

# TURN THE PAGE

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## This Is That Time of Year

Welcome to the December 2005 issue of *Turn The Page*! This is our 50th issue, believe it or not, and finishes our fourth full year of publication! Many things have changed in those four years, but other things have remained the same — for which I am most appreciative. Northeast State continues to be a wonderful place to work and learn. The people here — staff, faculty, students, and community members — continue to impress me and enthuse me in new ways each year. My experiences (on most days) keep reminding me that there is so much left to learn and do, and inspire me to keep reaching and striving to deliver more and better than I did yesterday.

I am taking my first-ever class here at Northeast State this semester (Creative Writing, with Ms. Tamara Baxter). This has enabled me to see NSCC from a different perspective, and to get to know other students in a format that does not include reference books and databases. The camaraderie I feel with these folks is amazing! And the excitement that I found in getting back into “writing for fun” surprises even me!

This holiday season — whether you celebrate Christmas, Hannukkah, Kwanzaa, something else, or none of these — I send you warm wishes for a wonderful 2006 and many happy memories with those you hold dear. And here's to another year of *TTP* and news and events at the Basler Library to fill its two pages monthly!

— Chrissie Anderson Peters, Librarian & *TTP* Editor



## Banner



Northeast State is now in full Banner training with four different modules — Human Resources, Finance, Luminis, and Banner Student. The Student module's tasks are being tracked and reported on weekly, along with the other modules. Staff members are alternating training sessions at ETSU and Austin Peay. The Student module training will entail the longest training period, with a “go live” date scheduled in **March 2007!**

Time away from campus and other normal duties for trainees will ease up somewhat for the holidays. There will be more on-campus consultation sessions in the next six weeks for some staff members, while others may be at ETSU and Austin Peay. Training will resume in “full swing” again in January, with Human Resources set to “go live” that month

and Financial Aid beginning training in February.

Also in February, Luminis will go live. Luminis may be described as an improved version of the Campus Pipeline Portal that was implemented by Northeast State a few years ago. Luminis will help support the integration of digital information available online to our constituents. Its applications include web-based email, web-based calendar functionality, announcement functions, course support, etc. The portal features allow for customization by every member of the campus community while also allowing the restriction of access in certain instances to various types of content, enabling us to provide a broad-based and flexible digital infrastructure.

— Submitted by Duncan Parsons, Dean of the Library

## Joy to the World

That's right! Rejoice in the fact that there is still time to take part in this semester's Basler Library programming! And, if you can't make these events, take heart — more programs of interest are on the way for Spring 2006! Watch for the January 2006 issue of *TTP* for more details!

**Make-and-Take Holiday Crafts Events =>** You signed up so quickly and enthusiastically for the first session (**Thurs., Dec. 1, L106, 12:30-1:30 p.m.**) that we had to offer a second session (**Wed., Dec. 7, L226, 1:30-2:30 p.m.**)! Join us for one hour of holiday fun as we show you how to make simple crafts for friends and family! Also enjoy Holiday Bingo and door prizes! All for **FREE!!!** Open to **EVERYONE!!!**

**December's EWTE Program** was our own beloved raconteur, Keith Young from the Elizabethton Campus, with his traditional “Seasonal Stories and Songs” program. If you missed this event in **L106 on Monday., Dec. 5, from 12:30-1:30 p.m.**, you can see it when it airs in the very near future on Charter Cable's community channel 13.

## What Child Is This?

Congratulations to **THREE** of our Library Staff members who are expecting babies in the near future!

Circulation Diva, Dawn Kraft, will be on maternity leave from January until sometime in April as she, Clint, and Caroline finish preparations for “Baby Boy” Kraft. We wish the Kraft family all the best and look forward to their new arrival!

Librarian Extraordinaire, Annis Evans, and her husband Steve are anxiously awaiting their own special baby — a foal to be named Angel's Chance Indy-Go (who will be called “Indy”). Their “baby” should join the family sometime in Spring 2006. We also congratulate them on their exciting news!

Media Mega-Man, Travis Brooks and his lovely lady Nikki are expecting a baby, too. Their bundle of joy will come later in the Summer. Congrats again to all of you!





