



**University Library**

# The Resource

UW-Whitewater

Spring Semester 2005

## Spring Semester Hours

*Sunday*

1:00 p.m. - midnight

*Monday - Thursday*

7:30 a.m. - midnight

*Friday*

7:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

*Saturday*

9:00 a.m. - 5:00 pm

## Reference Desk Hours

*Sunday*

1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

*Monday - Thursday*

8:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.

*Friday*

8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

*Saturday*

1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

## Archives Special Collections Area Research Center

*Monday - Friday*

9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

## Special Extended Hours

*Saturdays*

February 19 & 26

March 5 & 12

April 2 & 9

1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

## What's So Special About Her? *American National Biography* and *Oxford Dictionary of National Biography* Revised Editions Are Here

**By Vicky Topp, Reference & Instruction Librarian**

In recent years, two of the most venerable reference works in biography have been completely revised and updated, including broadening scope and inclusivity. In 1986, the American Council of Learned Societies decided that the *Dictionary of American Biography* (DAB), first published in 1928-1936, with supplements to 1988, needed to be updated to reflect new scholarship and to acknowledge the contributions of people who had previously been ignored, such as people of various ethnic and racial groups, and women. The original publisher was not interested in a complete reworking, so the Council brought in Oxford University Press, which undertook a complete revision under the new title *American National Biog-*

*raphy* (ANB). The 24 volume ANB is a complete reworking of the DAB. It was published in 1999, with a 2002 supplement. Over all, the ANB has about 17,500 entries, 6,000 of which were not a part of DAB or its supplements. Subjects in the ANB died before 1996, and those in the supplement before 2001. Since the *American National Biography* (Ref CT213 .A68 1999) is not an exact duplicate of the *Dictionary of American Biography* (Ref E176 .D56), both will be available in the library.

The second biographical work to be completely updated and revised is the *Dictionary of National Biography* (DNB). This work focusing on British subjects was the original comprehensive

national biography in English. Unlike the ANB, the 60 volume *Oxford Dictionary of National Biography* (ODNB) retains all of the subjects included in the original 1885-1900 DNB and its supplements. Every article was rewritten and updated to reflect current scholarship. The new edition has 50,000 biographies written by 10,000 contributors. All subjects in the ODNB died before 2001. A particularly welcome ODNB feature is the inclusion of 10,000 portraits. The ODNB also expanded the time period covered and the definition of who was influential in British history and life. Among the additions to the new work are colonial Americans such as Benjamin Franklin and George Washington. Although all subjects were retained in the new edition, the entries differ enough that the original retains value, so the library will keep both the *Dictionary of National Biography* (Ref DA28 .D4) and the *Oxford Dictionary of National Biography* (Ref DA28 .O95 2004). ■

## Library Sporting New Look!

During winterim, new carpeting was installed in high-traffic areas of the library. Please help keep our carpet looking new by using covered beverage containers. See page 2 for more details. ■

## Google™ Goes to Grad School: <http://scholar.google.com>

By Carol Elsen, Reference & Instruction Librarian

Since search engine giant Google™ unveiled the beta version of its new search tool, Google Scholar™, in November 2004, it has created quite a buzz in the academic community.

So, what exactly is Google Scholar™? Essentially it is a tool that searches exclusively for the scholarly literature subset of the Google universe. The driving force behind this new product, no doubt, is you, the scholar. Because scholars and librarians have been some of the most vocal critics of using the World Wide Web as a replacement for more erudite venues (the library, for instance), Google has worked on an algorithm to sift the scholarly wheat from the more popular chaff. By using Google Scholar, search results are much meatier than with a standard search (actually they are just less diluted) and will include theses, books, peer-reviewed papers, preprints, abstracts and technical reports as well as articles from preprint repositories, scholarly publishers and universities. There is also a handy “cited by” feature, which is similar to the “cited reference” search in Web of Science. A “cited by” link appears next to many citations in a results list. By clicking on the link, the researcher will find all the other Google Scholar sources that cite the first source. The “cited by” link even shows the number of sources that will be retrieved. This is a truly useful source for tracking down related research.

