

Library News

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MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR



Way back in 1780, Abigail Adams stated that, "Learning is not attained by chance; it must be sought for with ardor and attended to with diligence." Apparently WilmU students take this statement seriously as exemplified by their increased use of library space; a growth of 50% since 2010. This does seem counterintuitive given the significant amount of online resources available through the Library. Perhaps we are witnessing a desire to balance time spent online with a need for an offline experience and social interactions in places such as the Library. With this in mind, the Library continues to re-conceptualize space and service. For example, the new Dover Learning Commons is a cross-departmental effort offering library resources, tutoring, study space and an array of amazing services offered by the Dover site staff. Building on this synergy, we are excited to announce that starting this semester the Dover Learning Commons will now lend netbook computers. You may also notice the Library's ongoing transformation from primarily print to ebooks continues rapidly with our recently licensed "Ebrary Academic," a collection of over 100,000 ebook titles. Read more about this and other library initiatives in this issue. We value your feedback! Take a few minutes to complete our annual survey and register to win a Kindle Fire HD ebook reader. Winter is here and Spring is on the way! However, your Library is not in hibernation mode. In fact, it's quite the opposite. All of us in the Library wish you a great learning experience this spring!

- Jim McCloskey, Library Director



WHAT'S NEW

- New ebrary resource brings in over 100,000 eBooks
- Netbook lending starts in Dover
- Wilmington University holds WWII event
- Staff additions and updates
- National Library Week author event scheduled
- Annual Library survey begins in April
- Explore the Library's Cushing Collection
- Easily find company information
- Credo Reference gets a makeover

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REMEMBERING WORLD WAR II AND DELAWARE'S ROLE

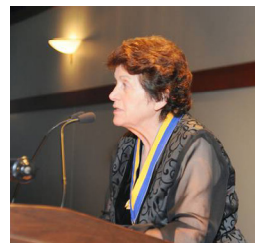
Please join us for a special event celebrating our WWII veterans!

Author Jan Churchill and George Bellenger, former faculty member and World War II vet, will share stories and brief remembrances of the war.

This event is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served.

When: Thursday, April 17th
6:00pm

Where: DAC Auditorium
New Castle Campus



On the Web... Educational Opportunities for Military Students

Wilmington University is proud to include a large number of active, reserve, and retired military personnel among its students. In order to provide these students with the most accurate and up-to-date information regarding educational opportunities, the Library has compiled the following Web sites.

New GI Bill Benefits Calculator | NEWGIBILL.ORG/CALCULATOR

Sponsored by the Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America, the GI Bill Benefits Calculator allows members of the military to calculate educational benefits.

Military OneSource | MILITARYONESOURCE.MIL

Military OneSource, a virtual extension of installation services, is provided by the Department of Defense at no cost to active duty, Guard, and Reserve service members (regardless of activation status), and their families. The site includes free educational materials on topics including parenting, deployment, service member education, spouse education, career opportunities, non-medical counseling, and more.

United States Department of Education: Military Families and Veterans | ED.GOV/VETERANS-AND-MILITARY-FAMILIES

The United States Department of Education: Information for Military Families and Veterans includes sources designed to equip veterans with the information that will assist them in today's competitive job-placement environment, as well as information on education funding for military personnel and their families.

Veterans Administration: Education and Training | BENEFITS.VA.GOV/GIBILL

This site allows military personnel to compare VA-approved institutions, apply for benefits, and review other information in order to choose the most appropriate educational program.

TIMELESS LITERATURE: THE LIBRARY'S RICH COLLECTION

Explore the Library's Cushing Collection!

The higher education community has always regarded the library as essential by virtue of its role as a repository for books. Consider that the library is often thought of as... "the heart of the campus" and "the soul of the university". In the early 1920's, one College President dubbed their new Library "... a Cathedral of Books." It was thought that a university's prestige was somehow linked to the number of books housed in the Library. Books and Libraries provided other dimensions to student life as well. A Princeton University Librarian believed that students were somehow "humanized" simply by interacting with teachers in the presence of "thousands of colorful bindings." To the status of a library as repository was now added the cultural prestige of library as incubator of "civil conversation."

Early in Wilmington University's history, a modest collection of 35,000 books was purchased from Cardinal Cushing College, cataloged by library staff and made available to students and faculty. As Librarian Bill Smith noted recently, the Cushing Collection represents a treasure trove of literary classics and criticism.

Library Assistant Kailah Neal recently developed a display of several titles from this collection including a 1910 edition of "Collected Poems of Robert Frost" and an 1897 gold-etched edition of "Ballads" by Rudyard Kipling. You may view these and others in the library or online through our [flickr page](#). Many books on display also include QR Codes linking to the Google Books version. We are curious – do you prefer the print or the online version?

