WSC Library is purchasing Cutout Maker, a digital die cutting system developed exclusively for schools. Designed to save teachers time and effort, the Cutout Maker automatically cuts letters and numbers, manipulatives, shapes and bulletin board collections from construction paper, cardstock and bond paper. The software the library is purchasing has over 3800 shapes, 14 fonts, 172 collections (including groupings of related shapes for curriculum activities, bulletin boards, crafts and more). The system will also include 12 Learning Modules with 10 Classroom Activities each that reinforce skills across curriculum. Modules are aligned to Common Core and State Standards. WSC will be the second school to own this system in the state of Nebraska. Explore the new shapes available at bit.ly/cutoutmakershapes.
New Books at Conn

Psychology & Religion
- Humanities Dark Side
- The Popes Against the Jews: The Vatican’s Role in the Rise of Modern Anti-Semitism

Social Sciences
- Spreadable Media: Creating Value and Meaning in a Networked Culture
- The Edge of the Precipice: Why Read Literature in the Digital Age
- Sex at Dawn: The Prehistoric Origins of Modern Sexuality
- Principles of Econometrics
- Owning the Earth: The Transforming History of Land Ownership
- Real Estate License Exams for Dummies
- The Burglary: The Discovery of J. Edgar Hoover’s Secret FBI
- An Unimaginable Act: Overcoming and Preventing Child Abuse Through Erin’s Law
- Silencing Cinema: Film Censorship Around the World
- Bullying and Cyberbullying: What Every Educator Needs to Know
- The History of “Zero Tolerance” in American Public Schooling
- Inclusion Strategies for Secondary Classrooms
- Math in Plain English: Literacy Strategies for the Mathematics Classroom
- Ninety Percent of Everything: Inside Shipping

Applied Science
- Doing a Literature Review in Nursing, Health Care and Social Care
- Effective Clinical Practice in Music Therapy
- Is it in Your Genes? The Influence of Genes on Common Disorders and Diseases
- Disturbances of the Mind
- Anxiety: A Short History
- The Eating Disorder Sourcebook
- Understanding & Controlling Stuttering
- Revenge of the Microbes
- Maternal-Fetal Nutrition During Pregnancy and Lactation

History
- Stonehenge, A New Understanding
- Fire and Light: How the Enlightenment Transformed our World

The Arts
- Hands in Clay
- Expertise: A Technical Guide to Ceramics
- Bytes and Backbeats: Repurposing Music in the Digital Age

Literature
- The Literary Theory Handbook
- Street Lit: Representing the Urban Landscape
- Post-Conflict Central American Literature
- Memory and Trauma in the Postwar Spanish Novel

Distance Services Abound

Do you teach online classes? Do you work with students at a distance? We can help!

Document Delivery Service: Students who cannot to travel to WSC can request library materials be sent to them via postal mail or email. This service can also be used in conjunction with Interlibrary Loan (ILL) which allows you to obtain materials from other libraries that you discovered in another library catalog, through an online search, or even from an online book dealer. To request materials from WSC or from another library via ILL, complete the online form at bit.ly/wscill. On-site materials will be sent within 3 business days.

Online Resources: From online databases containing periodicals to hundreds of thousands of e-books, distance students can access a multitude of resources online through the library website.

Research & Citation Help: Librarians can work with distance students on the phone or via email on their research projects and citations. Distance students are encouraged to contact Reference Librarian, Valerie Knight at (402)375-7443 or vaknigh1@wsc.edu for assistance.

Online Writing Help Desk: The Holland Academic Success Center now offers an online Writing Help Desk for Graduates (see page 7 for details).

Want a full list of New Books available at Conn Library? Browse the New Book shelf in the library or visit bit.ly/wscnewbooks.
Remodeling Preparation Continues

Things are beginning to look a little different in Conn Library these days...

The north side of the lower level is desolate—no staff members, no couches, just empty hallways where you might glimpse an occasional construction worker.

