Hand Picked: A Blog for the Academic Researcher

Staff at Conn Library went through many of our databases and created lists of new, discipline specific articles and news from academic sources for your research:

- Accounting
- Chemistry
- Speech & Mass Communication
- Computer Science
- Contemporary Literature
- Counseling
- Finance & Economics
- Issues in Education
- Early American, German Classics, and other Historical Literature
- Information Technology
- Internal Medicine
- Jazz News
- Marketing & Marketing Management
- Organic Chemistry
- Sales & Sales Management
- Special Education

To access and/or subscribe to these blogs, go to the library homepage. Then select Research > Discipline Specific Blog.

If you have any areas of interest that we don’t currently have included let us know via email or call (402)375-7261 and ask for Alex Smith.

eCampus Library Search

Now you can access Conn Library databases directly from eCampus by using the Library Search utility available under eCampus Content. Save it to your eCampus layout by selecting Save Layout. Then, every time you log in you can search Academic Search Premier, ERIC, Business Source Elite, CSA Illumina, Hoover’s Company Reports from Lexis Nexis, and CQ Researcher directly from eCampus. There is even a direct link to our full database list.

Faculty: Do You Use Videos?

HELP US OUT! Often we receive requests from other libraries for items from our video collection. We are happy to lend them out, but want to make sure we support your needs as WSC faculty first. So, if you have a video that you need for class in particular semester, please let us know so that we can add it to our no-loan list.
March: National Women’s History Month

A Companion to American Women’s History
Nancy A. Hewitt
WSC Stacks 305.40973 H497

"Hewitt has collected introductory yet well rounded essays that provide a diversity of scholarly interpretations of American women’s history. Each contributor thoroughly synopsizes germane works while incorporating issues such as race, class, and religion." - CHOICE

American Women: A Library of Congress Guide for the Study of Women’s History and Culture in the United States
Sheridan, Harvey
WSC Government Doc LC 2.8:W 84

"[T]he authoritative text . . . combines how-to detail with intriguing insights. As a guide to resources, this work is logically organized and loaded with useful information." - CHOICE

Reclaiming the Past: Landmarks of Women’s History
Page Putnam Miller
WSC Stacks 973.082 R244

"Miller gives readers a better understanding of women’s history by introducing important locations and examining women’s lives in the context of these historical settings. Each chapter describes a site that is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. This clearly written book is a gem for research." – SCHOOL LIBRARY JOURNAL

New Books at Conn

Religion
Tortures and torments of the Christian martyrs

Social sciences
The ten-cent plague: The great comic-book scare and how it changed America

Autophobia: Love and hate in the automotive age

Traveling light: On the road with America’s poor

Consumers’ imperium: The global production of American domesticity, 1865-1920

Big prisons, big dreams: Crime and the failure of America’s penal system

Time to learn: How a new school schedule is making smarter kids, happier parents, and safer neighborhoods

Ceremonial violence: A psychological explanation of school shootings

Congress and the classroom: From the Cold War to No Child Left Behind

Languages
The first English dictionary, 1604

Media French: A vocabulary of contemporary usage

Science and Mathematics
The manga guide to statistics

Graphic discovery: A trout in the milk and other visual adventures

Ocean: An illustrated atlas

Technology & Applied Science
Julie and Julia: 365 days, 524 recipes, 1 tiny apartment kitchen

A nation of wimps: The high cost of invasive parenting

The baby food bible: A complete guide to feeding your child, from infancy on

Arts & Recreation
Stage it with music: An encyclopedic guide to the American musical theatre

The best American comics

Atlas of fashion designers

Literature
When fairy tales kill: The origin and transmission of Antisemitic beliefs

Children’s literature: A reader’s history, from Aesop to Harry Potter

Contemporary Spanish fiction: Generation X

History and Geography
The fires of Vesuvius: Pompeii lost and found

The root: The marines in Beirut, August 1982-February 1984

Literature and war: Conversations with Israeli and Palestinian writers

For a larger listing, click on New Arrivals on the library homepage, or just visit the New Books Shelf in the library.
**Database Spotlight: LexisNexis**

**What is it?**
LexisNexis provides full-text documents from over 5,600 news, business, legal, medical, and reference publications.

You can:
- Search deep news backfiles and up-to-the-minute stories in national and regional newspapers, wire services, broadcast transcripts, international news, and non-English language sources.
- Retrieve detailed company information and financial performance measures or identify and compare companies matching specific criteria.
- Access the renowned Shepard's Citations® service for all federal and states court cases back to 1789.

**Business Research**
LexisNexis provides a full range of credible sources for business information, including business and financial news, U.S. and international company financial information from government or private sources, market research, industry reports, and actual SEC filings. Search features permit comparison of companies based on criteria such as sales, income and number of employees.