A retired University president recently remarked that "The library of the future may in fact predict the future of the University." As more books go online it has been suggested that use of print books will decline or even vanish. While it is true that the majority of students do make use of laptops and mobile devices in order to access the library's abundant online scholarly resources for research, this opinion does seem rather premature. Instead, what we have noticed in the library is a research process in which both print books and online resources are utilized. So, for your reading pleasure, we invite you to enjoy the tactile experience of the book as "object" by visiting our Cushing Collection exhibit. We certainly do live in interesting times and it is our hope that, whichever information format you prefer, the Library helps you on your way to graduation.



LOCAL AUTHOR TO SPEAK FOR NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK CELEBRATION

The Library invites you to celebrate National Library Week by joining us for an evening with local author J. Alex Blane who will share the story of his first novel, *Where We Left Off*. J. Alex Blane, pen name of Wilmington University's own Verlin Alexander, will host a Q&A session and sign copies of his book, which will be available for purchase at this event. The event is free and open to everyone. Refreshments will be served.

When: Wednesday, April 9th | 5:30PM

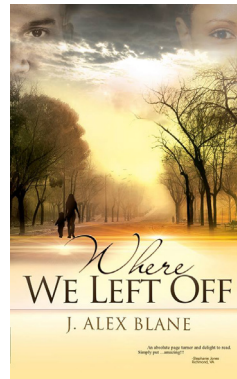
Where: Pratt Student Center, New Castle Campus



J. Alex Blane, known to many of his colleagues as Verlin Alexander, is a new author whose novel *Where We Left Off* debuted his first break in the literary world of fiction romantic suspense. A Multi-Media developer by trade; "J. Alex Blane is a talented man whose creativity is exceptional!" – Katrina Coleman (Amazon).

Born Verlin Jay Alexander, III. J. Alex Blane is Alumni of Wilmington University receiving both his Graduate and Undergraduate degree from the College of Technology. Since he could remember, it had always been his dream to write a novel. After nearly eight years of deciding to put a single ballpoint pen to a piece of paper he finally placed the last period at the end of the last sentence. With that he introduced readers all across the country to *Where We Left Off*, a story that has evolved into something to this day he will say he never expected and in some cases transcending the definition of its genre.

J. Alex Blane currently lives with his wife and his two children in Bear Delaware where they share a small home just right for him to sneak off into a little corner and write more of what he loves and those who have already began asking, yes, the second and third installment of the series.



Some memories you do your best to forget. Others you wish you simply had the opportunity to remember. Mason Everett found himself in the center of both, as he felt the warmth of an autumn sun graze his face through the tinted windows. A successful real estate developer, Mason had his picture perfect life. He was young, handsome, wealthy and single. No stranger to keeping relationships at-arms-length he tries to avoid them at all costs living tirelessly by one rule: Never again let anyone close enough to hurt you—

Until he found himself falling for Sydney McCail, a young woman he met at his brother's wedding. In the midst of a developing relationship Mason's past begins to surface causing him to push Sydney away in fear of her finding out a secret he'd kept hidden for most of his life. In the wake of a tragic accident she finds what she thought she knew was only the beginning, and what happens from there leaves them both searching for answers to a single question in what turns out to be a startling outcome. *Where We Left Off*.

NEW BOOKS!

The Library frequently adds new materials to the collection. Take a look at our [New Items @WilmU Library page](#) to discover our newly added items.

New Books

Adolescent Psychology, 9/e
edited by Fed Stickle

First Globals
by John Zogby

Steve Jobs: the man who thought different , a biography
by Karen Blumenthal

Lessons from the Top Paralegal Experts
by Carole Bruno

Engaging Teachers in Classroom Walkthroughs by Donald S. Kachur

The Expanded Family Life Cycle
by Betty Carter

Qualitative Data Analysis
by Matthew B. Miles

Mastering APA Style

LIBGUIDES.WILMU.EDU/NEW

SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS ENTER TO WIN A KINDLE FIRE HD

We want to hear from you! Please take a moment and let us know how we are doing. The survey will help us gain valuable information about how we can better serve our University community. Students, Faculty and Staff of Wilmington University are welcome to participate in the survey.

The survey will open in April and will be open through the remainder of the spring semester.

As always, your feedback is greatly appreciated!!

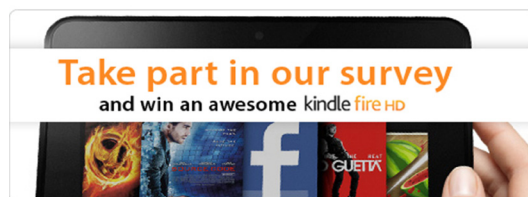
Faculty, we want to hear from you too!