On the first floor, the last two rows of periodicals in the Periodicals Room have been replaced with tables in preparation for the new north entrance. The soft furniture from the lower level has also replaced some of the older furniture.

**Popular Reading and Audio Books have been moved** from the Great Plains Room near the entrance to the couch area in the Periodicals Room in preparation for the new Jitter’s location.

*What’s next?* Once the final art show is done, the central art gallery wall will come down as a new temporary entrance is knocked into the north wall.

Visit our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/ConnLibrary photos and updates all summer!

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Upcoming Library Courses

**MAY 19-JUNE 26:**
IDS 368-W0 Uncle Sam & You (1 hr)
IDS 368-W1 History of the Book (1 hr)

**MAY 19-JULY 17:**
IDS 196-W0 Library Resources Overview (2 hrs)

**FALL 2014:**
IDS 120-W0 Library Resources Overview (2 hrs)
IDS 368-W0 Internet Issues (1 hr)
IDS 368-W1 Democracy & Libraries (2 hrs)
IDS 368-W2 History of the Book (1 hr)

Visit bit.ly/wsclibraryclasses for course descriptions.

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**Student Art Exhibit**

The Senior Art Exhibition is now showing in the Nordstrand Visual Art Gallery.

Visit Before the Gallery Location Changes!
Looking Ahead to 2017

With the library remodeling project just getting underway, you may be wondering what the library look like once the final project is complete in 2017.

The new floor plans feature a new main entrance with a new elevator tower that will merge the two different styled library additions together, a new 2nd entrance on the north that allows access to the relocated art gallery after hours, and an expanded space for Jitters which will soon feature Red Mango frozen yogurt. Additionally, there will be a substantial increase in private and group study rooms for students as well as new classroom and technology spaces for faculty and students to use together. The first floor will feature the Academic Commons, a large reconfigurable collaborative space enriched with technology for students to meet and study together. Tutors, staff from the Writing Help Desk, and librarians will be on hand nearby to assist students as needed.

On the second floor, the Instructional Resource Center will be reconfigured to provide even more space for creative endeavors and in-house education instruction near the curriculum materials. The second floor will also be the home to an enclosed quiet area, the Holland Academic Success Center (currently based out of the Student Center), and the Technology Resource Center (temporarily relocated to Connell during construction) which has tentatively been dubbed the “Learning Factory.”

A FEMA-rated storm shelter will be added to the lower level of the library beneath the newly constructed patio on the south end of the building. The shelter will have room for more than 400 occupants, providing a safe space to ride out severe storms similar to the one which struck Wayne in early October 2013. The lower level will also be the new home of the Wayne State College archives and a new computer lab. Most of the books will also be available there via movable compact shelving.

Several special projects will also be a part of the library remodel. After more than a decade in storage, stain glass windows salvaged from the old Connell Hall chapel will be installed in the center stairwell of the building. A contest was also held to select quotes from famous Nebraskans to decorate the southeast stairway (see previous newsletter).
Pre-Phase Construction Is Underway

In preparation for major remodeling occurring this May, some pre-phase construction is currently underway in the north end of the library’s lower level (see right). As part of this pre-phase, a new Network Distribution room is being built so that the campus networking hub can be moved to its new location in early May before proceeding with the rest of the remodeling in the lower level. Asbestos removal was completed by AQS/ABC in early March with demolition of the indicated area proceeding during Spring Break and immediately afterwards. Currently workers have fenced off a portion of the exterior as they create data tie-ins to the underground tunnels.

Area Under Construction in Lower Level, Mar-May 2014

Spring Break Progress

Left: Construction Dumpster on North-West Corner of Library
Middle: View of North Exterior with Boarded Up Lower Windows, Right: View of Interior Demo in Progress

Current Status

Left: Ceiling Electrical Rough In and CMU Infills for Network Distribution Room
Middle: View of Fenced Area on North for Tunnel Tie Ins
Right: View of North-East Lower Level Interior With Exposed Ceiling Beams
Phase I of the Library Remodeling Project is about to be underway. What should you expect over the course of the next year?

