Summer 2019 Newsletter

Upcoming Events

Tuesday, July 23, 2019 | 12:30 pm
Pratt Student Center, New Castle Campus


Can't make it in person?
[Attend online!](#)

[RSVP to reserve your spot today](#)

September 2019


More information coming soon.
Future of the Library

The academic library, with its print collections and online resources, has often been described as the heart of the university. We can expand this metaphor by suggesting that the scholarly communication process serves as the circulation system and the peer review system serves as the brain by facilitating scholarly discourse. As students and faculty you participate in this scholarly conversation whenever you make use of library resources. While the original identity of the library was based on its print incarnation: a central building making print collections available, changing patterns of research and learning are transitioning to a digitally networked environment. This has sparked extraordinary growth and diversification of information resources. Now, in addition to the library, researchers make use of a variety of collaboration tools and social network environments such as Google Scholar and ResearchGate to help get their work done. So while the library sustains a role as curator of print resources, their role now includes the support, discovery, creation and use of information resources in this evolving electronic environment. Increasingly, the library makes its services and resources available in ways which can be integrated with user behaviors through a learning management system such as Canvas.

Staff of the Wilmington University Library are active partners in the creative process of learning and research. We hope you will take advantage of all the library has to offer as you move through your course of study. Best wishes for a successful semester. Please enjoy reading our Summer newsletter!

- Jim McCloskey, Library Director
Getting Personalized Help

We sat down with Dr. Nina Campanicki, Library Commons Coordinator at the Wilson Graduate Center, to share how the Library is providing individual help to our students and faculty.

Q: What is a research consultation?

Dr. Campanicki: A service the Library and Learning Commons have for students and faculty. An in-depth customized one-on-one meeting with a Librarian/Consultant to discuss possible information resources and search strategies for class assignments, papers, presentations, Master’s Theses, and Doctoral Dissertations.

Q: Who would benefit from a research consultation?

Dr. Campanicki: Anyone needing assistance with research, compiling sources, or an overview of library resources/services.

Q: How long does a consultation take?

Dr. Campanicki: Typically, 30-60 minutes but could be adjusted according to your need.

Q: Do I have to come to the University for one?

Dr. Campanicki: No! We offer consultations online using Zoom, by phone or in person at any University location.

Q: How do I schedule a consultation?

Dr. Campanicki: Signing up is easy. Visit the Library’s homepage and select Meet with a Librarian under the Help tab. Fill out the form and a Librarian/Consultant will contact you, shortly.
New Resource

American Video Online delivers more than 67,000 titles spanning the widest range of subject areas including anthropology, business, counseling, film, health, history, music, and more.

Click on Academic Video Online from the A-Z database list or choose from any of the subject areas below:

- Art & Design
- Diversity
- Health Sciences
- History
- Literature & Language
- Music & Performing Arts
- Psychology & Counseling
- Science & Engineering
- Social Sciences

Our Student Workers

Michael Wright, New Castle Campus Library

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What We Are Reading

Library Assistant, Erica Jones recommends the following book:

VOICES FROM CHERNOBYL
by Svetlana Alexievich

*Voices from Chernobyl: The Oral History of a Nuclear Disaster,* written by the Belarusian Nobel Laureate Svetlana Alexievich, is about the Chernobyl disaster and the lasting impacts of the tragedy on the people of Pripyat. Starting in April of 1986, despite the resistance of the Soviet government, the author strategically interviewed more than 500 eyewitnesses over a period of 10 years. This thoughtfully organized collection of first person accounts, detailing the reactor explosion, subsequent meltdown and life after the catastrophe, illustrates to readers the psychological and personal tragedy of the Chernobyl disaster through the eyes of survivors. The creators of the HBO television miniseries Chernobyl often relied on the memories of the Pripyat locals, as told by Svetlana Alexievich, to recreate the intimate experiences of key witnesses, like Pripyat firefighter Vasily Ignatenko and his wife Lyudmila. Svetlana’s book is not only a tribute to those who suffered, it is also a testament to the courage of victims and survivors.

Borrow a copy from the Delaware Library Catalog!