

# Lines from the Library

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## Historical/Restoration Preservation Program

Brian Patterson

West Kentucky Community and Technical College would like to announce the long-awaited arrival of the Historical Restoration/Preservation program. This program will be part of the school's initiative for the Arts and Restoration program. It will be the first in the state of Kentucky and one of very few throughout the country that involves the hands-on training of historical restoration and preservation. The program will begin next academic year as a pilot program that includes theory of preservation/restoration, as well as several courses with hands-on training.



There are a great many people who were responsible for bringing this program to fruition. Many people were involved in various parts of the process and should be thanked for their help and cooperation. Most notably at our campus, Dr. Barbara Veazey was responsible for accepting the idea and getting the program in motion.

Jim Harper, the TIPS division director, was also responsible for a great deal of the ground work that was laid to allow the project to continue forward, with a great deal of research, leg work, and support. Many, many other people on our campus have helped in various capacities, including fund raising, academic support, and various other ways of assistance.

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### Journey to Thailand and Nepal

Dr. Barbara Veazey

Dr. Tena Payne and Dr. Barbara Veazey will discuss their recent educational initiatives in Thailand and Nepal on both January 27 and 28 at 2:00 p.m. in the Matheson Library.

West Kentucky Community & Technical College began international initiatives with a visit to University of Guadalajara in May, 2003. The success of that program has led to a continued association with Mexico that has brought the Dean of International Studies at the University of Guadalajara to our campus.



Dr. Payne and Dr. Veazey's recent trip to Thailand and Nepal resulted in agreements being signed between institutions in those countries and the Kentucky Community & Technical College System. The purpose of the visit, what was accomplished and future plans will be discussed along with photos of the captivating country of Nepal.



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# Library's Spring Semester Dates

January 10

January 17  
February 21  
March 14-18

March 25  
April 7  
May 11  
May 12-June 6

Classes Begin: Library hours *Mon.-Thurs. : 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.,  
Fri. : 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.*

Library Closed (Martin Luther King Jr. Day)

Library Closed (President's Day)

Spring Break: Library hours  
*Wed.- Fri. 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.*

Library Closes at Noon (Good Friday)

Last Day to Request Interlibrary Loans

Faculty and Staff Materials Due

Library hours: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.



## Coffee Mondays

Sandy Farrell

Back by popular demand, Mondays during the 2005 Spring semester will continue to be known as "Coffee Mondays" in the Matheson Library. From 8:00 a.m. - noon on Mondays, free coffee will be available to all in the Reading Room of the library beginning January 10. We hope that "Coffee Mondays" will help folks transition from the weekend into the work or school week. So please come by the library on Monday mornings, and have a cup.



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## New Laptop Computers

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The library has recently acquired two new additional laptop computers for faculty/staff check-out. We now have a total of three laptop units for your use. We also purchased one additional projection unit, and now have three of those units for check-out. Please telephone Anita Weathers, Ext. 43189, to check availability and make reservations.



## Interlibrary Loan (ILL) Services

Anita Weathers

Interlibrary loan (ILL) is available to faculty, staff, and currently enrolled WKCTC students. Simply make a printout of what you would like to request from another institution or complete a request form (available at the library) and bring that, along with your current library card, to the Circulation Desk. Faculty and staff may send requests to [anitag.weathers@kctcs.edu](mailto:anitag.weathers@kctcs.edu) or by e-mail to [KCTCSILLPadCC](mailto:KCTCSILLPadCC).

The way to identify what resources you need would be to use one or more of the Research Databases or KCTCS Library Catalog. Then, if we do not have access to your needed item or items locally, you may want to request the information from another library. There may be a charge for photocopies, postage, etc. However, you will be notified ahead of time if a charge will be assessed. If you have any questions, you may contact Anita Weathers (ILL Contact) at 534-3189.

## MSU Services

Brooke Ridings

Where is a good place to find out about degrees, classes, and how to apply to Murray State University? You could drive to Murray, or drive all the way across town to the Crisp Center. You don't have to do either of these things. All you have to do is come to Matheson Library on the second floor of the MLRC building.

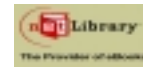
There are a number of services available at the library. We keep up-to-date copies of class scheduling bulletins. We even have the convenience of telling you what is offered here in Paducah at the Crisp Center. There are applications for admission, even a checklist for transfer students. We also have the graduate and undergraduate bulletins.

There are also a number of degree programs that you can complete in Paducah at the Crisp Center. Even if you are not planning to attend Murray State yet, or just don't know what is offered around here, one way to find out is to visit the library. We have all the information. Just take that short walk and visit me, Brooke Ridings, at Matheson Library. For additional information feel free to call ext. 43166.

