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Hard Work

Last month's Banner Update mentioned the amount of training involved in each module. At that time, only the Human Resources module was being implemented. That has been (and is) rapidly changing and growing. As of the end of September/beginning of October, **three** modules are being implemented simultaneously. In addition to HR, we have also begun Finance, as well as Luminis training. This will entail more training for more staff members; please take this into consideration when making plans, scheduling events/ meetings, etc. All of these folks will be required to devote much time to structuring and learning these new modules.

It again needs to be emphasized that there will be times when you may need the services of a particular department/staff member and those folks simply will not be available to assist you. Your continued understanding, patience, and planning ahead are appreciated. Training schedules

may be accessed through Outlook under the "Public Folders" tab to help you.

At the end of October, the training for the Student Module will shift into higher gear, this being the most involved Module and will take longer to implement (it is scheduled to "go live" in March 2007; HR will go live in January 2006; and Finance will be ready in July 2006).

Training thus far has proceeded relatively smoothly and on-schedule. This is due to the diligence and hard work of all staff members who have been involved in the training sessions, as well as those maintaining things in their absences. As daunting as all of this may seem at times, great progress is being made; there is no reason to believe that it will ever be otherwise.

— Submitted by Duncan Parsons, Dean of the Library

Secret October

The SECRET is out for October! Watch for more exciting programs as the semester goes on — or go to <http://www.NortheastState.edu/library> to see what's in store under the various program series titles (Eating With the Experts, Open Books, and WHATTCHA Reading).

Fri., Oct. 7, 12:30-1:30 ==> Open Books, David Skal

A master of monster lore and popular culture will join us for a special program that will include talking about some of his books and the research process.

Mon. Oct. 24, 12:30-1:15 ==> Eating With the Experts, Linda Fritsch

Linda is the Director of the Margaret B. Mitchell Spay/Neuter Clinic and will talk with us about the importance of spaying/neutering pets, as well as provide information about the goals and purpose of the Clinic. Two free spays/neuters at the Clinic will be given away at the end of the program, courtesy of People United for Animals (PUFA). Two of PUFA's fundraising cards from Pizza Hut will also be given as door prizes.

Mon., Oct. 31, 12:30-1:15 p.m. ==> WHATTCHA Reading, Chrissie Anderson Peters

Join us as we gather to swap stories with each other, tell the group what we've been reading, and hear about what others are reading as well. Each attendee has 2-3 minutes to discuss each book he/she has read.

The Spotlight

September's Spotlight staff member is **Cindy Robins!** Cindy is the only Basler Library staff member to have graduated from Northeast State, something that we feel makes her extra-unique! She has worked as the Secretary here for six years and is the one who takes care of all of us. Cindy makes sure that we know what is going on in meeting rooms (she takes care of scheduling both of the meeting rooms in the Library), making sure that we file all of our paperwork correctly so we can get paid/reimbursed. She manages the library budget to make sure that we have enough money to see us through the fiscal year for materials and supplies, does the actual ordering of new materials for the library, and "helps out whenever and wherever needed," including at the Circulation Desk when they're short-staffed on the second floor. (So I guess that makes her a Circulating Secretarial Diva). Cindy has her hands full with a crew like ours, but she does a fabulous job and we appreciate all of her efforts enormously! When asked what her favorite part of working in the Library is, she says, "The atmosphere and all the people I work with." One of her professional goals is "to earn the CPS [Certified Professional Secretary certificate] in the near future."

When asked about her interests, Cindy remarks, "I love to read — my favorite author is Nicholas Sparks. I like to get together with friends. I also like to ride around and see new places in the nearby area that I haven't seen before." Recently, she has been spending time with a real dog, too — no, no, not a boyfriend, but an actual canine doggie now named "Digger," that was rescued at Boone Lake. She also has a 16-year-old daughter, Brittany.





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One Day in October

AT LEAST ONE DAY in October, take some time to read something just for fun, for thrills, for enjoyment, or for totally not-guilty pleasure!

Fiction: *Light to My Path* (Austin); *Rivers of War* (Flint); *Exact Revenge* (Green); *Dog* (Herman); *Silence of John* (Llitesas); *Dance of the Thunder Dogs* (Mitchell); *Angels in the Gloom* (Perry); *Book of Spirits* (Reese); *Swedish Tango* (Richman); *By the Grand Canal* (Riviere); *Unknown Soldier* (Seymour); *Last Song of Dusk* (Shanghvi); and *Fruit of the Tree* (Wharton).

