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Graduation

As always at this time of year, those of us at the Basler Library want to take a moment to congratulate all of you who will graduate in just a few short days. We are proud to have been here to serve you during your time at Northeast State and warmly extend an invitation to come back as Community Borrowers once you move on to the next chapter of your lives, whether that means further education, entering the work force for the first time, re-entering the work force with newly-acquired skills, or beginning your families in the area. Wherever you go, your success still matters to us. Best of luck to each of you as you continue your life's journey.

And to our own beloved Circulation Diva, Michelle Wyatt, a special congratulations! Michelle will complete her second Bachelor's degree (this time in Applied Human Science with a Child and Family Studies Concentration), and will graduate Suma Cum Laude (a 3.5 GPA or higher) from ETSU on May 1. Way to go, Michelle! We're all very proud of you!

The Library is proud to offer three different electronic book databases to our patrons. Each is available 24 hours a day, and contains the full-text of the books. To get to any of the electronic book databases, go to the Library's homepage at www.northeaststate.edu/library, look at the right side of the screen under "**Library Resources**," and pick a database. Once you choose the database, you will be asked for an ID number, (your social security number without the dashes). Then you can go into the database and search for books on the topics of your choice.

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It is possible to print a small portion of the text with any of these databases. Examples of how to cite these sources in a bibliography or works cited page are available in the APA and MLA handouts, which may be accessed from the Library homepage under **Library Resources**.

As always, if you need any assistance using the databases or if you have any questions, just contact the Reference Librarian on duty.

— Virginia Hodges, Librarian

New York State of Mind

Actually, we want to tell you about a "Tennessee State of Mind," the theme for the Tennessee Library Association's annual conference, held in Knoxville in April. The conference was a resounding success, thanks largely to the dedication and hard work of the Basler Library staff! Duncan Parsons served as one of the Co-Chairs for this year's Conference Program Committee. Annis Evans and Virginia Hodges "hustled-and-bustled" and "wheeled-and-dealed" in their roles as Co-Chairs of the Conference Exhibits. Chris Demas co-presented a program entitled "Multimedia Tutorial Database," with Troy Davis, a Librarian at Hodges Library at the University of Tennessee. Chrissie Anderson Peters, Co-Chair of the TLA Scholarship Committee, helped out at various tables promoting membership and raising funds for the newly-established Edwin S. Gleaves Scholarship Fund, which will assist students wishing to pursue a Masters degree in Library/Information Sciences. Congratulations to all of you on a job well done!



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Endless Summer Nights

Ah, Summer! Splendiferous, sunny days of reading your favorite books... Spectacular, starry evenings of doing the same! Whether you're looking for some titles to broaden your horizons or just to kick back and enjoy without overtaxing your brain while you're away from school, we've got what you're looking for at the Basler Library!

Fiction: *Madras on Rainy Days* (Ali); *Sock Monkey Goes to Hollywood* (Bell); *For Freedom* (Bradley); *Cat Who Talked Turkey* (Braun); *The Kills* (Fairstein); *Storybook Treasury of Dick and Jane and Friends* (Gray); *Odd Thomas* (Koontz); *Dating Dead Men* (Kozak); *Same As It Never Was* (LaZebnik); and *Absolute Friends* (Le Carre).

Non-Fiction: *My Just Desire: The Life of Bess Raleigh, Wife to Sir Walter* (Beer); *Humor As an Instructional Defibrillator* (Berk); *Handbook to Life in Ancient Mesopotamia* (Bertman); *U2 Reader* (Bordowitz); *Ripples of Hope: Great American Civil Rights Speeches* (Gottheimer); *Naked Employee: How Technology Is Compromising Workplace Privacy* (Lane); *When Violence Is No Stranger* (Leslie); *Shenandoah Religion* (Longenecker); *Credit Smart* (Nickel); *Ordinary People: Our Story* (Osbourne); and *My Prison Without Bars* (Rose).

Devil Inside



***Devil in the White City: Murder, Magic, and Madness at the Fair That Changed America* by Erik Larson [HV6248.M8 L37 2003]**

Envisioned as a sort of homage to Christopher Columbus' "discovery" of America in 1492, the Columbian Exposition (or 1893 Chicago World's Fair), nearly did not take place in Chicago. New York's leaders and wealthy men lobbied heavily for the "cultural center" of the United States to be the hosting city, not the "slaughter yards" of Chicago. Once Chicago won the bid for the Fair, however, their troubles had just begun. On numerous occasions, the Fair nearly met defeat and, in fact, precious little of the Fair was completely ready at the dedication in October 1892; many features were still under construction at the Fair's official opening in May 1893. From labor union disputes to differences in architectural style preferences, the Fair's plans were complicated almost continuously from the time Chicago won the bid until the conclusion of the Fair in October 1893.

Devil includes historical facts and "pop culture" tidbits. The Ferris Wheel was designed specifically for the Chicago World Fair, in answer to the previous World's Fair's notable landmark, the Eiffel Tower in Paris. The first Ferris Wheel held railroad car-sized "seats" that could easily hold up to an entire band. The beer winning the blue ribbon for "best beer" still proudly bears that fact in its name — Pabst Blue Ribbon. Many other products were introduced at the Fair, including a gum called Juicy Fruit. It includes intricate name-dropping of those interconnected with the Fair in some way — Thomas Edison, L. Frank Baum, Frank Lloyd Wright, and even Walt Disney (whose father worked as a carpenter at the Fair and whose stories of the magical White City would later inspire Disney's Magical Kingdom). But the book also includes the heinous tale of one Dr. H. H. Holmes (an alias, one of many used to accomplish business scams and grizzly murders). Holmes planned in incredible detail to kill people coming to the Fair, building a hotel on previously-acquired property near the Fair. He lured victims — particularly young, inexperienced women on their first ventures to a larger city — sometimes trapping them in an airtight vault filled with gases and incinerating their bodies in a kiln he had had built for this specific purpose. Holmes is presented as a serial killer upfront, but readers will still be mesmerized by his abilities to elude any serious accusations (much less punishment) until long after the Fair ends. They will be horrifically astounded at what charges eventually bring his slayings to light. They may well be incensed at the lack of follow-through in his pre-CSI society to appropriately charge him and find him guilty of all wrongdoing for which he was likely responsible.

Devil in the White City offers a little bit of something for nearly every imaginable reading taste, whether fan of history, architecture, pop culture, true crime, or the macabre.

— Chrissie Anderson Peters, Librarian

Lack of Knowledge

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