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Friday: 7:45 am - 4:30 pm
Saturday: Noon - 4:00 pm
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April 24 - May 8

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Welcome Our New Employee!

Join us at Plough Library in welcoming our newest staff member, Melissa Verble. Melissa is our new Evening Circulation Coordinator, and she joins us from Missouri. Melissa previously worked at Pauline Whitaker Library at Northwest Arkansas Community College, the University of Arkansas-Fayetteville Library, the Cape Girardeau Public Library and the Southeast Missouri University Library. She is just getting acclimated to the Memphis community. Stop by and say hello to Melissa, particularly if you are here in the evening.



I Confess By Melissa Verble

Okay, I admit it. I wanted to work in libraries because I like to read books. This was before I discovered that just because you work in a chocolate factory doesn't mean your dentist is going to receive a large chunk of your paycheck. The sad truth is, you'll get to see thousands of books every day and you don't get to read them all day. At the end of the

day you're just another reader falling asleep with a book in your hand.

But I also choose to work in libraries because I love books. I love the 20 volume engineering encyclopedias that Salem's pilgrims could have used to press criminals to death. I love the small, hand-sized novels with yellowed edges on their pages and cover art faded to a gentle blur. I love the algebra textbooks with checkout signatures from the early 1900's. The only book I don't love is the illustrated volume on skin diseases a fellow page used to carry around and threaten us all with. Don't ask. Please.

And yes, I choose to work in libraries because I like people. I've watched a little fair-haired boy turn into a pimply and slightly surly teenager (who still went through books like a whale through plankton). Monday mornings I watched the silver-haired gentlemen in their tweed jackets argue the latest political scandals in the Periodicals room. I've helped a lady who carried her schoolbooks in a pocket on her walker learn how to print off her instructor's online reserve articles.

I could have chosen many other professions. Many would allow me to serve a useful purpose and go to bed with a clean conscience. I'll stick with this, thanks.

— @Your Library —

Renew Your New Year's Resolutions @ Your Library—with e-Books

Has your commitment to change in the new year begun to slip? Are you not saving enough money? Have you lost little weight? Still smoking? Well, maybe you need something to give you new motiva-

tion. A source of information to give you a fresh take on how to regain your original resolve to make changes. A good book could be the answer — one that is easily accessible and always available. E-Books are the solution.



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From the Director

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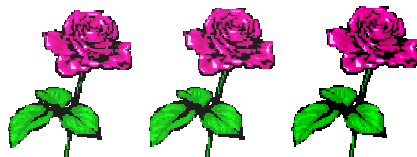
I would venture to say that no one likes to weed in the garden. Still stiff and sore after this weekend's hours in my small garden, I'm here to report that it's tedious and leg-stretching, back-hurting work. But the point (I kept reminding myself) is to keep the weeds from choking the flowers and to make the overall appearance of the garden more beautiful. Now I can see my flowers and my roses will be healthy when they bloom, since they aren't competing with wisteria and weeds for water.

As you are probably aware, we have no more room to add flowers (books) to our CBU garden (library). And a new garden (library) is only a dream. To help ease our space crunch, periodicals duplicated in several databases are in the process of being discarded to make room for those bound volumes of titles which are not available online.

Now it's time to begin a "weeding" process in the circulating collection. The last SACS report noted that the collection appeared dated and was in need of having items no longer relevant to the educational goals of the college removed. The last time a serious weeding project was undertaken was close to 10 years ago. A good weeding of the collection will allow our newer additions to blossom; the overall collection will be fresher, not choked by the weeds. We will have more room to shift the collection as needed to make room for those areas of growth in our academic programs.

While it's painful to discard books, we need to remind ourselves that they are indeed "weeds" choking our garden. In the next several months we will be asking the advice of interested faculty to help confirm candidates for disposal. We plan to provide cookies

and drinks to sweeten the effort! Stay tuned for future announcements on this project.



Instruction

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Still have research and writing loose ends to complete before the end of the semester? Plough Library has scheduled several Loose Ends—Research & Writing sessions. They are open for you to receive walk-in assistance from library staff in the Infolab.

