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DATABASE CORNER

Database Corner

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Library Hours

Monday, Tuesday

8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Wednesday, Thursday

8 a.m. to 6. pm

Friday

8 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Saturday

10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Each issue of Between the Bookends includes a column on getting the most out of the electronic databases that students, faculty, and staff have access to. The Winter/Spring '04 issue discussed our newspaper databases, while the Summer '04 issue described how to use certain databases to decide on a term paper topic and begin research.

Database Nooks and Crannies

Your favorite database may offer more than initially meets the eye. Because database publishers have to contend for top spots in the very competitive market of providing online college resources, they often add features to give their product the edge. These extras are not always evident to you, the busy student in a hurry. However, knowing where they are may save you time in the end. Here we present a handful of cool features from the most frequently used products on our Electronic Databases page.

InfoTrac OneFile

What: **Dictionary**

Hidden Where: Only visible in the left hand sidebar from search result screens.

To use: Highlight the word you want defined, then click **Dictionary**

LexisNexis

What: **Reference Sources:** Biographies, Country and State Profiles, Polls & Surveys, Quotations, and a World Almanac

Hidden Where: In the Site Map

To use: Click Site Map link and select from **Reference** list

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What Do I Read Next?

What: Literary award winners throughout history

Hidden Where: in **Award Winners and Top Picks**

To use: Select the award you're interested in (ex. Pulitzer Prize: Poetry) from **Award-winners** drop-down list, and click search. Select the link from the result screen.

Business & Company Resource Center

What: Information on industrial associations, from the Encyclopedia of Associations

Hidden Where: Behind the **Industry** button

To use: Click the **Industry** button under Additional Search Options. Type words in the **Enter Industry Description** box. For ex.: vending
Select a link. On the linked page, click the **Associations** tab.

Facts.com

What: Statistical charts and world maps

Hidden Where: Buried at the bottom of opening screen

To use: Click on Photos, Charts, and News maps link

Sirs Knowledge Source

What: Inaugural addresses of all the U.S. presidents

Hidden Where: SIRS Government Reporter

To use: Click SIRS Government Reporter. In Database Features sidebar select Historic Documents. In **Browse Frequently Accessed Documents by Subject**, click Inaugural Addresses link

Health & Wellness Center

What: Calorie contents of fast foods

Hidden Where: In H&WC sponsored web page, FreeWeightLoss.com

To use: From Health & Wellness Center select Health Assessment Tools. Click FreeWeightLoss.com link, then select Calorie Analyzer. Select category Fast Food.

EBSCOhost's MagillonLiterature

What: Descriptions of literary characters and their role in the plot

Hidden Where: As a limiter on the basic or advanced search screen

To use: Type a character's name in the box, with no other search terms

There are many more nuggets to be found in database nooks & crannies. Explore and discover them for yourself. Don't forget to share with others!

See you at



the library

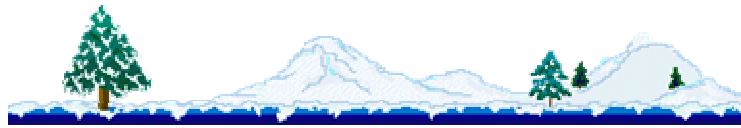


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Banned Books

By Hope Beyer

Banned Books Week has been celebrated during the last week of September every year since 1982. Technically most of the books featured during Banned Books Week were not 'Banned' but rather were 'Challenged.' To challenge a book means to attempt to have that book banned. So for example, someone may challenge a book in their local library by requesting that it be removed from the collection because of the content. There are many challenges to books but relatively few of those challenges result in a ban because of the efforts of librarians and organizations such as the American Library Association to prevent book banning. The term banned is considered appropriate because a challenge is a real attempt to ban a book.

As you might expect some books are challenged far more often than other books. In 2003 books on the most challenged list included the Harry Potter series and *Of Mice and Men*.

As part of Banned Books Week people are encouraged to read a book from the banned book list. If you would like to read a banned book you can find a banned book list from the ALA's website <http://www.ala.org/ala/oif/bannedbooksweek/challengedbanned/challengedbanned.htm>. Also the University of Pennsylvania maintains an online database of texts and links to over 20,000 free online books. The site features a selection of banned books available in the database at <http://onlinebooks.library.upenn.edu/banned-books.html>.

Popular Titles

The library now has popular fiction and non-fictions books located near the circulation desk. Keep in mind that these books are not part of the libraries permanent collection so check out the books you want to read when you see them.

Remember: All material can be returned to the circulation desk. Books can also be returned in any of the three book drops. There are two book drops on the fourth floor. One is inside the library near the circulation desk, the other is outside the library main entrance in the hall. The third book drop is located on the fifth floor in the hall near L523.

Tax Forms

Tax time is approaching and for your convenience the library will have a variety of tax forms available.

New Staff Member

The library welcomes a new staff reference/instruction librarian John Leonetti.





