THE COLLABORATORY: D’AMOUR LIBRARY OPENS NEW MULTIMEDIA, COLLABORATIVE WORKSPACE

This semester, D'Amour Library, in cooperation with the Office of Information Technology, opened the Collaboratory on the first floor, near the Periodicals and Microform areas. The Collaboratory is a response to the need for expanded areas both for collaborative, group work, and for enhanced, multimedia computing.

The Collaboratory consists of six new PCs, three new flatbed scanners, and a color laser printer. The PCs feature state-of-the-art multimedia software, including the Adobe Creative Suite (which includes Photoshop, InDesign, GoLive, and other programs), and video- and audio-editing software. With expanded opportunities for web design, imaging, optical character recognition, desktop publishing, and other creative uses of technology, students, faculty, and staff will be able to design and craft multimedia projects more efficiently and professionally. In addition, the space has been designed to allow for multiple users to work together on such projects, with ample space and plenty of chairs.

Jessica Kem, Information Literacy Librarian

NEW COLLECTIONS ADD VARIETY TO LIBRARY

If you haven't paid a visit to D'Amour recently, there are several new collections that we are very excited to introduce. We have been making a concentrated effort to bring you not only excellent academic resources, but to fill in some of your leisure needs as well.

Our new DVD collection has been met with much enthusiasm by the students. We are launching a leisure DVD collection that includes current feature films and television series that students may not have caught when they were aired, or liked enough to watch again. Watching the complete season of a show in one fell swoop seems very popular. We have put our collective librarian heads together to come up with a range of films that students, staff and faculty will enjoy. Our new suggestion box, however, has proven invaluable in giving us insight into what the WNEC community is looking for in flicks. The circulation on the DVD collection has surpassed our expectations, and we are very excited about continuing to purchase materials that everyone can bring home and enjoy.

You may remember that our DVD collection was non-circulating in the past. In an effort to make viewing easier, we now circulate feature films that are not currently on reserve to faculty, staff and students. Everyone has access to film classics that were previously for in-library use only. Academic titles, however, are still considered reserve items for in-library use only.

For those of you who love a “good read” we are constantly updating our leisure reading collection. This collection has been growing for about a year and like the DVD’s, has become very popular with students and staff. We try to keep abreast of the most popular titles and have received many gifts of already read and loved titles.

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**Did you Know?**

**Interlibrary Loan Articles Now Available Via Email**

Now journal articles requested through interlibrary loan can be delivered straight to your email inbox. When available (and when you include your email address in your request), articles will be attached to an email from dlill@wnec.edu.

**D'Amour Library has a Screen Name!**

You can now get research assistance from a librarian via IM, IM, or instant messaging, allows two people to send real-time text messages back and forth through the Internet.

Get started by adding askDamour to your Yahoo or AOL buddy list. The service is available during normal reference hours. More information is available on the library's home page.

**Digital Learning Center open hours**

Many students have discovered the Digital Learning Center, the new computer classroom on the second floor of the Library. Most first year students, as well as many upper-level students, have attended information literacy instruction workshops in this space.

But did you know that this facility is available as an open computer lab when no classes are scheduled? A current schedule is posted by the entrance of the room.

The facility includes 32 PC's, one scanner, a duplex (double-sided) laser printer, and a teaching station with double projectors.

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**From the Director's Desk**

Oh what a fall semester we had! All of us enjoyed a beautifully renovated library with a fabulous new addition. The second floor Digital Learning Center saw 96 information literacy classes and many more students working on individual and group projects into the early morning hours. The bright and colorful reading room welcomed students to explore current journals and student art while working on course projects on their laptops or catching up on their course reading. D'Amour was alive with activity from top to bottom! It was a wonderful welcome for this new director.

The start of a new semester always brings with it fresh opportunities and spring semester promises to be just as exciting as the fall semester was, fortunately without the need to move the entire collection again! We will be rolling out the new Collaboratory, designed to better accommodate group work and advanced editing and imaging projects. The Athenaeum Series will expand its offerings to include an arts series with three musical concerts, a theatrical presentation, and at least three independent film showings. The librarians will be presenting a lunchtime series of workshops on information literacy and technology topics to help everyone keep up with the many new resources available for use. And online, IM-based reference service will become a reality.