You’ll have access to Standard & Poor’s Corporate Descriptions, Hoover’s Company Reports, Disclosure Reports, International company and stock reports, and much more.

**Legal Research**
LexisNexis provides access to primary source material such as case law, statutes and regulations or dive into secondary source materials such as legal news or law reviews for background or analysis of a legal topic.

**Where can I find it?**
Go to the homepage of the WSC Library and select See full electronic database list under Find Journal Articles. Then look for the direct link.

There is also a quick search box to search US Newswires directly from LexisNexis. Just choose the News tab on the library homepage.
One Book, One Nebraska 2009

Bess Streeter Aldrich’s *A Lantern in Her Hand* has been chosen for the state-wide read for 2009. One Book One Nebraska 2009 invites citizens across the state to read this book and to join libraries and other literary and cultural organizations in planning 2009 activities and events that promote reading the book.

**Book Description**
First published in 1928, *A Lantern in Her Hand* has outlasted literary fashions to touch generations of readers. In this classic story of a pioneer woman, Bess Streeter Aldrich modeled protagonist Abbie Deal on her own mother, who in 1854 had traveled by covered wagon to the Midwest. In *A Lantern in Her Hand*, Abbie accompanies her family to the soon-to-be-state of Nebraska. There, in 1865, she marries and settles into her own sod house. The novel describes Abbie’s years of child-raising, of making a frontier home able to withstand every adversity. A Disciplined writer knowledgeable about true stories of pioneer days in Nebraska, Bess Streeter Aldrich conveys the strength of everyday things, the surprise of familiar faces, and the look of the unspoiled landscape during different seasons. Refusing to be broken by hard experience, Abbie sets a joyful example for her family—and for her readers.

—University of Nebraska Press Kit

**Book Availability**
One copy of *A Lantern in Her Hand* is available at WSC. If it is unavailable or you need multiple copies, use Interlibrary Loan. One Book One Nebraska also has book club kits available.

**Learn More!**
One Book One Nebraska Website:
http://www.onebookonenebraska.org

Bess Streeter Aldrich Foundation Website:
http://www.bessstreeteraldrich.org/

"Sentiment doesn’t lie in soil, or in climate, or latitude, or longitude. It lies in the hearts of people. Wherever there are folks who live and work and love and die, whether they raise hogs in Iowa or oranges in California . . . there is the stuff of which stories are made."

—Bess Streeter Aldrich

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**Book Examination Center**

The Book Examination Center at Wayne State College, Conn Library is a collection of new books available for librarians, teachers, and students to review before purchase, or to use.

These books are aimed at the Pre-school to 12 grade age level. They are freely available to review or to check out, either individually, or as a group. We often have schools and public libraries that will borrow fifty to one hundred books at a time to review or use.

If you would like to see all of the titles in the Examination Center Collection, including reviewed and non-reviewed books, type “examination materials” into a subject search.

**Reviewers Wanted**
New books are constantly arriving, and local reviewers are constantly reading them and providing reviews of them. If you want to become a reviewer or would like to have your students review books as a class project, we are always looking for more people to participate.

The reviewers are asked to provide information on suitability for: age or grade; individual or library use; as well as a plot summary, and recommendation for usage.

The reviews can be viewed by using the WSC library catalog and typing “WSC Book Review” into a subject search. Reviews are accessed via URL link on the book’s details page. Reviews are also published in the Northeast Library System’s monthly newsletter.
2009 Book Award Winners

Caldecott Medal
The award is named in honor of the nineteenth-century English illustrator Randolph J. Caldecott and is awarded to the artist of the most distinguished American Picture Book for Children published in the United States during the preceding year.

2009 Winner: The House in the Night, by Susan Marie Swanson & illustrated by Beth Krommes

Synopsis: A spare, patterned text and glowing pictures explore the origins of light that make a house a home in this bedtime book for young children. Naming nighttime things that are both comforting and intriguing to preschoolers—a key, a bed, the moon—this timeless book illuminates a reassuring order to the universe.

Coretta Scott King
The award is presented annually by the Coretta Scott King Task Force of the American Library Association’s Social Responsibilities Round Table. Recipients are authors and illustrators of African descent whose distinguished books promote an understanding and appreciation of the “American Dream.” It commemorates the life and work of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., and honors his widow, Coretta Scott King, for her courage and determination in continuing the work for peace and world brotherhood.

2009 Winner: We Are the Ship: The Story of Negro League Baseball by Kadir Nelson

Synopsis: In this tour de force for baseball lovers of all ages, noted artist Kadir Nelson presents the story of the Negro Baseball League from its beginnings in the 1920’s through its decline after Jackie Robinson crossed over to the majors in 1947.

