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Wayne G. Basler Library Newsletter

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AUTOMATION SONG

In late June, we will “go live” with a new automation system called Voyager, created by the Endeavor Information Systems, which is based in the suburbs of Chicago, IL.

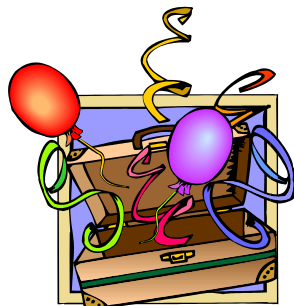
Librarian John Grubb explains of the change in automation systems, “This is a great opportunity to have a better catalog and it is another branch of cooperation and collaboration with ETSU which also uses Voyager — something that is very important to Northeast State and higher education in our part of the state.”

Does that mean that we will initially see ETSU’s holdings from our library’s catalog when the new online catalog is working? Actually, it doesn’t and that is one of the great things about the new system. Grubb says, “We will only see our holdings. Our database is separate from ETSU’s. If you find an item in our new catalog when we go live in late June, you can rest assured that we own it.” ETSU and other local libraries’ holdings will be accessible through a separate link on our library’s site.

Grubb adds, “The typical user will notice a more user-friendly interface. If they take just a little more time, they will be able to do some great searches using the options available on Endeavor.”

New features include the ability to search course reserves, managing your own account (renewing books, viewing fines), simpler means of controlling limited searches, relevance-ranked results, improved keyword searches, etc. Why should people care if we are changing automation systems? Grubb explains, “It only matters when you sit down to do research and need to find information. At that point, it matters a great deal and I think that our users will see a great difference and appreciate it.”

The Library’s online catalog will still be available from Internet-accessible locations 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. E-books, databases, and numerous other useful features of the Library’s homepage are also available at home, through the public library, or elsewhere, via the Internet. For more information about Voyager, see www.endinfosys.com.



Hope You Had the Time of Your Life

We want to take this opportunity to congratulate all of those graduating from Northeast State Technical Community College. We especially want to congratulate our student workers who will finish here to go on to bigger, even more exciting adventures. Venus Crowther, Vladimir Pesko, and Neal Robinette, we thank you for all of your hard work, your endearing smiles, and what you have shared with us in your time here. The very best to all graduates, wherever life may lead you...



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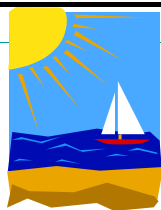
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Fiction Titles: *Last Man Standing* (Baldacci); *Holy Road* (Blake); *Viking Funeral* (Cannell); *Honest Doubt* (Cross); *Multitude of Sins* (Ford); *Search for Joyful* (Freedman); *Everything On a Waffle* (Horvath); *Flesh and Blood* (Kellerman); *The Sigma Protocol* (Ludlum); *First Lady* (Malone); and *The Three Pigs* (Wiesner, 2002 Caldecott Award Winner).

Non-Fiction Titles: *Dave Barry Hits Below the Beltway* (Barry); *Holy War, Inc.: Inside the Secret World of Osama bin Laden* (Bergen); *Cold, Cold Hand: Stories of Ghosts and Haunts From the Appalachian Foothills* (Burchill); *Breaking Faith* (Cornwell); *Essential Canon of Classical Music* (Dubal); *What's Your Type of Career* (Dunning); *Crocodile Hunter* (Irwin); *Self Matters* (McGraw); *Deer Hunter's Encyclopedia* (Rue); *Six Modern Myths About Christianity and Western Civilization* (Sampson); *KISS and Make-Up* (Simmons); *Will the Circle Be Unbroken?* (Terkel); and *President in the Family: Thomas Jefferson, Sally Hemings, and Thomas Woodson* (Woodson).

Somewhere...



Goin' Someplace Special by Patricia C. McKissack (Illustrated by Jerry Pinkney) [PZ7 .M478693 Go 2001]

Young 'Tricia Ann is off on a grand adventure, off on her own without Mama Frances there to watch out for her. The setting is Nashville, TN, in the 1950s. 'Tricia Ann is African-American. "Someplace Special" has another name, but this is what she and Mama Frances call it, this place where "All Are Welcome," regardless of color. On her way to "Someplace Special," 'Tricia Ann must sit in the back of the bus, behind the Jim Crow sign; she tries to rest on a bench in the park near a fountain that her grandfather helped to build, only to learn that the bench is "For Whites Only;" she accidentally gets pushed inside the luxurious Southland Hotel when a limousine pulls up out front, only to be thrown out because of her skin color. Is "Someplace Special" really worth all these reminders of the limitations enforced upon 'Tricia Ann and other African-Americans at that time? 'Tricia Ann knows it is upon reaching her destination. "Before bounding up the steps and through the front door, 'Tricia Ann stopped to look up at the message chiseled in the stone across the front facing: 'PUBLIC LIBRARY: ALL ARE WELCOME.'" Winner of 2002 Coretta Scott King Illustrator Award. —Reviewed by Chrissie Anderson Peters



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www.thirdage.com/features/tech/booster/webimages/

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