

# TURN THE PAGE

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## Happy New Year

Happy 2005, everyone! It's another new semester with a whole new batch of opportunities, challenges, and accomplishments, just waiting to be attempted by all of us!

Throughout this new year of *Turn The Page* newsletters, it is our goal and intent to highlight the people and programs that make the Basler Library such an exciting and invigorating place to be.

We will again offer three series of programs at the Library this semester — Eating With the Experts (EWTE), Open Books (OB), and WHATTCHA Reading. EWTE programs will be offered monthly and will feature Northeast State staff/faculty — and community members — talking to us about their hobbies, interests, and professions. OB will feature various authors talking about and reading from their works. WHATTCHA Reading will provide opportunities for people to compare notes about what they're reading and what they may be interested in reading after hearing from

others.

A brochure outlining all of our programs for the Spring 2005 semester will be available by the end of January at the Circulation Desk in the Basler Library or online through the "Spring Programs" link on our Library homepage (<http://www.NortheastState.edu/library>).

Thus far, we have lined up Steve Evans (a pilot for Delta), and Elaine Boone and assistance dog Kinzie, for EWTE. Authors for OB include Dr. Jim Whorton, Sharyn McCrumb, and Stephen Ash. We will also have two WHATTCHA Reading sessions this semester.

As has always been the case, all programs offered by the Basler Library are absolutely free of charge and open to all students, staff, faculty, and the general public. Food is permitted — and encouraged — in all programs, so "Bring Your Lunch! Bring a Friend! Bring Your Appetite for Knowledge!"

— Chrissie Anderson Peters, Librarian

## The Spotlight

"The Spotlight" is a new feature in 2005, where we will highlight a different staff member each month. In this way, we hope that you will get to know all of us better — who we are, what we do at the library, and what we like to do away from work. Our first "Spotlight" staff member is Michelle Wyatt.

Michelle has worked at the Library at Northeast State for 14 years this month. Her title is Library Assistant III and she is in charge of the Circulation area — what is checked in/out, overdue notices, reserves, etc. She is also one-half of the two-person InterLibrary Loan (ILL) operation and processes ILL requests. Additionally, she coordinates the annual "weeding" of the library collection — this is where we check for outdated materials in our circulating collection or items in disrepair and replace them if necessary — and assists patrons. When asked what her favorite part of her job is, Michelle answers, "The staff that I'm privileged to work with."

Michelle has been married for 17 years to her high-school sweetheart, Mark. They have one four-footed child, an English Shepherd named Daisy, who is almost 2 years old.

Michelle's extracurricular activities/interests include working with her church. She helps with Interfaith Hospitality Network, which provides housing and services to homeless families. She admits, "I'm a 'Reality TV' buff with my favorites being *Survivor*, *The Apprentice*, *American Idol*, *Faking It*, and *For Better or for Worse*." She and Mark are also Mystery Science Theater buffs and considered meeting Kevin Murphy a highlight of their year in 2004.



### January Schedule Changes

Jan. 3-6 ==> 7:30 a.m. — 5:30 p.m.

Jan. 7 ==> 7:30 a.m. — 4:30 p.m.

Jan. 8 ==> 9:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.

Jan. 10-13 ==> 7:30 a.m. — 5:30 p.m.

Jan. 14 ==> 7:30 a.m. — 4:30 p.m.

Jan. 15 ==> 9:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.

Jan. 17 ==> CAMPUS CLOSED  
(Martin Luther King, Jr. Day)

Jan. 18 ==> Classes Begin and  
Library Resumes Regular Hours.



## For a Bright Future, Head NORTHEAST!

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### I Like It, I Love It!

What better habit to form during the new year than to spend at least 15 minutes each day reading for fun?!?! And if you're looking for ideas for reading materials, check out some of these soon-to-be-added items at the Basler Library!

