Innovations in the WilmU Library continue as part of our commitment to fulfilling the university’s vision of student-centered services. While technology continues to disrupt and impact historical practices, library users’ expectations for convenience, speed, and an interactive searching experience raise important questions and call for informed decisions about the choices we make. One way we seek to fulfill this vision is by providing innovative access to myriad online scholarly journals, monographs and streaming videos. Many of the resources available through the library are no longer owned by the library but, instead, are licensed. With little local control of this information, the library has invested in systems built for easy discovery and access. This spring, the library has begun implementing License Manager, a new tool to manage the library’s growing collection of electronic resources, both licensed and available as “open-access.” Another way the library seeks to fulfill a student-centered vision is through development of library spaces in support of user needs for quiet and group study with accompanying access to technology. You can experience these environments at the New Castle campus as well as at the Dover Learning Commons and Harry Deppert Learning Commons.

Please take a few moments to read our latest newsletter and find out all we are doing to ensure that the library supports your career and personal academic needs. Best wishes for a successful spring semester.
NarrateHER Traveling Exhibit

The Wilmington University Library is pleased to host the NarrateHER Traveling Exhibit for the month of April 2017. This exhibit highlights the efforts of twelve Delaware women who are working to remove social barriers impacting the lives of people within their communities. By telling their compelling, firsthand stories as activists, advocates, educators and entrepreneurs, the exhibit seeks to celebrate and promote their unique contributions to social justice and equality.

Please join us in the library for a panel conversation with these amazing women as they share their stories and answer questions. The panel discussion is open to the public and light refreshments will be served.

Local Children’s Author Jamie Kleman To Visit WilmU

Join the Library in welcoming local author Jamie Kleman. Jamie will share her latest children’s book, The Nevergreen Tree. Illustrator and WilmU adjunct faculty member, Nicole Karam, will share her experience as a first-time illustrator as well.

At a very young age, Jamie Kleman fell in love with small books that conveyed big messages. She turned that love into a passion for writing stories and poetry for children. Jamie is also the Executive Director of A Bigger Boat Foundation, a nonprofit committed to inspiring learners of all ages to develop compassion, creativity, and confidence.

This event is open to the public and light refreshments will be served.

Panel Discussion
Tuesday, April 4th
6:00pm
WilmU Library
New Castle Campus

AuthorTalk
Tuesday, April 25th
12:00pm
Pratt Student Center
New Castle Campus
The Bicycle Celebrates 200 Years!

The origins of the bicycle are shrouded in mystery. It is not possible to attribute its invention to any single person. Still, what is clear is that the early ancestors of the modern bicycle were in use by the early 1800s.

In 1817, Charles, Baron von Drais, of Sauerbrun, devised a front wheel capable of being steered. He also gave it a padded saddle, and an armrest in front of his body, which assisted him in exerting force against the ground. Granted a patent in 1818, he took his Draisienne to Paris, where it was again patented and acquired the name vélocipède, a term that was to continue in use until about 1869 when the word “bicycle” came into use. Read more on the history here!

National Museum of American History, amhistory.si.edu/onthemove/themes/story_69_2.html

Resource Focus

Statistical Abstract of the United States by ProQuest

This online resource is a summary of statistics about the United States. Similar to a journal article abstract, it is, instead, an overview of the United States. With more than 1400 tables, 85% of the sources come from the U.S. government. It can be used as a starting point to see if statistics exist for a topic. For example, how much is spent on dental care in the U.S.? Each table can be downloaded into a spreadsheet.

Also included is the APA citation which can be used in your reference list. The Statistical Abstract is the most popular source of statistics on the social, political, and economic organization of the United States. It’s designed to serve as a convenient, easy-to-use statistical reference source and as a guide to statistical publications and sources.

Looking for data on Population, Education, Business, Geography, Income or Energy?

Look no further! This resource provides data in 30 different areas.

View the collection now!

Need a bike or have an old one?

The nonprofit Newark Bike Project on South Main Street sells used bikes and can even help you fix up your old or broken bike!

www.newarkbikeproject.org | Get out and ride this May!
Dover Staff Update

Frances Rogers

Frances Rogers, who recently earned her Doctorate in Educational Leadership from Wilmington University, will now serve students and faculty during the evening hours in the Dover Learning Commons. Dr. Rogers is retired from Delaware State University. She will provide research consultation as well as lead library instruction sessions. Please be sure to stop by to welcome her in her expanded role.

Elizabeth Biddle

Elizabeth, a student worker since 2014, recently became a part time staff member in the Dover Learning Commons. She will graduate from Wilmington University this May with a degree in Education Studies. Shortly after graduation, she plans on pursuing her master’s degree in Accounting. You will find Elizabeth working primarily on Friday evenings.

New Student Worker

Alyssa McKnight

Hometown: Wilmington, DE
Major: Psychology
Graduation: Spring 2018

What We’re Reading

Library Director, Jim McCloskey recommends the following book:

Natural Born Heroes

I just finished reading an amazing book published in 2015: Natural Born Heroes: How a Daring Band of Misfits Mastered the Lost Secrets of Strength and Endurance. The author, Christopher McDougall, tells the true story of a band of World War II Cretan resistance fighters and British special op’s who plotted and successfully abducted the commanding German officer, General Heinrich Kreipe. However, it’s more than a history book as I learned about how the modern Cretans were able to tap into their ancient heroic legacy, outrunning the well-equipped German troops, scaling rugged terrain on virtually no calories through “natural movement, extraordinary endurance, and efficient nutrition.” The author focuses on the subject of fat adaptation and sub-aerobic exercise as the means for such abilities. This book has certainly inspired me to seek out more understanding about my own health and fitness. It’s a great read.

Natural Born Heroes tells the story of World War II Cretan Resistance fighters. Featured in the book is George Psychoundakis, ‘The Cretan Runner’ (seen here on the left with a bearded compatriot) George Psychoundakis was awarded a BEM for his part in the Cretan Resistance. Photo credited to the ‘Hellenic Army General Staff Military History Directorate’. Source: George Forty’s “Battle of Crete”