Welcome to the latest issue of The Library Link!

For librarians, the report Redefining the Academic Library: Managing the Migration to Digital Information Services (University Leadership Council: The Advisory Board Company, 2011) makes for an interesting read as it discusses “transformational change in the information landscape.” I have to agree with the report that shifts in library technology, user demands, and looming budget pressures are forcing library directors to adapt to these challenges so that the Library can best serve its patrons. I am proud to say that the NSCC Library is constantly trying to stay on top of new and better ways to deliver information that meets all of our patrons needs.

In this issue of The Library Link, you will read about how the NSCC Library is meeting some of the new challenges:

- Many periodicals are now available online. John Koza’s article talks about the Library’s growing list of online periodicals and how you can access them.
- Kerrie Mangione writes about NOBLE’s move to an open-source integrated library system (Evergreen) in May 2012. Learn what that move will mean for you as a patron.
- Read about student success and the online tutorial Torrey Dukes has produced.
- Christine’s article about the Library’s move away from VHS will make you want to update your syllabus with streaming videos

Congratulations are in order for the Library’s own John Koza, who was selected as the NISOD Excellence Award winner! John will be representing the professional staff of Academic Affairs at the NISOD Conference this May.

See you in the Library!
— Karen Pangallo
The Library Link

From the Circulation Desk

Evergreen

The library’s new catalog and circulation system, Evergreen, will go live the weekend of May 29, 2012. We are very excited as this system offers much more to users.

One Evergreen feature gives patrons with interlibrary loan requests the option to suppress holds. You can look at all of your requests and suppress any you want to get at a later date. The titles will stay on your list but will not be requested until you remove the suppression status. This is great if you’re taking a vacation or are receiving too many of your requests at once.

Check out our blog and Facebook for future Evergreen updates.
— Kerrie Mangione

From the Reference Desk

NSCC Libraries Say Good Bye to VHS Videocassettes

The VHS videotape format first introduced to consumers in 1975 by JVC/Matsushita will be seeing its final demise this semester at the NSCC Libraries, as the Lynn and Danvers Campus Libraries withdraw the videocassettes from their circulating collections. The Library has not purchased VHS titles in years - in fact, the format has not been released in the U.S. since 2008.

The Library will not be losing any of its valuable content on VHS. Heavily used VHS tapes will be replaced with either their DVD or streaming video counterpart. Faculty using Library VHS tapes in their courses should contact either Bill Meunier in Danvers or Carolyn Johnson in Lynn to ensure there is no disruption to classes in which they have planned viewings using VHS videos. Faculty should also contact their Library Liaison if they are interested in working with library staff to update or purchase new videos for classroom subjects.

Say Hello (if you haven’t already) to Streaming Videos

Since the Spring of 2010 the NSCC Libraries have subscribed to a “faculty favorite” streaming video database called Films on Demand. This database contains educational and documentary films and news programs in all academic subject areas from well known producers such as Cambridge Educational, Films for the Humanities & Sciences, PBS, Nova and Ken Burns. The database has received nearly 124,000 hits since the beginning of the Fall 2011 semester. By creating an account within the database faculty may set up a favorites folder for easy storage and access to videos they may use in the classroom. The database also allows faculty the ability to create customized playlists for courses. Faculty may make appointments with Librarians at both the Lynn and Danvers Campus Libraries for information about searching and using some of the advanced features available when using videos from the Films on Demand database for classroom viewing.
— Christine Goodchild

EasyBib

EasyBib is our newest citation generator! Like its name says—it’s EASY to create citations for research papers!

Coming and Going—As part of the Locks Project in Lynn, the Library will soon be sporting a whole new entryway.

LibGuides Community

The popularity of LibGuides keeps growing! Check out this list and think about how a LibGuide could work in your classroom.

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New Medical Website

Have you or someone you know ever considered participating in a clinical trial? The National Institutes of Health has created a new website, NIH Clinical Research Trials and You. The site is designed to inform people about clinical trials, the importance of clinical trials in advancing medical research, and how to participate in a trial. Visitors to the site will learn about the basics of participating in clinical trials, real life experiences of clinical trial volunteers, and links to finding a trial or enrolling in a research matching program. NIH Director Francis S. Collins, M.D., PhD stated in the press release announcing the new website, “The ability to recruit the necessary number of volunteers is vital to carrying out clinical research that leads to health and medical advances. This new, centralized resource will make it much easier for the public and health professionals to learn about clinical trials and how people can participate in them.” Stop by and check it out!

— Bill Meunier

Student Success

Student Success can be achieved through applying information literacy standards to coursework and learning. These standards are more than library skills, they are life skills, and include the ability to recognize the need for information, how to find quality and relevant information, and the ability to use that information ethically and successfully. This can be applied to a student’s academic, personal and professional careers, and will enable the student to think critically throughout life.

These skills are an important aspect of instruction at the Library. We try to impart this with our individual and group instruction, but we can’t do it alone. Help us reach your students. Schedule an instruction session for your class, use our Information Literacy tutorial, or encourage your students to take our one-credit Research Methods course.

