This has been an eventful year at the WSC Library. We have nearly completed the first phase of our remodeling process. Shortly after graduation the current construction walls inside the library will come down, and new walls will go up in new locations. Library patrons will then be able to enjoy some of the recently remodeled spaces, primarily in the lower level.

One of the changes that our community will immediately notice is the new compact shelving system that is installed in the lower level. We will be storing the majority of our books and bound periodicals in these electrically powered shelves. The use of compact shelving allows us to use available floor space more efficiently, saving the college substantial money compared to the cost of expanding the building to create additional needed floor space. Compact shelving has proven to be a cost-effective solution for academic libraries all over the state.

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We have already started moving books into the new compact shelving so that we can start phase 2 construction on schedule. If you need a title that we have already moved just contact the staff at our Circulation Desk. They will happily don a hard hat and retrieve the title for you. Construction won’t be finished in the compact shelving area until the end of April, so we can’t let the public browse the new shelves quite yet, but soon you will be able to get hands-on experience with our new shelving system.

DAVE GRABER
LIBRARY DIRECTOR
New Books at Conn

Generalities
- The Cambridge Handbook of Artificial Intelligence
- The History of the Book in 100 Books: The Complete Story from Egypt to E-Book

Psychology & Religion
- Essentialism: The Disciplined Pursuit of Less
- The Marshmallow Test: Mastering Self-Control
- Fields of Blood: Religion and the History of Violence

Social Sciences
- Superstorm: Nine Days Inside Hurricane Sandy
- Silent Voices: People with Mental Disorders on the Street
- This Changes Everything: Capitalism vs. the Climate
- Grandparents as Parents: A Survival Guide for Raising a Second Family
- After Legalization: Understanding the Future of Marijuana Policy
- Pro: Reclaiming Abortion Rights
- Information Doesn’t Want to be Free: Laws for the Internet Age
- Ghettoside: A True Story of Murder in America

Math & Science
- Alan Turing: The Enigma: The Book that Inspired the Film, The Imitation Game
- How Not to Be Wrong: The Power of Mathematical Thinking
- Bayesian Statistics for the Social Sciences

Applied Science
- History of Exercise Physiology
- Deavier’s Women’s Strength Training Anatomy Workouts
- Zero to One: Notes on Startups, or How to Build the Future
- CopShock: Surviving Posttraumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD)

The Arts
- On the Road with Janis Joplin
- History of Rock ‘N’ Roll in Ten Songs
- Chinese Paintings from Japanese Collections

Education
- For the Civic Good: The Liberal Case for Teaching Religion in the Public Schools
- The Homeschooling Option: How to Decide When It’s Right for Your Family
- Postsecondary Play: The Role of Games and Social Media in Higher Education
- The History of American Higher Education: Learning and Culture From the Founding to World War II

Language & Literature
- Authorship in the Long Eighteenth Century
- Bad Feminist: Essays
- Divine Invasions: A Life of Philip K. Dick

Geography & History
- Gateway to Freedom: The Hidden History of the Underground Railroad
- Humboldt and Jefferson: A Transatlantic Friendship of the Enlightenment
- Citizen Explorer: The Life of Zebulon Pike
- Cross and Scepter: The Rise of the Scandinavian Kingdoms from the Vikings to the Reformation
- Lost Islamic History: Reclaiming Muslim Civilisation from the Past

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The Nebraska Center for the Book announced *Death Zones & Darling Spies: Seven Years of Vietnam War Reporting* as the 2015 One Book One Nebraska reading selection.

**Book Description**

In 1961, equipped with a master's degree from famed Columbia Journalism School and letters of introduction to Associated Press bureau chiefs in Asia, twenty-six-year-old Beverly Deepe set off on a trip around the world. Allotting just two weeks to South Vietnam, she was still there seven years later, having then earned the distinction of being the longest-serving American correspondent covering the Vietnam War and garnering a Pulitzer Prize nomination.

In *Death Zones and Darling Spies*, Beverly Deepe Keever describes what it was like for a farm girl from Nebraska to find herself halfway around the world, trying to make sense of one of the nation's bloodiest and bitterest wars. She arrived in Saigon as Vietnam's war entered a new phase and American helicopter units and provincial advisers were unpacking. She tells of traveling from her Saigon apartment to jungles where Wild West–styled forts first dotted Vietnam's borders and where, seven years later, they fell like dominoes from communist-led attacks. In 1965 she braved elephant grass with American combat units armed with unparalleled technology to observe their valor--and their inability to distinguish friendly farmers from hide-and-seek guerrillas.