Take the Library survey for your chance to win a \$50 Visa GiftCard! >>>



STUDENTS, ENTER FOR YOUR CHANCE TO WIN A KINDLE FIRE HD!

Take part in our survey and win an awesome kindle fire HD



STAFF UPDATES

Meet our newest staff members!

Ayinde Flores | PT Affiliate Librarian

Ayinde joined the Library in December 2013 at the Dover location. She earned her Master of Library and Information Science from University of Pittsburgh in 2003. Ayinde also received her Bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering from Widener University. Her interests include reading, volunteering, social justice advocacy and the tv show Scandal.

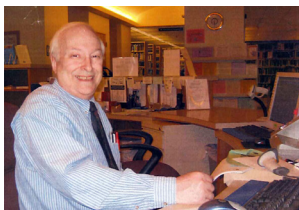


Lynda Gillow | PT Affiliate Librarian

Lynda earned her Master of Library and Information Science from Rutgers University and has also studied at UMass Amherst, Delaware Technical Community College, University of Delaware, St. Andrew's in Scotland and Bournemouth University in England. Lynda has a 6-year-old dog that she says is sneakier and smarter than all her nieces and nephews! She loves learning about different cultures and the clothing worn in different places & times.



Congratulations to Bill Smith on his recent promotion to the rank of Associate Professor.



NETBOOK LENDING BEGINS IN DOVER

Borrow a Dell Netbook from the Dover Learning Commons for your school work.

Dell Netbooks, small sized laptops, are Internet access capable and come loaded with Microsoft Office 2013 software to assist students with their coursework. The Library is piloting the netbook program to gather information on students' desire and need to borrow this kind of equipment.

In the future, the Library hopes to extend this program to the New Castle campus and to also include tablet computers for circulation.

Only current students and faculty are eligible for netbook borrowing. Netbooks are reserved on a first come first served basis and may be checked out for up to 7 days.

Complete the online reservation form to reserve a netbook:

libguides.wilmu.edu/techreserveform

For more information on the netbook lending program, visit:

libguides.wilmu.edu/useragreementcontract



Scan the QR Code >>>
to reserve a Dell Netbook

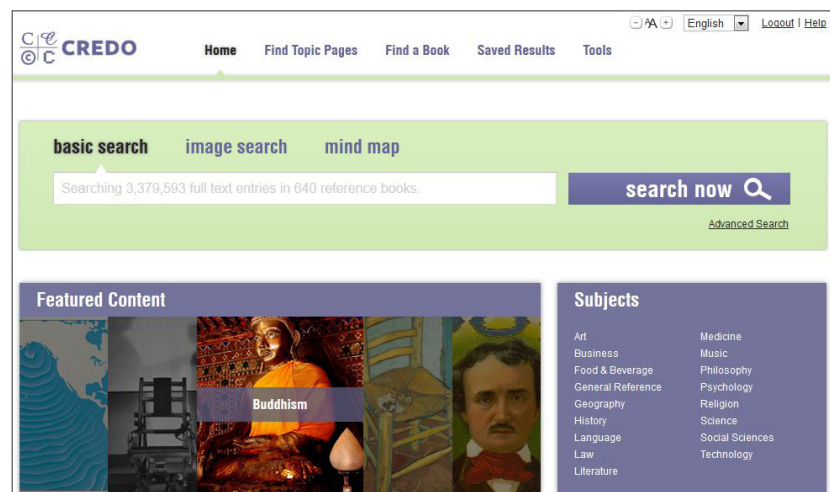


THE NEW CREDO REFERENCE

Credo Reference Makeover!

The big changes are to the overall user experience. You'll notice that the updated platform offers a clean look, better search experience, and improved discoverability of Topic Pages. For example, if you search the term "DNA" in the new version, you'll now see Topic Pages for DNA, DNA profiling and DNA fingerprinting, rather than just the "DNA" Topic Page.

Credo Reference offers online access to more than 500 highly-regarded titles including dictionaries, subject encyclopedias, handbooks, gazetteers, atlases, directories, and more from over 70 publishers and covers every major subject. Search the new [Credo Reference](#) now!



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MEET OUR WORK-STUDY STUDENTS

Just as students could not succeed in their academic work without the Library, so too the Library greatly benefits from the ongoing efforts of our work-study students. Student workers provide invaluable help by handling the large volume of mail, processing the receipt of journals and newspapers, reshelving books, helping with lending requests from other libraries, assisting at the circulation desk, and other tasks. The experience often deepens their own love for and understanding of libraries. With appreciation, we profile our three work-study students below.