Are librarians worried that Google Scholar™ will replace them? Hardly! This product is simply another tool for identifying sources. Many of the books and articles identified through this service will be citations or abstracts, requiring the user to look elsewhere for the full text. Since only a fraction of the library’s collections can be

### Google’s Latest Scholarly Venture

Not content to rest on the laurels of Google Scholar™, the company has even more grandiose plans for academia. In December, Google announced it had signed agreements with five major research libraries to digitize their holdings and make them freely available on the Internet. Harvard, New York Public Library, Oxford, Stanford and the University of Michigan have agreed to make all or parts of their print collections available to Google. Public domain material will be available full text and material still covered by copyright will be excerpted.

For more information on this project, see John Markoff and Edward Wyatt’s, *Google Is Adding Major Libraries to Its Database* [*New York Times*, 14 Dec. 2004; available to the UW-W community at < <http://tinyurl.com/5jcn3> >]. ■

identified through any search engine, researchers will still want to use the library’s online databases and catalog to begin their research. Then the new Google product can be a handy way to round out the picture with additional sources.

The initial consensus seems to be that Google Scholar is better for the sciences than for other disciplines. But the service is new and still in its infancy, so it is worth trying out to see how it works for your research interests. Whatever its shortcomings may be, Google has learned one marketing lesson well by finding out what its customers want – and delivering. For more information on Google Scholar, see: < <http://scholar.google.com/scholar/about.html> > ■

## Your Customized Class Library Resource Guide

By Martha Stephenson, Reference & Instruction Librarian

Faculty, are you giving a library research assignment this semester? The Reference & Instruction Librarians want to help! In conjunction with a bibliographic instruction session by one of our marvelous Librarians, ask for a customized webpage for your course. Upon request, the instructing Librarian will design a webpage outlining topics and related resources covered in the session. The webpage could list library databases, books, government documents and periodicals held by the University Library, and free Internet sources (if appropriate). Want something else included? Just ask. Please allow at least two weeks for the page to be designed.

These customized webpages, called Class Assignment Guides, are grouped together and linked from the User Guides page of the Library website < <http://library.uww.edu/guides/guides.htm> >. You may also link to your guide from ROAD, D2L or your faculty page, so that students may refer to it quickly. For examples, see:

- Current Controversial Issues, for English 102 < <http://library.uww.edu/guides/controversy.htm> >
- Marketing 361 & 761 < <http://library.uww.edu/guides/instruction/marketing761.htm> > ■



## Friends Don't Let Friends Miss the Friends of the Library Book Sale!



By Ronna Hoeper, Reference & Instruction Librarian

What do *My Antonia*, *The Cholesterol Counter*, *Pippi of the South Seas*, and the 1953 *Minneiska* have in common? They're all available for purchase at the 8<sup>th</sup> annual Friends of the UW-Whitewater Library book sale!

Being held April 11-14, 2005 in the lobby outside of the Andersen Library, the Friends book sale will feature more than 2,000 new and slightly used non-fiction and fiction titles. Included are children's books, mysteries, romance novels, self-help books, biographies, and books on a wide variety of academic subjects such as psychology, social work, history, foreign languages, business, education . . . the

list goes on! Books are \$2.00 each unless otherwise marked. Popular paperbacks are \$1.00. In addition to books, the sale offers many back issues of various magazine titles—for only 10 cents an issue!

This year's sale will be held at the following dates and times:

**Monday, April 11: 6 p.m.–8 p.m.**  
(pre-sale—UW-W faculty, staff, students, & Friends only)  
**Tuesday, April 12: 8 a.m.–8 p.m.**  
**Wednesday, April 13: 8 a.m.–8 p.m.**  
**Thursday, April 14: 8 a.m.–4 p.m.**

Donations are always welcome, and are still being accepted for this year's book sale. Please contact

Doreen via phone at 262-472-5575 or email at [ackerd@uww.edu](mailto:ackerd@uww.edu).

Proceeds from the sale go to the Library Acquisitions Endowment Fund with interest to be used for Library purchases. A list of past purchases may be viewed at < <http://library.uww.edu/friends/GiftPurchase.htm> >.

In addition to the Friends and Library staff members, Phi Beta Lambda, a student business organization, will assist with the sale.