**Fiction:** *Darwin's Wink* (Anderson); *Black Cat* (Andrews); *Hissy Fit* (Andrews); *Hour Game* (Baldacci); *Siren Queen* (Buckley); *Final Solution* (Chabon); *Perfect Divorce* (Corman); *Slammerkin* (Donoghue); *Distance Between Us* (Hamilton); *Hawkes Harbor* (Hinton); *Shopaholic and Sister* (Kinsella); *Phoenix and Ashes* (Lackey); *By a Spider's Thread* (Lippman); *Bluebird and the Sparrow* (Oke); *London Bridges* (Patterson); *Virtues of War* (Pressfield); *Witch Hunt* (Rankin); *Murder at Union Station* (Truman); *Book of Ballads* (Vess); and *Crisscross* (Wilson).

**Non-Fiction:** *I'm Just Here for More Food* (Brown); *Profilers* (Campbell); *Campbell Kids™: A Souper Century* (Chen); *Eighth Habit: From Effectiveness to Greatness* (Covey); *Truth and Fiction in The Da Vinci Code* (Ehrman); *His Excellence, George Washington* (Ellis); *Prisoner of the Vatican* (Kertzer); *Death Penalty on Trial* (Kurtis); *Remarried With Children* (LeBay); *First Impeachment: The Constitution's Framers and the Case of Senator William Blount* (Melton); *Twice Adopted* (Reagan); *You're Not From Around Here: Photographs of East Tennessee* (Smith); *50 Facts That Should Change the World* (Williams); and *We Are All the Same* (Wooten).

## CELEBRITY

*I Don't Mean to Be Rude, But* — by Simon Cowell  
[PN 1992.77 .A56 C68 2003]



Anyone who has had access to a television over the past few years is aware of the influx of “reality” television shows to the airwaves. One of the more prominent shows from this genre is *American Idol*. A panel of expert judges presides over the proceedings, giving their “professional” opinions on each performance. One of the more opinionated judges is Simon Cowell, who relishes his time in the spotlight and gives his honest, if sometimes a bit acerbic, judgment of each performer.

Cowell's book, *I Don't Mean to Be Rude But* —, was touted as an inside look into the makings of *American Idol*, but those who are truly enamored with *AI* will be disappointed with the small amount of information that is given about the show itself. Gossipy in his presentation, Cowell uses his book as a platform for self-promotion and espousing his opinions on everything from Disco to Madonna. Cowell definitely knows his way around the music business, but somehow can't seem to stop talking about himself long enough to actually cover any other issue adequately.

While it does not give a vast amount of background information about the show, it will whet the interest of those feeling the emptiness while the show is on sabbatical and still proves to be a fun read. Cowell has a breezy writing style that keeps the readers' interest. However, those who were hoping for an inside view of *AI* will be left thinking, “That's it?” Therefore, hard-core *American Idol* viewers may want to wait for the new season of *AI* in January to be truly **satisfied**.

— Michelle Wyatt, Library Assistant III



### I Love This Bar

#### German Chocolate Coconut Bars

Submitted by Virginia Salmon, Librarian

1 package (18.25 oz.) German Chocolate Cake Mix  
1/3 C. butter or margarine, softened  
1 large egg, slightly beaten  
1 can (14 oz.) sweetened condensed milk  
1 large egg  
1 teaspoon vanilla  
1 1/3 C. coconut, divided  
1 C. chopped pecans  
1 C. (6 oz.) Nestle Tollhouse Swirled Morsels, divided

Preheat oven to 350°. Pour cake mix into large bowl. Cut in butter and lightly beaten egg with pastry blender or two knives until mixture is crumbly. Press onto bottom of ungreased 13”x9” baking pan.

Combine sweetened condensed milk, egg and vanilla in medium bowl; beat until well combined. Stir in 1 cup coconut, nuts, and 1/2 cup Swirled Morsels. Spread mixture evenly over the crumb mixture.

Sprinkle remaining coconut and Swirled Morsels on top. Lightly press down morsels.

Bake for 30-32 minutes or until center is almost set. Center will become firm when cool. Cool in pan on wire rack. Cut into bars. Makes 24 servings.