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Conant Library
Nichols College

Spring 2019

WHAT'S NEW?

NEW MARKETING/SPORTS DATABASE

The newest addition to our database collection is *Consumer Brand Analytics* (CBA) which features market size, demographics, social media and sports fan involvement for 200+ consumer brands in 19 product categories. Marketing and Sport Management folks should find this very useful!

WORLDCAT DISCOVERY FINDS RESOURCES AT OTHER LIBRARIES FAR AND NEAR

You may have noticed something new when you search with *WorldCat Discovery* from the Library's homepage. Not only does it show results for Conant Library (books, e-books, and articles), but also for libraries regionally and beyond as well! In fact, it's not unusual to see a title that is 'Held by: Worcester ARC Libraries'. ARC is an acronym for the *Academic and Research Collaborative*, a coalition that includes the Worcester Public Library and most of the Worcester-area college libraries. If you find and want something that is held by one of these libraries you can make an interlibrary loan request online right within *WorldCat* by clicking the title of the item and then the 'Request Item from Other Libraries' button. If it's a book you can't wait a couple of days for and you have a car we can give you a **cross-borrowing ARC card** that permits Nichols students, faculty, and staff to **walk in and borrow books directly** from many of these institutions. To obtain a card, please see Rosalba Onofrio at the Circulation Desk.



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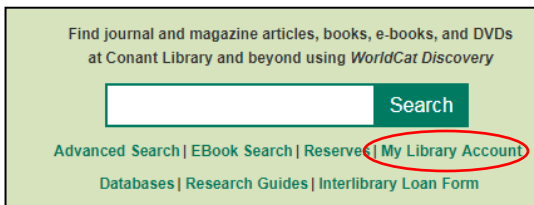
Who You Gonna Call?! QR CODE LINK TO STARDESK HELP



Here's a QR Code you can scan with your phone to launch our **Library Chat Help!** widget. Be sure to bookmark the Chat page for future use! STARDesk Help is available:

Sun.: 6:00pm - 12:30am;
Mon.-Thurs.: 7:30am - 12:30am;
Fri.: 7:30am - 3:30pm

'MY LIBRARY ACCOUNT' FEATURES



Ever wonder what the 'My Library Account' is about? It shows you when your checked-out items are due, lets you renew your books (assuming they are not overdue), shows you fines/fees for lost items, and enables you to place a 'hold/reserve' on books or DVDs that are currently checked out by someone else to receive a notice when they have been returned. You can also save your *WorldCat Discovery* searches for future use. A link is also available on the results pages.

By the way, we take the privacy of your personal information quite seriously. Our policies conform to the College's Policy on Data, Records, and E-mail Retention, as well as the Code of Ethics of the American Library Association, which provides this summation of the library community's commitment to privacy: "We protect each library user's right to privacy and confidentiality with respect to information sought or received and resources consulted, borrowed, acquired or transmitted." Individual user's circulation history is not retained in our library system and we do not disclose the individual's personal or current borrowing data.

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LIBRARY ASSESSMENT

During fall semester the Library underwent a peer review of our operations, services and resources by Ms. Vivienne Piroli, Library Director at Simmons University Library. She identified and made some suggestions for areas of improvement but, overall, was rather complimentary. She noted, for example, that the library was a very welcoming space, well utilized by students, and commended the staff on its efforts to support student learning, campus engagement, and social responsibility. We've already implemented some of her suggestions, including the addition of an **A – Z Database list** and **database video tutorials** on the Database page. More to follow!

OERs (OPEN EDUCATION RESOURCE)



Every semester the Library spends funds the purchase or rental of textbooks which students can borrow. We're happy to do this as it helps make Nichols a bit more affordable for students. We know this service is definitely being used as textbooks on reserve circulate between 4-5,000 times each year! Ideally, textbooks and other course-related materials would be free or, at least, much more affordable. To make this a reality, a growing number of institutions and their libraries across the county are encouraging the adoption of more OER-based resources by their faculty, not only to help reduce costs for students, but also to enhance the quality of classroom teaching and learning. Some of our faculty are already exploring and utilizing OERs, but with support from the Academic Affairs office, Nichols is more actively joining this movement and the Library is pleased to do what it can to support it by offering information and resources.

To that end, we offer a brief primer on OER below. The Library has also created a webpage devoted to OER that can be accessed by clicking on the 'OER' link on the left side of the Library's homepage or directly at: <https://my.nichols.edu/academics/conantlibrary/Pages/OER.aspx>. Here you can learn about OER and find a list of recommended sources with links to the major repositories of quality OER textbooks and more.

On April 2, the Faculty Teaching Center is hosting Matt Bejune, Executive Director of the Library at Worcester State University, to share his campus' experience with their OER initiative.

What are Open Educational Resources?

