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For Your Eyes Only

In addition to our recently redesigned web page (thanks to our very own Chris Demas), there are several new enhancements and features coming to the Library web page, and to our databases.

“Full-Text Journals and Magazines” is provided by Serials Solutions. Basically, it allows patrons to go to a single place to look up a magazine or journal *title* that we “own” in full-text online in one of our databases or in print in the library. The great thing is that it covers most of our databases (Newsbank, Infotrac, and Lexis-Nexis). It is no longer necessary to search individual databases for a specific journal, magazine, or newspaper *title*. For example, if you searched for *Time* magazine, it would return results indicating that we have that title in full-text in print *and* in most Infotrac databases and Lexis-Nexis. You will also see the dates that each database includes in full-text. Please note that this is only at the *journal* level, *not* the *article* level. If you need articles you will still need to begin with the databases.

“Safari Tech Books Online” is provided by ProQuest. These are e-books dealing with computer-related information. Our subscription covers over 160 books, all of them in full-text. All of the graphics from the books are included, too.

Both of these services will be available beginning in February and may be accessed under “Library Resources” on our homepage.

Check out these features through our databases!

Newsbank — From their homepage, you have options to select the following features:

1. *Hot Topics*, listing current events of interest and telling how to search for articles on them;
2. *Special Reports* on specific topics, linking directly to the articles;
3. *News Headlines*, listing daily headlines for about two months with direct links to the articles;
4. *Maps*, with searchable world maps available in color, black and white, or with topographic views.

SIRS — From their homepage, you have options to select:

1. *Leading Issues*, listing topics alphabetically. Clicking on the topic links to articles on that subject, as well as see other related topics.
2. *Special Focus on Terrorism*, linking to top stories, quotes and multimedia features.
3. *Today's News*, allowing selection of the current day's top national and global headline news.
4. *Reference Aids*, including a dictionary and thesaurus.
5. Selecting the *Database Features* tab near the top of the screen allows users to
 - access *Maps of the World* with over 300 detailed maps under SIRS Researcher and *Maps* under SKS WebSelect.
 - access *Suggested Research Topics* from all of the SIRS databases, linking to articles on specific topics.
 - access *Spotlight On* from all of the SIRS databases, with selected articles focusing on different monthly topics. Each month's topic is available for a year in the Spotlight of the Month Archive.

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Welcome To This World

Congratulations to John and Tina Grubb, the parents of Hannah Lee Grubb. Hannah arrived on Tuesday, January 13 — all 20 1/2 inches and 8 pounds, 7 ounces of her! John will be out for a few weeks to help get things settled in the Grubb household and, while we will miss seeing him around campus during this time, we know that he will be needed and appreciated immensely at home. Congratulations to your whole family!

CANDY KISSES



Our February “Eating With the Experts” program will feature none other than that confectioner/cook extraordinaire, Eric Fish! On Tuesday, February 10, in L101 (from 11:45-12:30), Mr. Fish will provide free instruction on how to make his famous truffles! This free program gives participants the chance to sample the goodies created in the program! Eric reminds those wishing to take part in the making of truffles — BYOA! No, that's not inviting you to bring alcohol; **BRING YOUR OWN APRONS!** Please note the change in typical venue for this program, as well as the day and time differentiation from other “EWTE” events.



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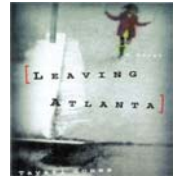
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She's Leaving

Leaving Atlanta by Tayari Jones [PS3557.R5355 B58 2003]



Tasha, Rodney and Octavia narrate *Leaving Atlanta*, a work set during the "Atlanta Child Murders" that occurred over a two-year period ending in 1981. Tayari Jones captures the fear and the fascination these children feel as they are growing up in a world that just got a little scarier for them. Yet, she also captures the children's everyday joys and horrors: the excitement of being noticed and included by peers: the pain of delivering less-than-stellar report cards to anxious parents; the difficulty of being self-reliant when a mother works the graveyard shift; and the strange paradox of eating dinner while seeing pictures of your murdered friends flash on the TV screen. Tasha, the "good girl," struggles with being what others expect her to be as she learns to identify who she is, while Rodney is content to be "weird." Octavia, whose classmates have isolated her and nicknamed "The Watusi," is the surprise hero of this tale – it becomes her journey as she leaves Atlanta and her elementary school classroom, wielding the painfully garnered wisdom that only outsiders possess. When Jones reads from her work, she often refers to this book as "a love letter to [her] 5th grade class." Indeed, it is filled with details that only a child of the time understands – children's traditions, brand names of candy, and so on. Lee Smith, known for her ability to weave a tale that the characters spin, says: "Jones gives us the entire community, but lets children tell the tale. Rarely has the child's point of view been used so effectively." Jones' experiment in voice and point of view pay off in this work.

— Kim Crowder, English Faculty

Have you read a great book that we own at the Basler Library? We want you to tell us about it! In about 250-300 words, write a review, then submit it to us at capeters@NortheastState.edu. Editors reserve the right to screen/edit all materials submitted for publication.



Puppy Love

No way that this could be "puppy love!" Curling up with a great book is the real thing! Check out some of these titles to celebrate your love of reading!

Fiction: *My Life As a Fake* (Carey); *A Hero Ain't Nothin' But a Sandwich* (Childress); *Grace in Autumn* (Copeland); *Vagabond* (Cornwell); *Great Husband Hunt* (Graham); *Shepherds Abiding* (Karon); *Tristan Betrayal* (Ludlum); and *Death at the Spring Plant Sale* (Ripley);

Non-Fiction: *What Clothes Reveal: The Language of Clothing in Colonial and Federal America* (Baumgarten); *Testament: A Soldier's Story of the Civil War* (Bobrick); *Faith in the Fight: Civil War Chaplains* (Brinsfield); *Don't Panic: Douglas Adams and the Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy* (Gaiman); *Embedded: The Media At War In Iraq* (Katovsky); *KISS: Behind the Mask* (Leaf); *Aristotle's Children: How Christians, Muslims, and Jews Rediscovered Ancient Wisdom and Illuminated the Dark Ages* (Rubenstein); *Complete Idiot's Guide to Learning Spanish* (Stein); and *A Life Divided: George Peabody* (Van Riper).

UNBREAK MY HEART AMERICAN HEART MONTH

American Heart Association
www.americanheart.org

American Heart Month
<http://tinyurl.com/24mcq>

Web Health Centre
www.webhealthcentre.com/general/cc_heartmonth.asp

CNN Health Library
www.cnn.com/HEALTH/library/HB/00013.html

Girl Power: American Heart Month
www.girlpower.gov/girlarea/02feb/heartmonth.htm

National Health Museum: American Heart Month
www.accessexcellence.org/HE/qow/qow030210.html

Internal Council on Active Aging
www.icaa.cc/MemberPRcampaigns/americanheart.htm

Centers for Disease Control Cardiovascular Disease
www.cdc.gov/health/cardiov.htm

La Plaza (NM) Telecommunity
<http://tinyurl.com/yra3f>

WebMD: Guide to Heart Disease
<http://tinyurl.com/2gla7>

