are now available online. Print out the tri-fold guides to help you obtain information on various aspects of the Wilmington University Library.