A major and early promoter of OER was the Hewlett Foundation. Here's their oft-shared definition of OER: "Open Educational Resources are teaching, learning, and research materials in any medium – digital or otherwise – that reside in the public domain or have been released under an open license that permits no-cost access, use, adaptation and redistribution by others with no or limited restrictions."

Open educational resources can include full courses, course materials, modules, textbooks, data sets, streaming media, recorded lectures, video tutorials, tests and quizzes, software, and other tools, resources, materials, or techniques used to support access to and sharing of knowledge.

NEW ART

Our featured artist for Spring 2019 is Karen Reid of Oxford, MA. Karen studied at the The Art Institute of Boston, the South Shore Art Center in Cohasset, MA. The Fuller Museum in Brocton, MA, The Danforth Museum in Framingham, MA and The School of the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston, MA where she earned her diploma in Fine Arts. She has studied many forms of fine art including drawing, painting, ceramics and monoprint. Presently her work centers on drawing and painting using oil paint, watercolor, wax and charcoal. Currently Karen works out of her studio in Oxford, MA and teaches oil painting, watercolor, and expressive. Her work has been exhibited throughout New England. You'll find samples of her art on the Main and Top floors!



THANKS DR. PELTO FOR BOOKS FOR OUR 'TAKE FREE' SHELVES!

As some of you know, we have a collection of books you can take without even having to donate in kind! Over the winter break, Dr. Mauri Pelto, VP for Academic Affairs, donated several dozen books – fiction and non-fiction – for our 'Take Free' shelves in the balcony. You don't need to bring a book to take a book! Check 'em out!

HISTORY STUDENT INTERNSHIP AND THE NC ARCHIVES

Savannah Taylor

My name is Savannah Taylor and I am history major. I have been working at Conant Library for two years and for the past five months. I have also been working in the [Nichols College] archives, organizing the sports photo collection. It can be a time-consuming process because I have to move all of the photos into an acid-free folder, count the number of pictures, and then add that folder to the finding aid. Sometimes it is challenging when we cannot identify what year a photo was taken. I love looking through old yearbooks to match players or uniforms to a certain year.

We take these steps to make sure that the past is preserved and others can learn about Nichols College history. Working in the archives has been so fun and I am grateful for the opportunity. I have gained valuable experience and discovered my passion for archiving.

[Editor's Note: Savannah is also earning academic credit as a history intern in the archive this semester. Look for her NC-related exhibits in the Library and Davis in the coming months!]



April 10 - SPRING BOOK SWAP TO CELEBRATE NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

Gather up a couple of books from home, residence hall, or office and head over to the Library's spring book swap on Wednesday, April 10. Stop by the main reading room anytime between 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m. to drop off and pick up a book. You don't have to give one to get one (or two, or three...) Share your favorites and discover new ones!

TOO NOISY? HELP IS JUST A CLICK AWAY!

Is the music coming from the guy with earphones six seats away interfering with your concentration? Wish somebody would come and tell the cellphone user to be a little more quiet? That group "discussion" getting way too loud? There is a **chat widget on all library computer desktops**; should you wish to report too much noise in the Library anonymously or have some other issue you should get a quick response between 7:30am and 12:30am. M-TH and 7:30am to 3:30pm on Fridays.

SENIOR STUDENT WORKER SPOTLIGHT

Four of our senior circulation desk assistants recently selected a new book for the library collection. Each book features a special bookplate with the student's name and graduating class. Check out their book selections in our "New Book" display located on the library's main floor.

Matt Ferreira

Major: Sport Management / Minor: Finance

Years Working at Conant Library: 2

Best Work Experience: Extended hours during finals week when the library is busy and everyone is working together to finish out the semester on a positive note

What I Will Miss Most: The opportunity to interact with my peers when they check out books or devices at the circulation desk

Favorite Book: *Million Dollar Arm: to win you have to change the game*/by J.B. Bernstein



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Joseph Santese

Major: Accounting & Finance / 4 + 1 Program

Years Working at Conant Library: 3

Best Work Experience: Enjoys the quiet working atmosphere of the library and helping patrons with questions

Favorite Book: *Running with the Buffaloes*/ by Chris Lear



Marissa Piedmonte

Psychology Major/ Management Minor

This is my 3rd year working at the library.

What I liked most about working at the library was getting to interact and help students. Since the library is such a central area of campus I was able to help and communicate with my peers.

I will miss the friendly environment and kind co-workers at the library most. Everyone works to help one another just like a close team or family!

Book Selection: *The Heart of Trauma*/by Bonnie Badenoch



Savannah Taylor

Major: History

Minor: English

Years Working at Conant Library: 2

Best Work Experience: When a PhD candidate called from out of state looking for information on a first edition book we have in the collection that was written in 1898 by Liliuokalani, Queen of Hawaii.

What I will miss most: I will miss working with my friends and classmates.

Book Selection: *Savannah in the New South*/by Walter J. Fraser, Jr.
