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What's New?

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What's new at the Library? The **Library Online Video Tutorials** are located under Library Resources on the Library's webpage. The tutorials include the Library's website and catalog, as well as six databases. Each tutorial lasts less than five minutes and is designed to provide basic information to the user. Following is the information on our new databases.

LearningExpress Library (Full-Text) — Interactive online practice tests and tutorial course series designed to help achieve success on academic or licensing tests. Includes practice tests or exercises in categories such as: Math Skills Improvement; Writing Skills Improvement; Technical and Career College Skills; Resume and Interviewing Success Skills; Job Search and Success Skills; GED; Civil Service; Health Careers; Business Writing Skills; Nursing; Real Estate; Military; Graduate School Entrance Exams; and more. The E-Books include study guides and test preparation books.

Magill's Medical Guide Online (Full-Text) — Up-to-date medical and health database includes an A-Z guide with over 1000 essays, 400 photographs and drawings, and 644 sidebars and tables on issues including topics such as Anatomy & Physiology; Diagnosis & Testing; Diseases, Disorders & Symptoms; Mental Health; Prevention & Lifestyle; Social Issues; Specialties and Health Care Providers; and Treatment & Therapy. Indexes, appendixes, and glossary are included.

Theatre in Video (Videos) — 1930s - 1990s Contains videos of 279 full-length plays and documentaries (will eventually increase to 350). The 141 plays were recorded while performed before a live theatre audience; the 138 documentaries cover various aspects of theatre. Additional works will be added to the collection to cover a wide range of 20th Century theatre history. Works by well-known playwrights, directors, actors, and acting companies are represented in Broadway and off-Broadway productions for each decade from the 1930s through the 1990s.

And coming soon (probably by the end of September):

HeritageQuest Online — A searchable collection of U.S. Federal Census records from 1790 to 1930; over 20,000 genealogy and local history book titles (includes more than 250 primary source documents, 8,000 family histories, and over 12,000 local histories); the Revolutionary War Pension and Bounty Land Warrant Application Files (with over 80,000 Americans who served in the war); the Freedman's Bank Records (registers of African-American depositors); and select House and Senate documents (such as Private Relief Actions, Memorials, and Petitions) from 1789 to 1969.

— Virginia Salmon, Librarian

Banner

The final milestone in the implementation of the Banner system on the campus of Northeast State occurred in early August when the remaining Advancement (AD) module's "go live" tasks were completed. This marked the end of a total process which has been ongoing since early 2005 with the beginning of the Human Resources (HR) module and continuing through Finance (FI), Student (ST), Financial Aid (FA) – and culminating with Advancement. Those intimately involved in this final module are to be commended for their efforts – Katie Yates, Megan Horn, Ranee Baker, Greg Walters, Melissa Glover and, as always, Margaret Lester.

Many individuals' time and efforts across campus have gone into this complex migration from the old SCT Plus system to Banner. It has been a rather lengthy and involved effort, but the end result has been a functional web-based system which ought to serve us well for a number of years to come. Throughout the entire process, the one constant presence has been Margaret Lester. While others involvement typically ended with the implementation of their particular module, Ms. Lester was ultimately responsible for the success of each individual module as well as the integration of all into a viable whole. Our success is due in large part to her coordinating efforts. This report thus serves as the final Banner update.

— Duncan Parsons, Dean of the Library



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With a Little Bit of Luck

With a little bit of luck, you can get in some pleasure reading before the academic year kicks in later this month. We have great books for all reading preferences. Here are a few of the newer offerings!

Fiction: *Teller Tales: Histories* (Carson); *Plague Ship: A Novel of the Oregon Files* (Cussler); *Fearless Fourteen* (Evanovich); *Bulls Island* (Frank); *The Other* (Guterson); *Promise of the Wolves* (Hearst); *Twenty Wishes* (Macomber); *The Host: A Novel* (Meyer); *Netherland* (O'Neill); and *Sail: A Novel* (Patterson).

Non-Fiction: *Science of Fear: Why We Fear the Things We Shouldn't — And Put Ourselves in Greater Danger* (Gardner); *Unthinkable: Who Survives When Disaster Strikes and Why* (Ripley); *Bound for Canaan: The Underground Railroad and the War for the Soul of America* (Bordewich); *Flying the Black Flag: A Brief History of Piracy* (Bradford); *Moving Out of the Box: Tools for Team Decision Making* (Kemp); *Energy and American Society: Thirteen Myths* (Sovacoal & Brown); *Gaspipe: Confessions of a Mafia Boss* (Carlo); and *Beyond Tests and Quizzes: Creative Assignments in the College Classroom* (Mezeske & Mezeske).

Bad Girls

***Bad Girls of the Bible — And What We Can Learn From Them* by Liz Curtis Higgs [BS 575 .H54 1999]**

Have you ever wanted to learn more about the Bible, but you were confused or maybe just a little bit intimidated by biblical commentaries? Don't worry; I am too! So it was with a great deal of surprise and enjoyment that I read *Bad Girls of the Bible—And What we Can Learn from Them* by Liz Curtis Higgs.

In this book, the author details the lives of some of the more notorious women from the scriptures. Higgs explains that she got the idea for this book when she realized that she was having a hard time trying to live up to the examples of the more "perfect" women in the Bible. While these women were admirable, their lives seemed faultless in comparison to the trappings of modern day life. Ultimately, the book was developed when Higgs realized that she had more in common with the "bad girls" in the Bible, and that she could truly relate to some of their mishaps.

Higgs has a very friendly, humorous writing style and first tells the story of each character in a modern day format. Next, she analyzes the character from a scriptural perspective and explains how the situation was ultimately resolved for the character. During the process, Higgs helps the reader apply the lessons of the book to his or her own life by including "Thoughts Worth Considering" at the end of the chapter that encourage self reflection and group discussion.

I feel that this is a great book to introduce yourself (or anyone else) to the Bible and some of its characters. It gives a great overview of the Bible with equal measures of enthusiasm, humor, scriptural relevance, and reverence.

— Michelle Wyatt, Library Assistant III

Toffee Pop

Chocolate-Toffee Bars

(Virginia Salmon, Librarian, recipe from *Southern Living*)

½ cup butter or margarine, melted
1 ¾ cups crushed teddy bear-shaped chocolate graham cracker cookies
1 ¼ cups almond brickle chips (near chocolate chips in the baking aisle)
6 (1.4 ounce) English toffee candy bars, crushed
1 cup (6 ounces) semi-sweet chocolate morsels
1 cup chopped pecans
½ cup chopped walnuts
1 (14 ounce) can sweetened condensed milk (NOT evaporated milk)

Line a 13" x 9" pan with aluminum foil, allowing foil to extend over ends of pan. Pour melted butter into pan. Sprinkle chocolate crumbs in bottom of pan; press firmly. Bake at 325° for 5 minutes.

Layer almond brickle chips and next 4 ingredients over crust in pan. Press layers down firmly. Pour condensed milk evenly over top.

Bake at 325° for 30 minutes or until edges are lightly browned. Cool completely in pan. Lift foil out of pan and cut into bars.

Makes 2 dozen bars. (The dessert is very rich and can be cut into 4 dozen bars.)

Can be made ahead and frozen.

