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The Reference Room on the third floor of the Basler Library holds an immense amount of information. The books cover a wide variety of topics and offer facts on almost every subject you can imagine, and probably some that you never even knew existed. Sometimes the information is short, maybe only a few lines in an encyclopedia or dictionary or the information may be several pages long. Whatever you are looking for, reference books are a good place to start your research. You can find a lot of information in one place and get a fundamental overview of the topic — basically, you get the *who, what, where, when, why, and how* — as well as the correct spelling and alternate term(s).

Maybe you need statistics. There are plenty of books to help, especially *Statistical Abstract of the United States*, *Tennessee Statistical Abstract*, and *CQ's State Fact Finder*. These titles have information on topics including economy, education, population, agriculture, health, and industry. Additionally, books on topics such as the American family, homelessness, education, capital punishment, and health, have charts, graphs, and tables that may be useful. You can find reliable statistics without wasting time.

Do you want to know about mythology, gods and goddesses, religion, philosophy, psychology, history, literature, science, astronomy, technology, wildlife, music, health topics, or art, but do not need much information or have time to go through an entire book just to get an overview?

The Reference Room has books that can make life easier. You can find out where a place is located, look up information about different countries and cultures, find out about imaginary people and places, or learn how paper clips are made.

Just browsing through the Reference Room will yield a treasure trove of interesting information. It is hard to be bored when you can read about: motels in the Roman Empire (*Whose Bright Idea Was That*); the first person to set up a blood bank (Charles Richard Drew, 1940 – *Black Firsts*); UFOs, the Bermuda Triangle, or Mothman (*Strange & Unexplained Happenings*, vols. 1 and 2); the first American woman to receive a dental degree (Lucy Beaman Hobbs Taylor, 1866 – *Famous American Women*); the twelve Knights of the Round Table (*What Are the Seven Wonders of the World*); the mythical city of Loididhapura (*Dictionary of Imaginary Places*); or the busiest airports in the U.S. (*Top 10 of Everything 2005*).

By far, however, the most important resource in the Reference Room is the librarian. He/She will be able to help you find the information you need, whether it is in print, on a database, in audio or visual form, or on the Internet. The Reference Librarian is available to you, so use that resource first. You will save time, effort, and potential frustration by spending a few minutes at the Reference Desk when you begin your search.

— Virginia Salmon, Librarian

## THE SPOTLIGHT

This month's Spotlight staff member is **Chris Demas**! Chris joined the Library staff on August 1, 2001, almost four years ago, as a Librarian. Although the main focus of his work in the Basler Library deals with Technical Services issues (like cataloging new/donated materials and maintaining the online catalog), he is also our resident website guru, maintaining and updating the Basler Library pages as necessary. Additionally, Chris assists with Reference duties and bibliographic instruction sessions for classes. When asked what is his favorite part of working here, Chris responds, "The people. It's wonderful to come to work and enjoy the company of those you work with. The library staff works great together." A North Carolina native, Chris holds a B.A. degree in English Literature from Western Carolina University, and a Master of Library and Information Science (MLIS) degree from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro.

When he isn't working hard on the many things that he is part of in the library and on campus, Chris enjoys fishing and web design. (He once spent his Winter Break from work re-designing the Library's website — because he loves working with web design.) Chris is also the Webmaster for the Boone Tree Library Association, having created and now maintaining the Boone Tree site at <http://www.BooneTree.org>. When asked about favorite authors, he responds, "A couple of my favorite authors are John Keats, Victor Hugo, and Alexandre Dumas."

Chris is very family-oriented, still getting away to visit his family in North Carolina whenever possible. He is also a twin, besides having an older brother.



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## June Is Bustin' Out All

Take in some excitement this month, courtesy of your Basler Library listening and reading materials!

**Fiction (Audio Books):** *Never Change* (Berg); *All the Flowers Are Dying* (Block); *Summer Sisters* (Blume); *Elephants Can Remember* (Christie); *Burned* (Clark); *Dragon Reborn* (Jordan); *Forgotten* (Kellerman); *Breathing Method* (King); *Frankenstein: Prodigal Son* (Koontz and Anderson); *Odd Thomas* (Koontz); *Big Bad Wolf* (Patterson); and *Very Bad Deaths* (Robinson).

**Non-Fiction:** *Preventing Identity Theft for Dummies* (Arata); *Scandinavian Roots, American Lives: Scandinavian Emigration to North America* (Barton); *Not So: Popular Myths About America, from Columbus to Clinton* (Boller); *Voice That Challenged a Nation: Marian Anderson and the Struggle for Equal Rights* (Freedman); *Everyday Math Demystified* (Gibilisco); *Story of Science: Aristotle Leads the Way* (Hakim); *First Amendment in Schools* (Haynes, et. al); *Blog: Understanding the Information Reformation That's Changing Your World* (Hewitt); *Brother's Journey: Surviving a Childhood of Abuse* (Pelzer); *Christ in the Psalms* (Reardon); *Nature's Strongholds: The World's Great Wildlife Reserves* (Riley); *Choppers: Heavy Metal Art* (Seate); and *Gray's Anatomy: The Anatomical Basis of Clinical Practice* (Stranding).

## Diggin' Up Bones

*History of Tazewell County and Southwest Virginia, 1748-1920* by William C. Pendleton [F 232 .T2 P4 1989]



Sometimes in life, we have the opportunity to re-discover things that we have frequently taken for granted. In 1993, when I began working in my first library job in Tazewell County, Virginia (where I grew up and lived until 1995), one of my responsibilities was to maintain the Reference Collection on the second floor of the branch library in Richlands, VA. I recall *Pendleton's History of Tazewell County and Southwest Virginia, 1748-1920* quite well from my time there. But it was only in May 2005, when I saw it on the shelves here at the Basler Library during inventory, that I opened the book to examine its contents.

Having recently been caught up in the wonderful web that tends to make up most family histories, I decided to take a look at the index, just in case there was anything in there about my family. No Vances — the family line that I'm currently working on (my maternal grandmother's family), but several names of other families with which I am familiar. Pendleton's general approach reflects not only Tazewell County and/or Southwestern Virginia, but also much of the sentiment of our broader region during various historical time periods. There is something here for anyone who is interested in history, geography, or military endeavors.

Many of us in East Tennessee have family ties and/or roots in Southwestern Virginia, so this book might be of interest to several NSCC folks. Divided into six distinct "periods" (Aboriginal; Discovery and Colonization; Pioneer; Ante-Bellum, or Formative; War and Reconstruction; Post-Bellum, or Development), Pendleton's work observes, explains, details, and informs about local, state, and national histories, even before "local," "state," and "national" were clearly defined. While most readers will not necessarily want to read the book from cover-to-cover, there is substantial material to engage and inform throughout.

— Chrissie Anderson Peters, Librarian



## Steaks and Shrimp Grilled Shrimp

(Submitted by Duncan Parsons)

### Marinade:

1 Qt. Water  
1/3 C. Salt  
1/3 C. Golden Brown Sugar  
1 1/2 Lbs. Shrimp, uncooked and unpeeled

Mix and refrigerate for 1-3 hours. Remove shrimp from marinade. Cut shrimp shells down center of back to the tail section. Remove vein.

Combine other ingredients.

### Other Ingredients:

1/4 C. Olive Oil  
2 T. Dry White Wine  
2 Cloves of Garlic  
1 T. Fresh Parsley, chopped  
1/4 t. dried and crushed Red Pepper

Add shrimp, stir, and let sit for 30 minutes. Remove shrimp from mixture. Grill shrimp 2-3 minutes per side.