So it looks like we will all be busy this semester, as should be the case on any college campus. There will be a lot that is new in the Library. But our commitment to providing excellent service, a welcoming place to study, and great resources remains steadfast. We are here to help make your college experience meaningful and rewarding. We look forward to sharing this new semester, this new opportunity with all of you!

Priscilla Perkins, D'Amour Library Director

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**Taming the WILDPAC: Online Catalog Survival**

D'Amour Library's online catalog, WILDPAC has undergone many changes in recent months. The most notable change has been the inclusion of all journal titles available electronically through our database subscriptions. This means that if you are looking for a specific journal or periodical, you may now do a Journal Title search in WILDPAC to see if D'Amour Library subscribes to any databases that index the journal. If we do subscribe, a WILDPAC record will provide links that will take you directly to relevant databases. These links also describe the range of dates that each database covers for the journal in question. There are presently over 14,000 full-text journal titles available in the D'Amour collection through online databases.

Another change to WILDPAC is in regard to new collections added to D'Amour Library. Beginning with the Fall '05 semester, D'Amour Library has begun circulating DVDs and CDs for both leisure enjoyment and as supplements to film- and music-related courses. To see what new DVDs the library has purchased, visit the list of DVDs and videos from the "Feature List of Cataloged Materials," found on the WILDPAC homepage. To see what new CDs the library has acquired, use an Advanced Keyword Search for "music," and limit the Material Type to "sound recording" and the Location to DAMOUR. Please note that this search includes CDs on reserve for classes, so be sure to check the shelf location to see if the CD may be taken out of the library.

We are also excited to announce that library users may now save and export searches they have done in the WILDPAC. While searching WILDPAC, one may mark and save individual records found in search results or save all records on the page. When done searching, the records may be exported to an email address or saved to a disk.

Steven Folsom, Cataloguing Librarian
D'Amour Athenaeum Series Grows; New Arts Series Added to Schedule

The Athenaeum Series is a program of events adding to the academic, cultural and intellectual life of the Western New England College community. Hosted and co-sponsored by D'Amour Library, the series provides a forum for communication, conversation and discussion on scientific, literary, and other topics.

These programs are free, open to the public, and wheelchair-accessible.

We anticipate additional events for the Athenaeum Series this semester, so be sure to check the latest events schedule on the D'Amour Web site; see the link to Athenaeum under Services in the sidebar.

Athenaeum Series Events

The following events will be held in D'Amour Library Room 319.

Wednesday, March 8 at 4:00 p.m., Emmett Barcaio, Professor of Philosophy and Chair of the Department of Communication and Humanities, will speak on "Terrorism, Interrogation, and Torture."

Wednesday, March 29 at 4:00 p.m., Robert Spector, Professor of History at Worcester State College, will speak on "The Significance of the Holocaust in Human History."

New Collections continued...

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We welcome suggestions of books you’d like to see on the leisure reading shelves since there’s such a wide range of authors and genres that readers find appealing. Please keep us in mind for not only textbooks, but great free-time reads also.

I think we’re all especially excited about making our current periodical space a place where students can put their feet up and relax for a while. We have decided to purchase several hands-on magazine titles to supplement our countless database titles. There’s nothing like being able to turn the pages now and then! Among the titles students might enjoy are Discover, Ebony, Psychology Today and Harper’s. Newer titles that you may not already be familiar with and want to have a look at are Jane, Dwell, and Ready-Made. We’ve tried to include something for everyone. If you haven’t already spent some time in our comfy chairs in the reading room, please give it a try. We have even decorated it with artwork by some very talented WNEC students.

Vicky Ludwig, Collection Development Librarian

The Athenaeum Arts Series

The Athenaeum Arts Series is a new program of events designed to enhance the cultural life of the College community through musical, theatrical, and film performances.

These programs are free, open to the public, and wheelchair-accessible.

Athenaeum Arts Series Events

All of the following events will take place in D'Amour Library. Performing arts events will be in Room 319, and films will be shown in Room 219.

Friday, February 17 at 7:00 p.m., Faculty Recital: "Voyages" with John Cavicchia, Quattrovoli, and Guests. D'Amour Library, Room 319.

Friday, February 24 at 7:00 p.m., Movie: "Hawaii, Oslo." D'Amour Library, Room 219.