**For a Bright Future, Head  
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## God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen

*Founding Mothers: The Women Who Raised Our Nation* by Cokie Roberts  
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When I attended the Virginia Library Association's Conference and heard Cokie Roberts talk about this book, I decided that it was one that I must read! And from beginning to end, I had no disappointments in the stories, the women they celebrate, or in Roberts' writing style. My only disappointments came with the newly-acquired knowledge about some of the historical men that I grew up thinking were splendid. Yes, they were intellectually gifted; yes, their work in Philadelphia at the Constitutional Conventions (and beyond) helped to make America the wonderful place that it is; yes, they were men who made things happen in *revolutionary* ways. But, as Roberts illustrates in *Founding Mothers*, it was frequently the women in their lives who made it possible for them to spend all of that time away from their farms, businesses, and other home-life commitments.

For example, while Benjamin Franklin was off being an ambassador for America in Europe, his wife Deborah Read Franklin was managing his affairs at home (not the same sort of "affairs" that he was attending to abroad, from what records show). She managed the postal service and his real estate, buying and selling property on his behalf — something that she could not have done without his name attached to the activities. "Benjamin Franklin essentially abandoned his wife for 16 of the last 17 years of their marriage," coming home only when he had to take over these matters on his own because, as he wrote to a friend, "my wife in whose hands I had left the care of my affairs died."

In *Founding Mothers*, find out about women, both those married to famous figures, as well as others who may be unknown to readers. This true celebration of the vastly important, sadly-underrated and abysmally under-reported lives of women who helped shape our country through their own means and ways is easily accessible, written rather conversationally, and disseminates information without beating readers over their heads. Delightful, spunky, educational, *and* fun! It will instill a real appreciation for these unsung historical figures of this nation!

— Chrissie Anderson Peters, Librarian

Have you read a great book that we own at the Basler Library? We want you to tell us about it! In about 200-250 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.



**Please remember that the Basler Library will have "abbreviated" hours on Monday, December 19-Thursday, December 23 (7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.). Hours on Friday, December 24, are slated to be the same as always (7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.), but patrons are always welcome to phone ahead before coming in. We will be closed for the Winter Break from Saturday, December 25-Monday, January 2. We will re-open on Tuesday, January 3, from 7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.**



## Here We Come A-Caroling

Or hey, if the weather outside is frightful, skip the carols and curl up beside a warm fire with a great book! Here are some titles to consider!

**Fiction:** *Articles of War* (Arvin); *Darwin's Radio* (Bear); *Sock Monkey Boogie-Woogie* (Bell); *Vanished Priestess* (Blevins); *Tooth and Claw* (Boyle); *Magic Street* (Card); *Saint of Lost Things* (Castellani); *One Shot* (Child); *Slow Man* (Coetzee); *Pocketful of Names* (Coomer); *Darwin Conspiracy* (Darnton); *Wounded* (Everett); *Breath of Snow and Ashes* (Gabaldon); *Color of Law* (Gimenez); *Never Call Retreat* (Gingrich & Forstchen); *House of Thieves* (Hemmings); *All the Stars Came Out That Night* (King); *Undomestic Goddess* (Kinsella); *Europa Conspiracy* (LaHaye); *Highest Tide* (Lynch); *Gods of Aberdeen* (Nathan); *Icarus Girl* (Oyeyemi); *Cross Bones* (Reichs); and *Shalimar the Clown* (Rushdie).

**Non-Fiction:** *Cyberstalking* (Bocij); *Journey That Saved Curious George* (Borden); *Legacy of Jihad* (Bostom); *High Profile Crimes* (Chancer); *Defining the Really Great Boss* (Dealy); *Case for Hillary Clinton* (Estrich); *Starstruck: When a Fan Gets Close to Fame* (Gross); *Why the Ten Commandments Matter* (Kennedy); *Original Dog Bible* (Mehus-Roe); *Salem: Place, Myth, and Memory* (Morrison & Schultz); *Throwing Off the Cloak of Privilege: White Southern Women Activists in the Civil Rights Era* (Murray); *My Freshman Year: What a Professor Learned By Becoming a Student* (Nathan); *D-Day Companion* (Penrose); *Making of a Name: The Inside Story of the Brands We Buy* (Rivkin & Sutherland); *Ancient Olympics* (Spivey); *American Freemasons: Three Centuries of Building Communities* (Tabbert); and *Case for the Living Wage* (Waltman).