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Who Are You?

Even though you already know who you are, you may want to head over to Admissions to get a NEW Student ID!

The new student ID badges work with the new cash card system for printing that has been implemented at the Wayne G. Basler Library and in the open computer lab in C2406. Printing in these "open" labs now costs \$.05 per page and cannot be paid in cash. Each new student ID will come with ten free copies for students. Students uninterested in posing for photographs — and also Community Borrowers who are not issued photo ID through NSTCC — can purchase the cash cards in the Copier Room on the second floor of the Basler Library for \$1.00 per card (The card is reusable and comes with ten "free" copies on it when purchased.)

The cash card system is easy to use. Instructions are posted in the labs for the general public. There are staff members available who are ready to assist if there are any technical glitches in these areas.

Some Things to Remember:

- Patrons may add money to these cards for additional copies by inserting money into the cash card vendor in the Library's 2nd floor Copier Room.
- This machine will NOT give change — if a patron places a \$20 bill in the machine, it will add that amount to the balance on the ID or cash card.
- The loss of an ID or cash card results in the loss of the money on that card as well. As we have no way of tracking the money on cards, anyone who finds a misplaced card can use it for the amount of copies remaining on the card. Hold on to these cards!

Please remember that there are alternatives to printing on campus if the costs prove inconvenient or prohibitive. Work may be saved to a disk, or most documents or online articles can be emailed to a patron's email account for use or retrieval at a later time.

Country Roads, Take Me Home

Come "Home, Sweet Home" for Summer Reading Book Discussions at the Basler Library. In July, we will read David Baldacci's semi-autobiographical family history, *Wish You Well*, with a group discussion and light refreshments in L106 on Tuesday, July 30. Participants should supply their own copy of the book (available in paperback at most book stores or public libraries). Discussions will begin at 6:30 p.m. and last about an hour.

The group is open to anyone and everyone. We simply ask for registration beforehand so that we can plan for the refreshments. For more information or registration, call 423.354.2429 or email capeters@NortheastState.edu.

Baby Love

Congratulations to Dawn Kraft and her husband, Clint, on the birth of their new baby! Caroline Elizabeth was born July 3, 2002, at 7:11 a.m., weighing in at 7 pounds, 11 oz. All three are doing well!



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Everyday I Write the Book

Actually, I'm way too busy READING to have time to write the books! Here are some of the great new reads available at the Wayne G. Basler Library! Don't forget to check out the complete list of new books online at www.northeaststate.edu/library/newbooks/index.shtml.

Fiction Titles: *Things That Fall From the Sky: Stories* (Brockmeier); *How I Became an American* (Gundisch); *Once...* (Herbert); *Birthday of the World And Other Stories* (LeGuin); *Wild Ginger* (Min); *For Rovenna: a Novel* (Nunez); *Time and Chance* (Penman); *Henry's List of Wrongs* (Shepherd); *Red Dancer* (Skinner); and *When the Root Children Wake Up* (Wood).

Non-Fiction Titles: *It's Been a Good Life* (Asimov); *Lead Us Not Into Temptation* (Berry); *Art Lover: A Biography of Peggy Guggenheim* (Gill); *Mars and Venus in the Workplace* (Gray); *Children's Literature in the Elementary School* (Huck, et al.); *There's a Chef in My Soup* (Lagasse); *Religions of the United States In Practice* (McDonnell); *Heal the Pain, Comfort the Spirit* (O'Hara); *As Always, Jack: A Wartime Love Story* (Sweeney); and *Energy Efficiency Manual* (Wulfinghoff).

Stranded



Selkirk's Island by Diana Souhami [G 530 .S42 S68 2002]

Mention the name Alexander Selkirk to most people and odds are that you will only be met with a blank stare. Then proceed to recount the basic outline of his life — born in Scotland, had a knack for getting into trouble as a youth, went to sea with William Dampier the pirate/privateer on a quest to capture the Manilla galleon, was marooned (actually “put ashore” is a more correct way of saying it) on an island 360 miles west of the coast of Chile — and you might pique their interest a little. If they have any sense for the romance of adventure, you will definitely have their attention when you say that Selkirk knew Daniel Defoe and was the inspiration for one of Defoe's most interesting characters — Robinson Crusoe.

Marooned on Juan Fernandez Island for four years and four months, Selkirk managed to survive and was rescued by yet another British ship searching for the famed Manilla galleon. Unlike his fictional counterpart, however, there was no “Friday” for Selkirk's companionship. He eked his survival out of the island by hard work and the grace of an agreeable climate, plentiful and edible plants and fruits, and numerous feral goats. His Bible and the natural beauty of the island were his only sources of spiritual comfort. It is said that he often expressed a desire to return later in his life for a visit. This was not to be.

Selkirk returned to England, resumed many of his former vices, supposedly married two women, went back to sea, to die in semi-obscure, of malaria, off the coast of Africa in 1721 at the age of 45. *Robinson Crusoe* went on to become a world classic. Now, with *Selkirk's Island*, one can read the true story of the original castaway.

—Reviewed by Duncan Parsons, Assistant Dean

Fourth of July Information & Activities Sites

Activities & Crafts for the Fourth of July
www.enchantedlearning.com/crafts/july4/

The Fourth of July — A Day to Remember
www.education-world.com/a_lesson/lesson069.shtml

Dmoz Open Directory Project — Fourth of July
http://dmoz.org/Society/Holidays/Fourth_of_July/

Fourth of July (Timeline, Quotes, Songs, Activities)
www.umkc.edu/imc/fourthof.htm

Fourth of July Traditions and Celebrations
www.fourth-of-july-celebrations.com/html/traditions.html

Fourth of July Celebrations Database
<http://gurukul.american.edu/heintze/fourth.htm>