Friday, March 3 at 7:00 p.m., Faculty Recital: "Herstory/History" with Moonlight & Morning Star. D'Amour Library, Room 319.

Thursday, March 23 at 4:00 p.m., Dramatic scenes from David Mamet's Oleanna, Anton Chekhov’s The Cherry Orchard, and other plays. Presented by the Acting II Class. D'Amour Library, Room 319.

Friday, March 31 at 7:00 p.m., Movie: "The Forest for the Trees." D'Amour Library, Room 219.

Friday, April 7 at 7:00 p.m., Faculty Recital: Ted Levine, jazz reeds, and Friends. D'Amour Library, Room 319.

Friday, April 28 at 7:00 p.m., Movie: "Aaltra." D'Amour Library, Room 219.

Dan Eckert, Head of Serials/Reference/Web Manager/Interlibrary Loan

Check out a few new DVDs!

Mean Girls
The Battle of Algiers
The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy
Napoleon Dynamite
Don't Look Back
Buffy the Vampire Slayer: The Chosen Collection (seven seasons)
The O.C. (Complete First and Second Seasons)
Dazed and Confused
Friday Night Lights
Rabbit-Proof Fence
The Goonies

Notable New Books in D'Amour Library


D'AMOUR LIBRARY OFFERING LUNCHTIME WORKSHOPS

This semester, D'Amour Library will offer free, open workshops to all members of the WNEC community (students, faculty, staff, alumni). Workshops will be held in the Digital Learning Center (DLC), the new computer classroom on the second floor of the library, and will be led by D'Amour librarians. Topics will vary from advanced Web searching to engineering resources in the library, and suggestions for future workshops are welcome. Questions and suggestions for future topics may be directed to Jessica Kem (jkem@wnec.edu or ext. 1537) or Mary Jane Sobinski-Smith (msobinski@wnec.edu or ext. 1533).

Workshop attendants may reserve a place in the class by contacting Michelle Adams at ext. 1532 or madams0@wnec.edu. Classes are scheduled for Tuesdays and Thursdays from 12:30pm—1:30pm. Participants are welcome to bring a lunch and covered beverage.

Jessica Kem, Information Literacy Librarian

Google and Beyond: Authoritative Information From the “Invisible Web” Tues. Feb. 7
Learn how to improve your Internet searches, use subject directories to find more relevant and authoritative online information, and use search strategies and tools available to the Western New England College community to access authoritative, online information resources for school, work and home.

Keeping Current with RSS Feeds Thurs. Feb. 9
Learn how to use this emerging technology to keep current in your discipline, profession, or area of interest. RSS is a way to choose various sources of web-based information (from news sites, blogs, and online journals) to be delivered to you, all in one convenient place. This workshop will introduce you to what RSS is, what you can do with it.

What's new at D'Amour Library Tues. Feb. 14
An overview of new resources and services since September 2005.

Business Tools @ the Library Thurs. Feb. 16
An introduction to the business tools available through the D'Amour Library. Discover authoritative business information sources from business databases, e-journals, e-books, and more.

What is a wiki? How can it help my group collaborate more efficiently? Learn how to create collaborative web pages with social software that can be edited without any coding experience.

History Resources @ the Library Thurs. Feb. 23
Discover authoritative sources of historical information from academic databases and online scholarly journals in this introductory workshop.

Advanced Online Searching with WILDPAC Tues. Feb. 28
Did you know that WILDPAC, WNEC libraries' online catalog, has some new tricks and tools? Discover time-saving techniques for searching the catalog for books, journals, videos, CDs, and more.

Engineering Resources @ the Library Thurs. Mar. 2
An introduction to engineering research with engineering databases, online reference books and handbooks, and more.

Searching for Patents Tues. March 7
Think your idea is unique? Want to see if someone beat you to the punch on an invention? Discover techniques and strategies in searching for new inventions and existing patents.

Creating More Effective PowerPoint Presentations Thurs. Mar. 30
Learn how to create more engaging and useful presentations. This class will not focus on the basics of PowerPoint, but rather on what makes a presentation more effective. Basic knowledge of PowerPoint is prerequisite.

Western New England College senior and student teacher Erin Walsh's fourth grade class created and donated this gingerbread house to D'Amour Library for the winter holidays. It was displayed in the new Reading Room in December.