**Book Availability**

This book is available as a multi-user ebook. To access it, go to [bit.ly/wscdeathzones](http://bit.ly/wscdeathzones) and select *Select from Wayne State College*. You may either read the book directly from the website or download it to your personal device.

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**Dry Erase Lapboard Class Pack**

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Includes 12 durable, white Masonite lap boards that measure 9 x 12 inches each, a box of 12 pocket style dry erase markers with bullet tips in black and a 12 pack of 2 inch multi-purpose erasers. Two sets available.
Phase II of the Library Remodeling Project is about to be underway. What should you expect during this next phase?

**Second Level:** In addition to the completion of the second level of the entrance extension, the west end of the older 1956 building along with a portion of the quiet area will be under construction. Instruction Resource Center (IRC) services and die-cuts will remain where they are. However, the K-12 textbook and children’s book collection will be temporarily housed in the south portion of the floor. A new hallway will connect the north and south ends of the second level through what was once a part of the computer lab. Several staff offices will be relocated to the second level as well, including the director’s office.

**Main Level:** Jitters and then the main entrance will open over the summer. The majority of work during this phase will take place along the west side of the 1956 building. The north entrance will also be completed during this time. Staff offices will be moved to other locations in the building.

**Lower Level:** The newly renovated “great room” with electronic compact shelving for the book collection and lots of open study space will be available. You will find a brand new computer lab and bathrooms along with a couple of study rooms. Offices for library technical services, periodicals, and interlibrary loan will be in their new homes as well. The south side of the 1970s building will remain untouched during this phase, allowing for additional temporary study space and overflow stacks for periodicals.
**February & March Remodeling Snapshots**

**Feb 16:** Workers install metal sheeting to hold the next cement pour for the north entrance ramp foundation.

**Feb 16 & 17:** Steel cross-beams are added to the front addition.

**Mar 2:** The exterior glass wall is installed for the new Jitters.

**Mar 6:** Wall for ramp onto the outdoor patio is poured.

**Mar 6 & 11:** The second floor over the new entrance is added.

**Mar 11:** The outdoor patio is waterproofed.

**Mar 11:** The outdoor patio is poured.

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Mar 12: A look at the completed foundation pour for the north entrance ramp.

Mar 20: Concrete is poured for the attic extension to access the new elevator tower.

Mar 23: Workers backfill around the north entrance foundation.

Mar 26: The ground-level elevator entrance is framed.

Mar 27: Jitters is almost complete.

Mar 27: Engraved glass panels are installed in the southeast stairwell.

Mar 27: Compact shelving is installed in the lower level.

Mar 27: Ceiling clouds are added to the lower level to help control noise.

Mar 27: New water fountains include a bottle filler.
March 16, 2015, marked the 150th anniversary of the birth of Ulysses Sylvester (U. S.) Conn, the first president of Wayne State College (or, State Normal School at Wayne, as it was known initially). He served as president from 1910 to 1935. His 25 years as president is the longest term of any Wayne State president.

I have been researching the life of U. S. Conn for several years. I have experienced much frustration along the way. One difficulty faced is that sources of information about his life are difficult to locate ... One would expect that a 25-year presidency would produce an abundance of materials: correspondence, internal memos, notes, texts of speeches, etc.; however, very few primary sources from his presidency have survived. We do have some letters from persons writing to President Conn (to be discussed in Part II); however, we do not have Conn’s letters to these people, so we can only infer what he may have written. We have only two letters written by him in the Archives ... Furthermore, U. S. Conn never published an autobiography nor, as far as we know, did he give any interviews in which he discussed his life ... Again, as far as we know, he kept no journal and his wife (Cammie) and daughter (Ardath) left behind no recorded accounts regarding him or their family life. There are no direct, living descendants to interview.

What we do have ... are messages he wrote for the yearbook and alumni bulletins, newspaper accounts of speeches and various activities, and public records ... Given these limitations, the following is the beginning what can be told about U. S. Conn’s life on the occasion of the 150th anniversary of his birth ... and will be updated in the future if new information is discovered.

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-MARCUS SCHLICHTER, ARCHIVIST