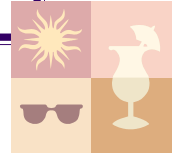


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## The Library Staff:

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## Oh, Teacher

Maybe you never thought about the Basler Library staff as “teachers,” but we spend lots of time teaching students, staff, faculty, and community users how to do research, how to utilize various databases, how to most effectively use the online catalog, how to manipulate various technologies in the Library... We teach classes and individuals, too! Librarians Chris Demas and Virginia Hodges have been busy working up some new tutorials that we think are going to be very useful to the Northeast State community!

Each tutorial will be available online, through the Basler Library’s homepage. There will be tutorials to cover electronic books — in netLibrary, Knovel, and Safari. There will be tutorials to cover the online catalog — how to search using various methods, etc. There will be a general tutorial to instruct users on accessing full-text journals and magazines (a feature listed under “Library Resources” on our homepage). Then, there will be tutorials to cover each database individually, explaining them in more detail. Some databases, like InfoTrac and LexisNexis, may be broken down into segments to more fully address what is available within those databases. Even the new databases — AP Science and CINAHL — will have tutorials eventually.

Each tutorial is made up of a script (read by Virginia Hodges), and a “working” example of each function as she explains how to do it in the script. In other words, as Virginia explains how to do something, you will see that action being played out on the screen. Each tutorial will last about five minutes in order to make it easier for users to “digest” what they have learned in that particular lesson.

When asked what led to the development of the tutorials, Virginia said that it was something that she had been thinking about doing for a year or so. In conversation with Chris Demas one day, she learned that he had been thinking of doing a similar project. So the two of them decided to join their efforts to make the project a reality when Duncan Parsons, Dean of the Library, gave his blessings.

Chris Demas researched and chose the software to make the tutorials possible. He is also responsible for making the tutorials look and sound so good and for putting them on the Library’s website.

Chris reminds everyone that the tutorials are a “work in progress.” Even though the two librarians have been working on the project for a couple of weeks, it will take time to finish the project. And, as new databases are added to our collection, or as older databases change, tutorials will have to be re-vamped. The two hope to have the bulk of the tutorials completed by the end of Fall 2004, however.

Virginia predicts that the tutorials will be most helpful “for people who like to learn on their own — self-motivated individuals; people who are off-campus and find it inconvenient to come to the Library for instruction; or for those who are working on projects when the Library is closed.” Although she foresees that some instructors may use the tutorials if their schedules are very tight, so that students “learn” how to do research before coming to class, she indicates that the purpose of the tutorials is not to take the place of library instruction sessions, but to supplement what the librarians do.



## New Kid in Town

We proudly announce the official addition of Travis Brooks to our staff. Travis was one of Eric Morrill’s student assistants and assumed Eric’s responsibilities until a replacement could be found. We’re all excited to have him aboard and hope that you’ll join us in making him feel at home!

A native of Greeneville, Travis will graduate from Northeast State in the Fall, with a major field of study in Information Technology, and will continue at ETSU with a double major in Information Technology and Broadcast in the Spring. Most of Travis’ hobbies and interests are A/V-related, among them “playing with [A/V] equipment and most any other piece of... advanced technology.” He also spends “a great deal of free time singing with a rock band called Xtortion,” working with their audio recordings and soon with their video projects. (Travis began his college career at Austin Peay on a vocal music performance scholarship.) He comments, “I have always had a vested interest in the captivating world of film.” He also spends time working with the theater and enjoys being the Technical Director. He tries to get in “some weight training and as much Disc Golf as possible,” too.

When asked about career goals, Travis says, “I would always like to see the band take off, because everyone deep down would like to be a rock star.” He also thinks about becoming a film director and writes short film screen plays. He says, “Most likely, I will end up working somewhere in programming. The most important thing is that it matters not which if any of these I end up becoming, because I have figured out that the secret to my success is simply to enjoy the road and pursue it wherever it takes me.”