The New Magazine and journal Locator: a look at the future of information in libraries

BY JOHN CUPOLE

Giving patrons access to the “appropriate copy” of a full-text article is one of the most serious challenges facing libraries today. The “appropriate copy” of an article is the full-text of the article one can get at the library upon request or at another library in close proximity. Many databases afford static links to full-text articles which will point the user to a version established by the database vendor. The problem here is that the user may not be authorized to access that particular full-text copy. One institution may have access to one form of the full-text, while another institution may not have it in the same form or may not have it at all. The solution is not just to provide a link to any copy of the article, but to give a link to the “appropriate copy” of the full-text. To accomplish smooth linking to the “appropriate copy” of the full-text, the user’s individual library holdings and subscriptions must be included and factored into the linking solution. Eventually, the user will even be given the shortest route or nearest library if the full-text is not available in his home institution.

The technology that makes this possible, called “*open url link resolvers*,” has been around since the late 1990s and is one of the most significant developments ever made in information delivery. It is now being developed and applied more fully. This is the same technology mentioned in the Spring, 2004 library newsletter about applications of this technology to solve numerous library and information access problems. The one we chose to begin with is *Serials Solution*. This technology is now being applied to other information sources besides periodical articles. The latest version of *Serials Solutions*, which we call *Magazine/Journal Locator*, includes subject browsing functionality and can be accessed by visiting the web page below: <http://yp5da4zn8m.search.serialssolutions.com/>. The browsing menu provides access to almost 700 subject headings from Ulrich's Periodicals Directory. Please give it a test drive. It's simple to use, but call 203-575-8024 for help, if necessary.

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DVD Collection

By Alison Wang



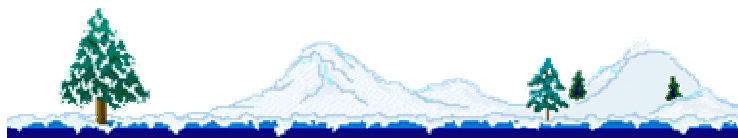
The Library at NVCC is actively building a DVD collection to serve changing needs of faculty and students. The Library collects film on DVD and videocassette, sound recordings in one of the CD-ROM formats. The DVD collection is housed in the Library, integrated with the rest of the collection by subject and Library of Congress call number.

At the present time, DVD is the preferred format, although many titles in VHS and a smaller number of laserdiscs constitute the collection. As titles become available on DVD and, as funding permits, the library is acquiring titles whose use calls for replacement in the DVD format. Similar user's policy statements will cover DVD, VHS, and Sound recordings in the Library. All materials will be catalogued by the Library and accessible in the Library Online Catalog.

The primary purpose of the Library's DVD and other media collections is to support the educational programs of the College. The College's dedication to arts and humanities, cultural diversity, and the research needs of the students and faculty will be served by the collection. The uses of the collection are for classroom instruction and individual study by students. Items in the collection will circulate with as liberal a policy as the nature of the material, copyright restrictions, and demand allow. Items may be placed on class reserve, used by the instructor in class instruction, charged out of the library by the instructor for class preparation, and, on a more limited basis, charged out by students for course study. Within the restrictions of copyright and demand, the collection is also available for educational purposes by the College Community as a whole.

DVD will be the preferred format for all subject areas related to the College's curriculum and, when not available, will be acquired in another available format when necessary.

When searching the online catalog for DVDs, you can search by Author, Title, or Subject, just as in searching for books. An Author search retrieves films by director, cast member, cinematographer, or other personal or collective name. The Call Number in the Library Online Catalog display results tells you whether the film is on DVD or VHS cassette. The Location tells you where DVD is housed in the library. If you have any questions on how to locate a DVD, our friendly library staff will help you.





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Suggestions/Questions

Email: libcirc@nvcc.commnet.edu

Looking for off-campus access to the library databases?

Click on Electronic Databases and then click on Off-Campus Access: Electronic Databases at the top of page

Your Banner/Student ID and PIN are required for off-campus access to these databases.

NOTICE TO PATRONS:

Please remember to return library materials to the library by the due date. Anyone having a problem returning their items to the library should stop by the circulation desk or call 203-575-8042. Most items can be renewed. People with outstanding overdue items can expect to receive several reminders. Once those reminders have been sent, if the materials in question are still overdue and if the due date is at least a month past, several actions will be taken. Those actions include filing a monetary charge that will be dropped if the materials are returned, and placing a hold against the patron's record which will be removed if either the materials are returned or the charge is paid.

Paperback Exchange

Paperback books in L501, the Library Oasis, may be taken out and returned without stopping at the Circulation desk.

If you have paperback books that you would like to donate to the Paperback Exchange please bring them to the Circulation desk on the 4th floor.

Current popular fiction is desirable and donations of this type are greatly appreciated.

Library Home Page

<http://www.nv2.commnet.edu/library>

Did you know? Besides searching in *our* online catalog for items in *our* library, you can link to **reQuest**, the statewide library catalog to see what other CT libraries own a particular book or video, or subscribe to a particular journal.

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