For more information, contact Martha Stephenson via phone at 262-472-4366 or via email at [stephenm@uww.edu](mailto:stephenm@uww.edu) ■

## Campaign of the Container

By Jennie Vano, Reference & Instruction Librarian

*It's 9:00 p.m. and Joe Student is getting ready to write a research paper due tomorrow. It's going to be an all-nighter and that calls for copious amounts of highly caffeinated soda. Joe grabs six 24 oz bottles of soda and heads to the library for a marathon session of typing.*

*At 7:27 a.m., Jane Student yawns as she trudges across the cold campus toward the University Library to print off a paper before going to class. She was up until 3:01 a.m. typing and is carrying a large travel mug of coffee in an attempt to warm up and wake up.*

The slide toward allowing drinks in the library has been slow but inevitable. Students and faculty are accustomed to studying and researching with a favorite beverage next to the highlighter and Post-it® Notes. Before you bring your favorite beverage with you to the library, we ask that you keep the

following in mind: not all drink containers are created equally. Every once in a while, a book is splashed, a keyboard is shorted out and the carpet is ruined. For this reason, we ask that all drinks brought into the library be in a container with a tightly sealed lid. Here is a short guide to some drink containers:

Travel mugs, Nalgene® bottles, soda cans, and paper cups are all types of containers seen in the library every day. And nearly every day last semester, we watched someone turn a section of the carpet a new shade of brown. When we did, we breathed a sigh of relief that only the old carpet was stained, not a book soaked or a computer keyboard drenched. Now we have new carpeting to protect as well as hardware, software, books, documents, upholstery, etc.

**GOOD:** Water, juice and soda bottles with screw on lids, travel mugs with screw on lids, Nalgene® and Nalgene®-type containers.

**BAD:** open soda cans, beverages in paper cups with snap-on lids or no lids at all

Even with tightly sealed lids, liquid can escape. For this reason, we will continue to enforce the policy of no food or drinks near library computers. If you are using a computer, please place your beverage on the floor – even if it has a tightly sealed lid. Thank you from the bottom of our non-sticky space bars. ■

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## So What's New?

Find the answer at

< <http://library.uww.edu/whatsnew.htm> >

## Workshop Opportunities from the University Library

### ***Critical Evaluation of Websites***

This workshop will focus on helping students identify and evaluate reliable, quality websites. Discussion will focus on critical evaluation based on authority, accuracy, objectivity, currency and coverage.

Presenter: Martha Stephenson, Reference & Instruction Librarian

Location: University Center, South Commons

Date: March 2, 2005 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

### ***Detecting and Deterring Plagiarism: A Panel Discussion***

Join a panel of UW-Whitewater faculty members for a lively discussion on detecting and preventing plagiarism.

Discussion leader: Jennie Vano, Reference/Instruction Librarian

Location: University Center, South Commons

Date: March 15, 2005 12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

### ***LexisNexis for Researchers***

Learn to search LexisNexis with expert precision and speed. Harness this powerful research tool to locate biographical information, court cases, state and federal statutes, public opinion polls, company information, media transcripts and full text articles from thousands of newspapers, magazines and radio & television news transcripts.

Presenter: Carol Elsen, Reference/Instruction Librarian

Location: University Library, Bibliographic Instruction Lab

Date: March 31, 2005 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.



## Spring Programs



## Sponsored by the Friends of the Library

### ***When Is Daddy Coming Home?***

Location: International Education Conference Room (Andersen Library, L2254)

Date: Friday, March 18, 2005 1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Richard Haney of UW-Whitewater's History Department will discuss his recent book, *When Is Daddy Coming Home? An American Family during World War II*. The book includes correspondence documenting both military experience in Europe and life on the home front.

### ***Friends of the Library Book Sale*** (see related article, p. 2)

Location: Andersen Library Lobby

Dates: Monday, April 11, 2005: 6 p.m.–8 p.m. (pre-sale—UWW faculty, staff, students, & Friends only)

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Thursday, April 14, 2005: 8 a.m.–4 p.m.

These Friends programs are open to the public, except as noted above. Interested in joining the Friends? Visit their website for details < <http://library.uww.edu/friends/friends.htm> >.