Loose Ends - Research & Writing Class Schedule

Tuesday, April 11: 5:00 pm
Thursday, April 13: 3:00 pm
Wednesday, April 19: 12:00 pm

You Can Learn to Do Anything @ Your Library

By Suzanne Mangrum

National Library Week, the first week in April, is supposed to inform the public of the *exciting* and useful things you can do at the library. Our theme for National Library Week was **You Can Learn to Do Anything @ Your Library**, and we focused on our e-Book collection. Benjamin Head had the display in place. Pens, bookmarks, and e-Book buttons were distributed. We were excited! Our usual crowd of patrons noticed, but we needed to take it to the campus beyond the library walls. Then we read that the Physics department was hosting a bottle rocket competition

later in the week. What says exciting more than combustion? What says everlasting glory more than the image of a rocket blasting into the atmosphere? (Yes, I admit that I had fleeting images of *Apollo* and *Sputnik* running through my mind.) It was settled. We would build an awesome National



Library Week e-Book rocket. True to our profession, Benjamin and I double-checked the entry rules and began to research our topic. We compared different designs

and evaluated the different sets of instructions looking for the most complete and thorough directions. Deciding on our plan, I obtained two 2-liter soda bottles from the cafeteria and we began. The process was time consuming, but worth it. Old interlibrary loan folders became fins and spine



Benjamin and Suzanne with the rocket.

labels were transformed into book-shaped parachute tabs. Bedecked with a National Library Week banner and e-Book emblems, it was truly a library work of art.

On the day of the launch I felt a little nervous. After all, we are not physics majors. Would the rocket work? Would all of our efforts be blown to smithereens?

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Electronic Resources

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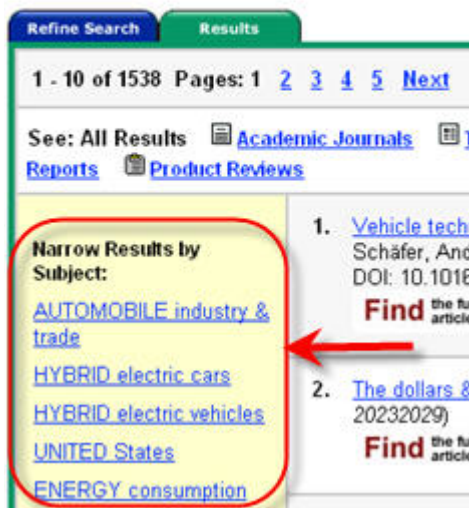
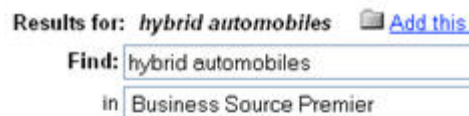
Spotlight on EBSCOhost Databases: New Features

From our usage statistics, we know that CBU students, faculty, and staff use EBSCOhost databases more than any of our other electronic resources. You may be familiar with the individual names of these databases, which include: Academic Search Elite, Business Source Premier, Communication & Mass Media Complete, PsycARTICLES, and PsycINFO.

If you use any of these databases regularly, you probably noticed the appearance of some new features in March. If you haven't used EBSCOhost databases recently, now is a good time to check them out. They have some cool new features, including Clustering, Visual Search, and an easier way to change databases within EBSCOhost.

Clustering

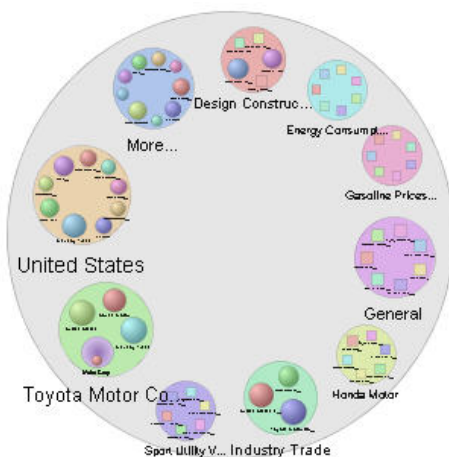
Clustering provides a convenient list of links (or clusters) that allows users to narrow results by Subject, along the left side of the Result List. Simply



click on one of the subject links and view articles only in that subject area.

Visual Search

In addition to the Basic and Advanced Search screens, there is now a Visual Search option—look for the Visual Search tab at the top of the screen. Visual Search is a unique search method, featuring colorful, graphical presentations of article citations sorted by topics. It offers, at a glance, a glimpse at what is beyond the first page of traditional search results. You will be able to find the best articles with patterns of color, shapes and sizes that are easy to understand. Circles represent categories of results. Categories can include subcategory circles. Click on a circle (category) to explore its contents. Squares represent links to articles. Click on a square to load the article and view it.



Sample Visual Search result for "hybrid automobiles."

Database Selection From Basic or Advanced Search Screen

EBSCOhost databases now provide a convenient drop-down list, located right under the Find field on both the Basic and Advanced Search screens, of the EBSCOhost databases available to CBU users. You can select a new database to search without having to return to the Choose Databases screen.

BucCup



.50 per cup

BucCup coffee and hot chocolate service is available Monday-Thursday, between 8am and 11pm, and Friday 8am to 4:30pm, on the lower level of the library.