Pura Belpré Medal
Established in 1996, the Pura Belpré award is presented to a Latino/Latina writer and illustrator whose work best portrays, affirms, and celebrates the Latino cultural experience in an outstanding work of literature for children and youth.

2009 Author Award Winner: The Surrender Tree: Poems of Cuba’s Struggle for Freedom by Margarita Engle

Synopsis: It is 1896. Cuba has fought three wars for independence and still is not free. People have been rounded up in concentration camps with too little food and too much illness. Rosa is a nurse, but she dares not go to the camps. So she turns hidden caves into hospitals for those who know how to find her. Black, white, Cuban, Spanish—Rosa does her best for everyone. Yet who can heal a country so torn apart by war?

2009 Illustrator Award Winner: Just In Case, illustrated and written by Yuyi Morales

Synopsis: Yuyi Morales takes us on a new journey with Seor Calvera, the skeleton from Day of the Dead celebrations. Seor Calvera is worried. He cant figure out what to give Grandma Beetle for her birthday. Misunderstanding the advice of Zelmiro the Ghost, Seor Calvera decides not to get her one gift, but instead one gift for every letter of the alphabet, just in case. Una Acordon: An accordion for her to dance to. Bigotes: A mustache because she has none. Cosquillos: Tickles to make her laughingly to find out at the end of the alphabet that the best gift of all is seeing her friends.

Newbery Medal
The Newbery Medal was named for eighteenth-century British bookseller John Newberry. It is awarded annually by the Association for Library Service to Children, a division of the American Library Association, to the author of the most distinguished contribution to American literature for children.


Synopsis: Nobody Owens, known to his friends as Bod, is a normal boy. He would be completely normal if he didn’t live in a sprawling graveyard, being raised and educated by ghosts, with a solitary guardian who belongs to neither the world of the living nor of the dead. There are dangers and adventures in the graveyard for a boy. But if Bod leaves the graveyard, then he will come under attack from the man Jack-who has already killed Bod’s family.

Michael L. Printz Award
This is an award for a book that exemplifies literary excellence in young adult literature. It is named for a Topeka, Kansas school librarian who was a long-time member of the Young Adult Library Services Association.

2009 Winner: Jellicoe Road by Melina Marchetta

Synopsis: Abandoned by her mother on Jellicoe Road when she was eleven, Taylor Markham, now seventeen, is finally being confronted with her past. But as the reluctant leader of her boarding school dorm, there isn’t a lot of time for introspection. In this absorbing story, nothing is as it seems and every clue leads to more questions as Taylor tries to work out the connection between her mother dumping her.
From the Archives

“...It is a tremendous responsibility that each of us [faculty] has, to so work together that the end product—improved human behavior—will be achieved to the fullest extent.” -- President Morey (1948)

Going through the minutes of the meetings of the faculty from the late 1940s through the 1950s one finds how some things change while other things remain the same. There were the usual matters that never change, such as registration, reports of legislation affecting education, student attendance and performance, group insurance, commencement, parking regulations, etc. One issue that stands out from that period is the enthusiastic interest in bringing audio-visual technology into the classroom as well as how that technology has changed over the years. In 1948 it was proudly announced that a new film projector and RCA wire recorder (a predecessor to the tape recorder) had been purchased and a guest speaker told how publishers were attempting to coordinate films with certain textbooks.

Today, technology has taken us far beyond film and the wire (or tape) recorder to such things as digital audio, DVDs, and streaming video over the World Wide Web.

The words of President Morey at the first faculty meeting of the new school year held on Saturday (!) September 4, 1948, although spoken in a different historical and cultural context, seem timely.

“...It is a tremendous responsibility that each of us [faculty] has, to so work together that the end product—improved human behavior—will be achieved to the fullest extent.

“Today we find ourselves in a peculiar situation. As we think of ourselves as members of a world society, we are filled with a sense of despair because certain conditions inhibit us from doing the kinds of things we would like to do. Here too we fit into the pattern of our responsibility—the responsibility of an educated person—why we need education and what kind of education it ought to be. We must bring our very best thinking to that particular problem. We might say, “I am just one, how can I do anything to solve the world problem?” But a faculty with 700 students is not just fifty or sixty individuals [the number of faculty at that time], but 700 because students come to us looking for guidance and our thoughts can bear much fruit. A college must be a place where young men and women find a way to live, and then go back to their community and influence that community—that state—that nation—that world. It is, after all, only one by one that decisions are made, whether it is a simple decision made here today or a decision that a statesman makes.”

- MARCUS SCHLICHTER

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