**Lower Level:** All but the Book Stacks for 000-599, older periodicals and government documents will be walled off for construction. Access to those materials will be obtained through the west stairwell near the Writing Help Desk on the first floor.

**First Level:** New additions for the main entrance with elevator tower and patio as well as the new north entrance are planned for in Phase I. Since the current entrance will be blocked off, in April and early May, a temporary entrance will be built into the south wall of the library to allow patrons to enter into what was previously the art gallery. At that time, the central wall separating the gallery from the remainder of the library will be removed to open up the area. Soft seating will be relocated from the Great Plains Room to the room near the new temporary entrance in preparation for walling off that area to start construction on the new Jitters. Popular Reading will be relocated to the Periodicals Room on the north end of the building. However, all other collections and services will remain in previous locations.

**Second Level:** The main entrance addition and elevator will be tied into the second floor. Additionally, a small portion of the quiet area will be walled off for work on mechanical and data equipment.

**Attic and Penthouse:** Work related to the elevator tower and its access to the attic will also be a part of Phase I.

Phase I renovation begins Monday, May 2 and is expected to be completed by April 3, 2015. Since the elevator will be inoperable during Phase I, patrons needing access to materials and services not on the first level should contact library staff for assistance.
New Library Website Under Development

The library is getting a new website! We’re in the planning phase right now but the new site should be online sometime next year. This will be using the new Jadu Content Management System (CMS). Some of the things we look forward to include: a better layout and color scheme, a more modern appearance, easier navigation, incorporated social networking, and a better mobil layout. We’re also going to better showcase our Instructional Resource Center (IRC), Archives, and the other services we offer the school such as instruction sessions, personalized research sessions (PRA), and the Holland Academic Center.

The Holland Academic Success Center Introduces a New Service!!

Online Writing Help Desk

How does it work?

- Download Skype. (Make sure your computer has a webcam.)
- Email your paper to jubose1@wsc.edu by noon on the day you would like help.
- Look for a return email by 1 pm scheduling a Skype consultation.
- Have a hard copy of your paper ready.
- Meet (via Skype) with the writing consultant to receive the help you need.

What hours are the online consultations available?

- Mondays 2-3 p.m., Wednesdays 2-4:30 p.m.
- Not available during campus breaks and holidays (Closes on the final day of classes.)

How much does this service cost?

- This is a free service for Wayne State students.

What kind of papers will the Online Writing Help Desk assist me with?

- Any paper less than 8 pages
- Small sections can be emailed for review if the paper is longer than 8 pages.
- Only one submission per student - per day will be accepted.
- We do not proofread take home tests or quizzes.
- Cover letters and applications may be submitted for review.
- Consultations for brainstorming or organization are available.
Resource Spotlight: Learning Express

If you've ever been to the full list of our Electronic Resources you'll see we have a lot more than EBSCO scholarly articles. One such resource is Learning Express. This is a collection of different practice tests, study guides, and tutorials for education and various occupations. The materials are organized into centers which includes career, high school equivalency, college, and others. Within each of these centers is a wide range of practice exams, study guides, and resources to improve fundamental skills.

The career center includes occupational exams for dental assistant, medical assistant, law enforcement, teaching (cbest, paraprofessional assessment), and others. They also have resources for joining the military, job searching, workplace skills, and learning more about a career.

College center includes improving academic skills like math, reading, grammar, and science along with practice exams for the GRE, CLEP, and college placement. They have centers for K-12 education, high school equivalency, college prep, and adult learning as well with their own resources.

If you're interested in seeing what they might have for you or your students, check out their featured resources page: http://www.learningexpresshub.com/featured-resources

bit.ly/wscexamcollection