Non-Fiction: *Dictionary of Toys and Games in American Popular Culture* (Augustyn); *Children's Friendships* (Dunn); *Mom, There's a Man in the Kitchen and He's Wearing Your Robe* (Fisher); *Goo in the Machine* (Foerst); *Public Lives* (Gordon & Nair); *Companion to the Literature and Culture of the American South* (Gray & Robinson); *Everyday Mind Reading: Understanding What Other People Think and Feel* (Ickes); "Huddled Masses" Myth (Johnson); *Cult of Mac* (Kahney); *Blood and Whiskey: The Life and Times of Jack Daniel* (Krass); *Listener Supported: The Culture and History of Public Radio* (Mitchell); *Multicultural Competence in Student Affairs* (Mueller); *Reality TV: Remaking Television Culture* (Murray & Ouelletto); *Storycrafting: A Process Approach to Writing News* (Rosenaur); *Illustrating Children's Books* (Salisbury); *Liberalism Is a Mental Disorder* (Savage); *Last of the Celts* (Tanner); *Bread and Roses: Mills, Migrants, and the Struggle for the American Dream* (Watson); and *Book Lover's Cookbook* (Wenger & Jensen).

Magic

Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince by J.K. Rowling [PZ7 .R79835 Halc 2005]

The latest installment of the world's favorite wizard has arrived and Muggles and Magicians alike are bound to be left in shock by the end! The Minister of Magic has been replaced; the Prime Minister of Great Britain is being warned of dangers from the world of magic bleeding over into Muggle events; and Harry is whisked away by Dumbledore from the dismal Dursleys' to spend time with the Weasleys and other friends leading up to the beginning of the school year — for his safety, of course.

While wearing the Cloak of Invisibility, Harry, Hermione, and Ron overhear Draco Malfoy inside Borgin and Burkes, a shop filled with objects pertaining to the darker of the Dark Arts. This is the beginning of Harry's suspicions that Draco has taken his father's place as a Death Eater during his father's imprisonment (a consequence of the final battle in Book 5 of the series). Not that it would have taken anything so bold or brash as this to make Harry suspicious of Draco, seeing as how the two boys have been sworn enemies since Book 1!

Harry and his friends arrive at Hogwarts for their sixth year only to be caught up instantly in intrigue, mystery, and mayhem besides the daunting amounts of school work that each must perform during this penultimate year of their educations at the famous wizarding school. Romance is in the air as our group of friends become of age and battle hormones, heart-aches, and Pygmy Puffs in interesting "teenage" fashion. Their OWL results are in and their career paths are about to be shaped — but, as always, Voldemort and Company have plans to undermine not only Harry's studies, but also his very existence.

Dumbledore instructs Harry in some of his studies himself. Through other peoples' memories, Dumbledore takes Harry on adventures into the past to glean a deeper understanding of Voldemort — how he thinks/operates — in order to prepare Harry for a fight that we all have seen coming since we first learned of his survival against the Dark Lord as a baby.

What will leave you breathless, stunned, perhaps even in tears and rage, is the final fight scene of *The Half-Blood Prince*. Who dies — and who kills him/her is a surprise, even to those who have suspected something amiss for some time now. And what lies in store for the final installment is ANYBODY'S guess!

— Chrissie Anderson Peters, Librarian

Thriller Boo Cups

(From www.Kraftfoods.com)



3-1/4 cups cold milk
2 pkg. (4-serving size each) JELL-O Chocolate Flavor Instant Pudding & Pie Filling
1 tub (8 oz.) COOL WHIP Whipped Topping, thawed, divided
20 OREO Chocolate Sandwich Cookies, crushed, divided
30 miniature semi-sweet chocolate chips

POUR milk into large bowl. Add dry pudding mixes. Beat with wire whisk 2 minutes or until well blended. Gently stir in half of the whipped topping and half of the crushed cookies.

SPOON 1 Tbsp. of the remaining crushed cookies into each of 15 individual cups. Spoon pudding mixture evenly into cups; top with remaining crushed cookies.

DROP remaining whipped topping by spoonfuls onto desserts to create "ghosts." Decorate with chocolate chips to create "eyes." Refrigerate until ready to serve. Watch the ghosts disappear! Store leftover desserts in refrigerator.