



# SHUSH...

## Did You Know?

- Did you know that a sneeze travels out of your mouth at over 100 mph?
- Did you know that Hippo milk is pink?

You can spend hours in the library indulging in more facts from various books like *Famous First Facts* and *The Best, Worst & Most Unusual*

## Library Facts

- Academic librarians answer 56.1 million reference questions each year-reaching almost 10 million more than attended college football games.
- Americans spend over 20 times as much money on home video games (\$21.3 billion) than they do on school library materials for their children (\$1 billion).

\*Sources: ALA Office for Research & Statistics

## LIS 1121: Electronic Library

The American Library Association defines information literacy as, “a set of abilities requiring individuals to recognize when information is needed and have the ability to locate, evaluate, and use effectively the needed information.” Teaching students the importance of information literacy is a new role for librarians.

Being the Google era, it is easy for students to find information on the internet, but hard to find the correct information. Students are examining only the first screen, making quick decisions, browsing instead of systematic searching, plagiarizing, and more. This is not sufficient for college-level work. Students need to be taught by librarians how to successfully conduct research. Therefore, as Northwest librarians we aim to accomplish this by teaching LIS 1121: The Electronic Library. Please encourage your students to register for this class!

— Tenise Faulkner

## ORIENT thy STUDENT!

Students lack basic research skills creating “*information anxiety.*”

Let us assist in the research process by teaching students how to use the library resources through orientation. According to Wong and Cmor (2011), students who attend several library instruction classes have a higher GPA which improves their performance and success. Therefore, if you have an assignment that requires students to use library resources, please contact us. We tailor the orientation experience for different classes. We can tailor your assignment to take advantage of different library resources, too.

“Measuring Association between Library Instruction and Graduation GPA.” *College & Research Libraries* 72.5 (2011): 464-473. Academic Search Premier. EBSCO.Web. 26 Oct. 2011

— Tenise Faulkner

## Research Rescue

**SOS!**

### Save Our Students!

Students need more than 5 - 10 minutes of assistance when trying to locate resources.

That's why we created [Research Rescue!](#)

Now, students can request 1-on-1 time with a librarian of their choice! The librarian promises 30 minutes of help by reading their paper or assignment and suggesting the best possible sources. Take a B to an A!

Be sure to tell students about this new resource now available to them!

—Courtney Hicks

## Let's Collaborate!

Librarians Access Information.  
Faculty Engage Students.

Let's Collaborate to design assignments.

Successful students manipulate hundreds of databases on their journey through higher education. Let's get them into the habit by designing assignments together that require subject specific databases.

Through your assignments, students see the purpose of research skills and the reason libraries are important. We have the satisfaction of introducing students to their future successful selves.

Kennedy, R., & Monty, Vivienne. (2008). Dynamic purposeful learning in information literacy. New Directions for Teaching and Learning, Summer 2008(114), 89-99. : Academic Search Premier

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—Tenise Faulkner

## Text-A-Librarian

Are you mobile? Have a reference question? Text- A- Librarian is a great way to get fast answers to simple library-related questions. Available from 8AM—10PM, 7 days a week, users should expect a response within minutes. TEXT 662-612-0083!

—Courtney Hicks

## Roving Librarian

Taking the Library on the Road!

Roving is a way for us to extend our services to students. This semester, look for us outside the library in different campus locations.

Our first stop will be the Haraway Center. Would you like us to be in your building?

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—Courtney Hicks

## Reading Roundtable

Join us in reading and discussing books!

Led by librarians and faculty, RRT meets the last Tuesday of each month at 2 p.m. in the viewing room. Books are \$5 with registration.