Our most intensive approach is our one-credit Research Methods course, LSC101. This ten week course takes students through the entire research process, and teaches students much needed information literacy skills. LRC101 is offered each semester in both Danvers and Lynn. The assignments are designed to allow students to use assignments from other classes to complete the exercises. This is a great companion to any composition or literature course. Please recommend this great course to your students.

Our Information Literacy tutorial is an online tool designed to teach students information literacy skills at their own pace. The tutorial consists of nine sections covering different aspects of information and research. Available with quizzes in Angel, this option can be customized to fit the schedule of your class. You can opt to include as many parts of the tutorial as you wish, and it is a great option for Online, and Comp 1 classes. The tutorial is available in our Libguides (http://libguides.northshore.edu/InformationLiteracy_Tutorial); the quizzes can be added to your Angel section. Consider using the Information Literacy tutorial in your class.

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Our instruction sessions are available in the Library or in your classroom, and are tailored to your course content. These sessions can be scheduled any time throughout the semester, but are best offered when your students are actively working on an assignment. This time-of-need instruction can be very effective in improving the quality of the sources your students use. Consider bringing your class to the Library. Contact us to include one of these options in your course. Call Torrey Dukes ext 6244 (Lynn), or Christine Goodchild ext. 5532 (Danvers).
— Torrey Dukes

E-books Extrapolated

Library users are experiencing a growing dependence on e-books. The NSCC Libraries own e-books both as individual titles and in our ebrary collection. Advantages of all e-books include access from distant locations, no storage requirements, and, in many cases, multi-user access. Our ebrary collection offers about 20,000 titles chosen for their suitability for community college libraries.

Ebrary offers many perks beyond just using a title online! Among these are the ability to:

- Search for terms within the text.
- Take notes and save them for future reference.
- Print sections or chapters.
- Create citations.
- Listen to the text being read in various languages and speech patterns.

The NSCC Library Staff is encouraging users to go beyond the basic screen display and is happy to offer individual and class instruction in these uses. For those of you who are using e-books as supplemental texts, or just encouraging their use, we can come to your classroom for a short, 10-15 minute demonstration of note-taking, printing, etc. Just a short instruction session can help your students to use e-books more effectively and add to both their comfort with this format and to their educational experience in your class!

Call us or email to schedule class instruction in ebrary!

If you have difficulty including ebrary books in your Angel class information please contact Torrey Dukes at x6245.
— Carolyn Johnson

Please be sure to visit the Library during Arts in April week! Some very special displays are being planned that will showcase the interests and talents of your colleagues!
NSCC Libraries have always offered a collection of print magazines and newspapers on campus. Many of these are subject-specific journals pertaining to programs of study, such as the Respiratory Therapy, the American Journal of Occupational Therapy, and Radiologic Technology. Many others are news or recreation oriented designed for leisure reading, such as Time, Popular Photography, Smithsonian, and Sports Illustrated. Increasingly, publishers of many of these journals are providing full text back issues of their magazines directly from their own websites. This content extends our library holdings, making each journal much more valuable to our students, faculty and staff. This content is available only to subscribers, which in the case of NSCC, means students, faculty and staff of the college, and can be accessed from any internet connected computer. On campus users will be taken directly to each publishers website. Off campus users will be prompted for their library card number. So far, we have added online access to 14 notable journals (click journal title to access):

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We hope that you will take advantage of this expanded access!
— John Koza
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Staff Favorites —

The Submission (Waldman) is a fictional account about how the design for the 9/11 Ground Zero Memorial was chosen. A committee selects a winning design for the Memorial in a blind contest--nothing is known about any of the designers. When the name of the designer is ultimately revealed, it turns out that he is a Muslim American. What ensues is the controversy that choice brings as the author explores the diverse points of view of everyone involved. This is a thought-provoking book that explores themes of prejudice, the individual versus groups, our response to grief and terror, the purpose of art, and the impact of journalism on society. Not an easy book, but an emotional one that leaves the reader thinking. — Karen Pangallo

I read an interesting article in the January 9-16 issue of Newsweek called “31 Ways to Get Smarter in 2012. One topic discussed in this article was that IQ’s can be raised by a staggering 21 points over four years or fall by 18 points. This is an amazing discovery since researchers thought IQ’s could not be changed after early childhood. Sleeping well, good eating habits, exercise, and even going to a library festival are just a few of the ways to enhance brain power. Reading through the 31 ways to get smarter list made me want to change some old habits and incorporate new habits for a better brain! Check out Newsweek’s The Daily Beast to see the 31 ways to get smarter. — Edie Saranteas

The Descendants, with George Clooney gives an understated yet Oscar level performance as Matt King. King has to re-establish relationships with his daughters after his estranged wife lies in a coma following a boating accident. To complicate matters, King has to decide, as trustee for his family’s estate, how to dispose of 25,000 acres of prime Hawaiian real estate. I think you will like it.— Bill Meunier

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