Beverly & Sam Ross Gallery

Now Showing:



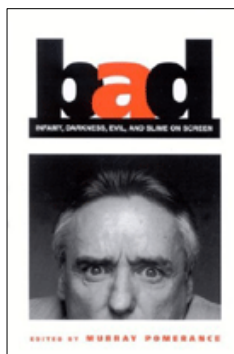
**"Seen and Unseen"
by Guy Cobb
Art for the Blind and Sighted**

March 17 - May 12, 2006

Staff News

Margaret Cardwell attended the joint Tennessee Library Association/Southeast Library Association meeting recently held April 5-8 in Memphis.

Deborah Babb and Julie Gilmore will attend the Endeavor Users Group meeting in Chicago, April 20-22, where they will learn more about our Voyager and EN-Compass systems.



NetLibrary e-Book of the Month

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How can bad be so good? From Nosferatu to Tom Ripley, from evil villains to empires of evil, from psychotic slashers to bloodthirsty aliens, violence, infamy, and slime has become an expected staple of the Hollywood diet. Yet, even from cinema's earliest days, the public has been delighted to be stunned by screen representations of monstrosity, corruption, ugliness, villainy, darkness, and evil incarnate.

In the eBook of the Month, the contributors to *Bad: Infamy, Darkness, Evil, and Slime on Screen* explore the long line of thieves, varmints, codgers, dodgers, manipulators, exploiters, conmen, killers, vamps, liars, demons, cold-blooded megalomaniacs, and warmhearted flakes that populate cinematic narrative.

While it is convenient to draw conclusions that headlines and popular rhetoric have influenced the portrayal of evil in film, *Bad* is careful not to attribute badness to any single source. Instead, contributors consider a wide range of genres and use a variety of critical approaches to examine evil, villainy, and immorality in twentieth-century film.

Edited by Murray Pomerance, Professor and Chair in the Department of Sociology at Ryerson University, *Bad: Infamy, Darkness, Evil, and Slime on Screen* is published by SUNY Press.

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Plough Library provides you with access to over 48,000 e-Books. They are as close as your computer and cover every subject. For example, if you need another take on how to lose that weight you had in mind when you made your New Year's resolution, conduct a search in netLibrary for "weight loss" and you will get this list of choices to read from the comfort of your home or office.

1. *Get Fit With Technology: How to Lose Weight Using Your PC* (eBook) by Gold, Jordan. Boston, MA, Course PTR, 2005.
2. *The Fat-burning Bible: 28 Days of Foods, Supplements, and Workouts That Help You Lose Weight* (eBook) by Shilstone, Mackie. Hoboken, N.J. John Wiley & Sons, Inc. (US), 2005.
3. *Weight Watchers Weight Loss That Lasts: Break Through the 10 Big Diet Myths* (eBook) by Rippe, James M. Hoboken, N.J. John Wiley & Sons, Inc. (US), 2005.
4. *Rapid Weight Loss: A Medical Dictionary, Bibliography and Annotated Research Guide to Internet References* (eBook) by Parker, James N.; Parker, Philip M. Publication: San Diego, CA Icon Group International, Inc, 2004.
5. *NutriSystem Nourish: The Revolutionary New Weight-loss Program* (eBook) by Rouse, James. Publication: Hoboken, N.J. John Wiley & Sons, Inc. (US), 2004.
6. *The Weight-loss Diaries* (eBook) by Rubin, Courtney. New York McGraw-Hill Professional, 2004.

You will get a similarly useful results list for other searches. Just create an account, conduct your search, and view those items of interest. They will be available when the mood strikes you to log on and read.

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Consoling myself with the notion an exploding rocket would provide its own kind of PR benefits for the library, we set off to join the scientific crowd. I need not have worried. With an almost party-like atmosphere, the contestants happily prepared to launch and/or blow up their creations. We watched a few "target practicing" sessions and then prepared our rocket for the longest time in flight competition. The first rocket stayed up for a little over six seconds, the second around seven seconds. We were up next. We poured in our water, attached the rocket and began to create pressure by pumping air. And it was off! It was still in the air! The parachute actually deployed! Our rocket stayed in the air for more than 17 seconds! After Benjamin and I were declared the victors, we thanked the department and handed out our e-Book paraphernalia. They took it well. Hopefully we have sparked some interest in library materials and the students will see a familiar face when they come into the library. And maybe our researched creation won a little respect for the kinds of things that go on behind library walls.



The rocket comes in for a landing, suspended from its parachute.

Renew Books Online!

It's quick and easy! Just go to Plough Library's online catalog page at <http://zeus.cbu.com>, and click on the My Account tab. Log in with your CBU ID number and last name. Then, follow the directions to renew your items.