1/31/12: ***Girl's Guide to Homelessness***

by Brianna Karp

2/28/12: ***The Art of Racing in the Rain***

by Garth Stein

3/27/12: ***The Room***

by Emma Donoghue

4/24/12: ***Saving CeeCee Honeycutt***

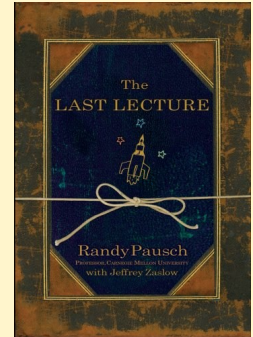
by Beth Hoffman

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- Maggie Moran

## *New Year Inspiration!*

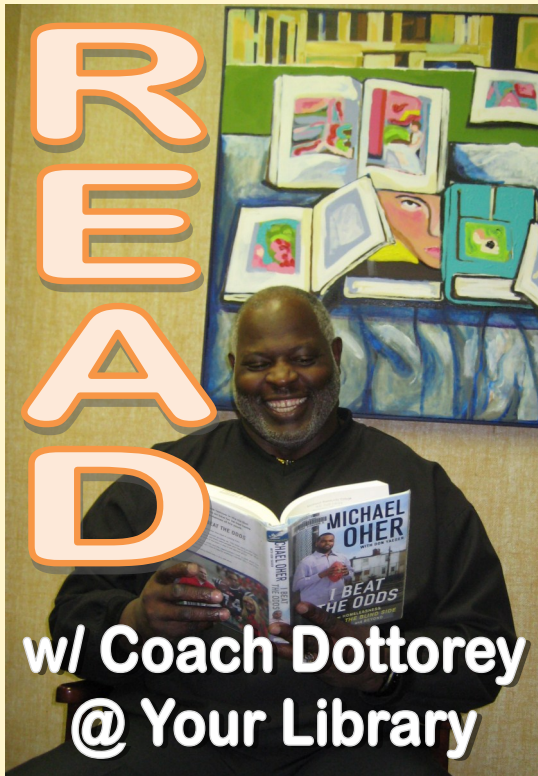
The doctor calmly explains to him that he will no longer be working to save his life. Instead he will focus on extending his time on earth. Randy Pausch heard these words in 2007. His pancreatic cancer, one with the highest mortality rate, had become incurable. Pausch's *The Last Lecture* inspires. He sees positive in all negatives. It offers great advice for our lives at work and at play.



Advice such as:

- \* People are more important than things
- \* Look for the best in people
- \* Brick walls are there for a reason—gives us a chance to show how badly we want something
- \* In marriage, there will be dents and gashes and it's OK—not everything needs to be fixed
- \* Focus on each day rather than negatives yet to come. Don't spend every day dreading tomorrow.
- \* Don't obsess over what people think because it decreases your effectiveness of living

—Tenise Faulkner



## *Say Cheese!*

A person who reads and reads well is more likely to graduate from college, get a higher paying job, and experience the joys of learning new things.

Do your part to encourage student reading by posing for photos at the library with your favorite book. Posters will be created and displayed around campus. Students need to see our faculty and staff as readers!

Do Your Part. Call today for a sitting!

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—Contact Crystal Giles

## *DO the DEWEY!*

As Technical Services Librarian, I am responsible for adding all new books to the collection. This means, I have to physically touch each book and input that item's information into our computer system so users can find it in the catalog. NWCC library uses the Dewey Decimal System (DDS) to classify and arrange our collection. The DDS was created by Melville Dewey. Dewey graduated from Amherst College in 1874 and became a librarian there. He published *A Classification and Subject Index for Cataloging the Book and Pamphlets of a Library...*the origins of our system.

The system is used in more than 200,000 libraries throughout the world and is translated into 35 languages. Numbers and letters are used to organize material on the same subject making it easier to find on library shelves. There are 10 main classes. Each class has 10 divisions and those divisions are further divided and so on. The more divisions, the more specific the call number. So, it can be said that Dewey classification goes from general to specific.

Middle Tennessee State University. Let's Do Dewey, n.d. Web. 2 November 2011..

*-Crystal Giles*



*“Cataloging librarianship is, at its heart, about service. Cataloging librarians provide customer service, through their work, to thousands of users who use library catalogs and databases on a daily basis, as well as supporting future library users. They create coherent catalogs, which enable a reliable search experience for users, many of whom use the catalog remotely without access to a librarian who can interpret results or respond to questions.”*

American Library Association. The Value of Cataloging Librarians, 2006. Web. 2 November 2011.

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*-Crystal Giles*

## *Windows 7 Keyboard Shortcuts*

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Keystrokes</u>	<u>Function</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Keystrokes</u>	<u>Function</u>
10	⌘ + Shift + M	Restores all minimized windows	5	⌘ + tab	Accesses Windows Flip 3D and cycles forward through open programs
9	⌘ + M	Minimizes all windows	4	⌘ + shift + tab	Accesses Windows Flip 3D and cycles backward through open programs
8	⌘ + T	Cycles through the items on the Taskbar	3	⌘ + E	Opens Computer
7	⌘ + spacebar	Preview Desktop (makes all open windows transparent)	2	⌘ + W	Opens the Start menu
6	⌘ + D	Show/Hide the Desktop (minimizes/restores all windows)	1	⌘ + L	Locks the computer

Windows 7 users realize there are more than one way to skin a cat. I hope you will try these out for yourself!

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*-Glenn McDowell*

## NEW DATABASES

Virtual Job Shadow is



a highly engaging career exploration tool for students and job seekers. It is also an outstanding way for employers to connect with their future workforce. Through online videos, Virtual Job Shadow provides a behind-the-scenes look at life on the job for nearly 100 different careers, and the library continues to grow. It also offers indirect correspondence between professionals in various careers and students/job seekers, an integrated School Search for finding institutions with relevant programs of study, and a fillable PDF student workbook.