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## August and Everything After

Well, friends, Summer break is dwindling down to nothing. Soon it will be time for school to begin and many of us will be reading things for assignments or classes, not for the sheer fun of it. Take heart, though! In the few weeks left until that happens, you have time to check out some of these new titles!

**Fiction:** *Spur of the Moment* (Alan); *In the Moon of Red Ponies* (Burke); *Ender's Game* (Card); *Good Nanny* (Cheever); *Hasty Death* (Chesney); *Cat Ate My Gymsuit* (Danziger); *Circus in Winter* (Day); *Saint of Dragons* (Hightman); *Spirits White as Lightning* (Lackey & Edghill); *Father Time and the Day Boxes* (Lyon); *Last Day of the War* (Mitchell); *Three Weeks With My Brother* (Sparks & Sparks); and *Dragon and Thief* (Zahn).

**Non-Fiction:** *Candy Freak: A Journey Through the Chocolate Underbelly of America* (Almond); *Culting of Brands: When Customers Become True Believers* (Atkin); *Galileo's Finger* (Atkins); *Drawing People* (Bradley); *Extraordinary Encounters* (Clark); *Jim Morrison: Life, Death, Legend* (Davis); *Appalachians: America's First and Last Frontier* (Evans, Santelli, & George-Warren); *Southern Womanhood and Slavery: A Biography of Louisa S. McCord, 1810-1879* (Fought); *Conspiracy Theories in American History* (Knight); *Dogs, Dog Breeds, and Dog Care* (Larkin & Stockman); *Vanilla* (Scott); and *Thoroughbred Times Racing Almanac* (Thoroughbred Times Staff).

## Angel and a Devil

*Angels and Demons* [abridged sound recording] by Dan Brown



In the mood for a good story? Not enough hours in the day between work and family to sit down with a good book? Try giving an audio book a try! You can pop in a cassette/CD while driving to/from work or maybe while doing a little housework. It stimulates your imagination and whiles away the time. Once you try an audio book, you'll be hooked!

*Angels & Demons*, by Dan Brown, is a riveting mix of action, adventure, and intrigue, and will keep you glued to your seat. It can be found in the Abridged section of the audio books in L202 (the AV Software room) filed alphabetically by author's last name, then by title.

A secret society called the Illuminati has stolen a small batch of antimatter from a laboratory in Switzerland, killing the scientist who discovered the process to create and store this deadly substance. The explosive antimatter is hidden underneath Vatican City, unbeknownst to the world's most prominent cardinals, who have come together to elect a new pope. Vatican City will be destroyed in only a matter of hours if the antimatter is not found and safely spirited back to the laboratory in Switzerland. Robert Langdon, a Harvard symbologist, and Vittoria Vetra, daughter of the slain scientist, must decipher mysterious symbols and uncover secret Illuminati meeting places of old in order to save the holy city and all who have gathered for the papal election.

Many people will find *A & D* very stimulating. It grabs the listener and thrusts him/her into the action and intellectual trials of all characters involved. Not only are incredible physical and academic challenges present especially for Langdon and Vetra, but so is the age-old struggle for the religious to combine the word of God with mind-blowing scientific discoveries and innovations. I think most anyone will enjoy hearing such a gripping tale.

— Dawn Beth Kraft, Library Assistant II

## Chocolate Toffee Bar Cake



- 1 pkg, German chocolate cake mix
- 1 (14 oz.) can sweetened condensed milk
- 1 (12.25 oz.) jar caramel topping
- 1 (8 oz.) container frozen whipped topping, thawed
- 3 (1.4 oz.) English toffee bars (Skor)

Prepare cake according to package directions in a 13" x 9" pan. Cool completely in pan on a wire rack.

Gently poke holes in top of cake using the end of a wooden spoon (wipe spoon clean after each hole). Combine sweetened condensed milk and caramel topping in a small bowl; slowly pour over cake. Spread whipped topping over cake. Sprinkle with crushed candy bars. Cover and chill until ready to serve. Yield: 12 servings.

— Contributed by Virginia Hodges, Librarian,  
from *Christmas With Southern Living* 2004