Sojourner 'SJ' James
Library Start Date: Fall 2010
Hometown: Newark, DE
Major: Human Resources
Career Goal: Project Manager



Faith Lafazia
Library Start Date: Fall 2013
Hometown: Laurel, DE
Major: Game Art & Design
Career Goal: Game Designer & Librarian



Shamima Nasrin
Library Start Date: Fall 2013
Hometown: Newark, DE
Major: Accounting
Career Goal: Accountant

GET TO KNOW THE LIBRARY STAFF

Melissa Jones | Learning Commons Coordinator

Can you tell me a little bit about The Dover Learning Commons and what you do as the Learning Commons Coordinator?

The Learning Commons is a space for students to meet, talk, study, and use the computers located in the lab. The Commons brings together the functions and services of the library and the Student Success Center into a single community gathering place. The students have the computer lab, library, quiet study spaces and open area to use for collaborating, studying or lounging. The open space includes two monitors, Xbox gaming, reading materials and a café. As the Learning Commons Coordinator, my goals are to provide a welcoming and functional learning space for students to access all the resources the Library and Student Success Center have to offer them.

What are you most excited about going on at the Dover site?

I am excited about the launching of the netbook program in Dover which will allow students to borrow netbook computers to use off campus. Although many students use the Learning Commons lab during open hours, this program will give students the access to computers after hours and over the weekend.

What do you do for fun outside of work?

I have five children, and although all but one has graduated high school, I am still busy being involved in their lives. I enjoy getting together with all of them for family dinners and celebrations. My youngest is an avid volleyball player so you will often find me at day long tournaments on the weekend. I also enjoy spending as much time as possible at the beach during the summer doing as little as possible!

What is your most memorable library experience?

I have so many memorable experiences working with the students at Wilmington University, but one that stands out in my mind is when I helped a student format and print dividers for a course portfolio. She was unable to do this herself because she did not own a computer or printer and she was very concerned about losing points on her project if she did not follow the instructor's directions for the portfolio. She was so thankful that she hugged me and told me that I had made her whole semester! Even though I spend a great deal of my time helping students with research, the library is not just limited to assisting students with finding resources like articles and books, we also support students by finding answers and providing assistance in multiple ways. Just like our motto states, We Help You Learn!



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New Castle Main Library
320 North DuPont Highway
New Castle, DE 19720
(302) 356-6879

Library Resource Room
Wilson Graduate Center
31 Reads Way
New Castle, DE 19720
(302) 295-1177

Dover Learning Commons
Dover Site, Building A
3282 North DuPont Highway
Dover, DE 19901
(302) 342-8620

Betze Library, DTCC
Georgetown Site
Seashore Highway
Georgetown, DE 19947
(302) 259-6199

For support at other sites, please call us toll-free at 1-800-451-5724.

Hours for each site are available from the [Locations and Hours](#) page.



RESOURCE FOCUS: COMPANY RESEARCH

Need to find information about a company? Look no further.

The Library offers many resources for finding company information. Start by selecting one of the resources from our [Library Databases A-Z](#) list.

- Business Source Complete
- Company Profiles
(from Business Source Complete)
- Mergent Online
- PrivCo
- Regional Business News
- The New Palgrave Dictionary of Economics
- Value Line Research Center

Company Profiles provides information on:

Company Overview
Key Facts
Business Description
History
Key Employees
Key Employee Biographies
Major Products and Services
Revenue Analysis
SWOT Analysis
Top Competitors
Company View
Locations and Subsidiaries



PROVIDING SERVICE: GIVE 'EM THE PICKLE!

Library staff have always prioritized serving our community of learners. Here in the Library we hold to the pickle philosophy, that is: serving others, thinking about others with a positive attitude, setting consistent high standards, and building a teamwork mentality. To help us realize how far we have come and how far we hope to go with the pickle philosophy, all of us have begun noting our efforts on the University's new portal. Look for pickle highlights soon! "Our business is not *what* we sell, it's who we *serve*!" For more information on "Give'em the Pickle", visit www.giveemthepickle.com

Service
Attitude
Consistency
Teamwork



LIBRARY MISSION

The Library is an integral part of the Wilmington University academic community and supports the delivery of academic programs by:

- Collecting and facilitating access to information in multiple formats.
- Linking to global networks.
- Guiding our academic community to think critically in the evaluation and ethical use of information.
- Providing welcoming spaces that support a full range of intellectual endeavors.
- Preserving the scholarly record and unique content of the University.

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The Wilmington University Library is a destination for the discovery of knowledge, offering research guidance, essential information resources, state-of-the-art technologies, facilities, and a staff committed to service.

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