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thoughtfully integrated & presented in our innovative, easy-to-use platform with the latest technology for finding & sharing information. . The online service covers every major subject and is a great place to start your research with access to the world's best citable information, wherever you are. Comprises atlases; dictionaries; biographies; quotations; bilingual dictionaries; crossword solver and measurement conversions. Find a book option via subject, title, Dewey classification or type.

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—Keith Coleman

## Our Critics!

This is excellent!! Thank you so much! I have been having conferences with my students this week during which most of them have revealed that they have not yet completed the library project, so they will be able to take advantage of these new titles right away. I appreciate your support so much.

~Leelee

This is fantastic! You did an absolutely beautiful job and covered the topic much better than I do. We'll make this an every semester event... ~Tracy

Thank you for all you do for us. ~Alice

I appreciate the work and thought you've put into this. I agree that an orientation session would help. But again, I was impressed with what you came up with for this orientation. Thank you. ~Jason

Very impressive how you have this set up! The annotations are so informative and present a stronger reason to check out these books! Thanks for taking time to present this list to us! ~Deborah

I started looking at these...really good stuff. Thanks for finding the link. ~Anne

Thank you SO MUCH for coming and speaking to our classes! You have shown our students that Reading a Book can be fun and I am so excited to hear them give their Book Talks! You all did a wonderful job! Thank you again for sharing your love for books! ~Pam

I really appreciated all the research work that you did for me that got me off to a great start for my dissertation. ~Ozell

What a fantastic idea!!! Thanks so much. ~Sandra

Thank you! I didn't know that. ~Joel

That is great. Thanks for all you do. ~Phyllis

Wonderful! Thank you for sharing. ~Mary Lee

Thanks. I can see a few that I need to check out. ~Ashley

Thanks for all your preparation and help. ~Becky

## DESOTO

### E-books: the art of running a traditional library in a non- traditional way.

The use of e-books and audio books take the collection outside the walls. It is an opportunity to bring information to users wherever they are. It is a means of staying a step ahead of the informational needs and wants of patrons. Librarians are leveraging the e-book opportunity as a means of improving services and reaching more users. They are making lasting changes, not reinventing the wheel, but looking at the future of reading.

This year the number of e-books users is skyrocketing. In order to read e-books, compatible e-readers must be available. Some book companies and consortiums are purchasing the portable, low-power reading devices for libraries to use. Some Individuals own them, or they are purchasing them. The Mississippi Library Commission announced that they will allow libraries to borrow reading devices for a period of time. Finally, e-book readers allow a sound reality to the use of e-books.

However, there are both advantages and disadvantages in the acquisition, maintaining, and marketing of e-books and audio books. Several advantages are: they are space savers, they allow multiple user access, it is an opportunity for collaboration, it is a springboard to reading and learning and it is cost effective. Some of the disadvantages are: users' preference to print, a patron population must be somewhat technology savvy (or willing to become technology savvy), software must be available, knowledge of availability, and more time and effort must be put into collection development. In spite of my excitement and the excitement of others about e-books and audio books, I am inclined to believe, and even hope that we will have books with us always.

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—*Wanda Pegues*

## OXFORD

Busy Fall Semester here in Oxford. Class visits from Comp I, Comp II, Speech, History, LPNs, Health, Health Care Assistant, Legal Research and others have kept our calendar full.

A large portion of students who attend NWCC—Lafayette Yalobusha Campus and also those enrolled in online classes depend on the computer access they are given through the Oxford Library. Currently the library offers 26 computers for student use, 10 laptop computers that may be checked out, and wireless access for students who have their own computers. The library is open and staffed Monday through Thursday from 8:00 am to 9:00 pm. We are open on Friday from 8:00 am to 3:30 pm.

One goal of the Oxford Library staff is to encourage instructors to discover the resources the library has to offer. Matt Johnson from our History Department added for the first time, a Library component to his fall syllabus. Matt developed a library "treasure" hunt for his students, which had them locate and answer questions about print and electronic sources.

We have added a number of new resources to the library collection and always welcome input from faculty for additional requests. This year we added AORN Journal and AORN resources at the request of our Surgical Technology Instructor. We have also updated the LPN Nursing Constellation Plus software for portable devices. This allows the LPN instructors and students access to a large range of medical resources while they are in clinical visits. We strive to keep our collection up to date and relevant to all of the classes taught here in Oxford.

Slippery Rock U. students were asked to write a concise essay containing the following elements:

**Religion**

**Royalty**

**Sex**

**Mystery**

The prize winner wrote:  
"My God," said the queen, "I am pregnant! I wonder who did it?"

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—*Diana Dukas*X7953 — *Deborah Boutwell*