## Exciting Resource

Brooke Ridings

*Have you checked out an eBook before?*



**M**atheson Library is introducing students and faculty to a new way of accessing information by offering a collection of 38,513 eBooks from netLibrary. eBooks are full-text electronic versions of published books that library patrons can search, borrow, read, and return over the Internet.

netLibrary eBook titles are available to library users at terminals in the library and from their personal computers via the Internet. Whether you are off campus or trying to complete a research paper in the middle of the night, you can now use the library resources (brochures provided with library cards). Robust search technology allows users to search quickly across all the eBooks in the collection to identify the reputable published sources of greatest interest at any point in time. Users can search across the entire eBook collection for authors, titles, or keywords, and they can search within books for keywords and phrases. eBooks are available for varying checkout periods and are automatically checked back into the library collection when the checkout period expires, making the eBook available for another user. No more late fees!

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## Blast(oid) from the Past

Ken Bradshaw

**W**here can you find blastoids, trilobites, and Ordovician brachiopods, from eons ago, all in the same place? Matheson Library has them and much more on display through January and possibly some of February. Randy Knight is a local geological enthusiast who has collected many items over the years, mostly in Kentucky and Southern Illinois. He wanted to share his hobby with others by lending some of his specimens to our library. Fossils, corals, rocks --

even an ancient and huge mammal vertebrae -- all can be seen here. Alongside the display are some of the library's books and other materials about earthly treasures, so users can learn more if they choose. We even have some rock music to learn by. Mr. Knight has said that if anyone is really curious about something in the display case, he is available to answer questions. Come see these items before they grow even older.



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Many outside entities have been instrumental in assisting in our program being developed, as well. Most notable are the Kentucky Heritage Council and the National Historical Trust Foundation. I would personally like to thank them for assisting. Many other organizations have also helped in various ways with curriculum hints, academic hints, and many other helpful words of encouragement and research.

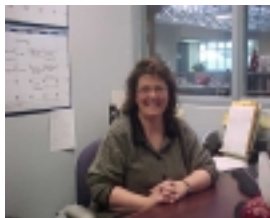
The program itself will include theory of historical restoration/preservation, as well as hands-on training, with the hands-on training being the primary focus. Some of the classes that will currently be offered will be Window Restoration, Re-pointing, Roof Restoration and theory. These courses will be offered on a limited basis this summer as two-hour classes lasting a week, with three levels of course work: beginning, intermediate, and advanced. The courses will include lecture and lab and will be primarily on-the-job training, taught by various experts from throughout the country. The program will eventually expand to include every aspect of restoration/preservation.



We are currently in the process of accumulating resource material for our library and plan to hold an expo sometime in the spring to allow people to familiarize themselves with the Historical/Preservation/Restoration field and hopefully become as excited about the project as all of us who have been involved with the process are. We would like to invite faculty, staff, students and the people of the community and surrounding areas to continue to stay informed about our library events and plan to attend the expo this spring.

## Staff Spotlight

Sandy Farrell



Matheson Library is happy to welcome **Karen Fitzgerald** as our new Administrative Assistant. She joined the library staff in early October 2004. Karen formerly worked as a legal assistant in Benton and is a resident of Calvert City. She is married and has two sons, ages 5 and 7. Karen enjoys playing the piano, reading, and all outdoor activities. Please come by the library at your convenience to meet Karen and say hello. Karen may be reached at Ext. 43500.

## ProQuest- What's New?

Carol Driver

ProQuest now consists of several databases that can be searched independently:

- **Alt-Press Watch** - A full text database of alternative and independent press periodicals.
- **Careers and Technical Education** - Covers all aspects of the Vocational/Technical curriculum.
- **National Newspaper Abstracts** - *New York Times*, *USA Today*, and *Wall Street Journal* abstracts.
- **ProQuest Computing** - Contains full text computing journals, 1998 - current
- **ProQuest Nursing** - Designed to meet the needs of healthcare professionals and students.
- **Research Library** - Covers a variety of subjects including arts, business, education, health law, psychology, women's interests, and sciences, 1971 - present.
- **Suggested Topics** - Once you have conducted your search, ProQuest suggests relevance ranked related topics on your subject. This feature will help you locate important information on your topic and allow you to further focus your search.
- **Browse Suggested Publications** - This feature allows you to search publications related to your search. By clicking on the title of the publication, you can browse the individual articles.
- **Alerting Services** - ProQuest will notify you when the latest issue of your favorite publication is available in citation only or full text, or it will notify you when the latest articles on a subject of interest to you are available.
  - ⇒ To be alerted to the latest issue of your favorite publication:
    - 1) Do a search for the periodical of interest in **Publication Search**;
    - 2) Click **Set up Alert**;
    - 3) Complete the required information and **Save**; and
    - 4) Click **Done** if the information is correct.
  - ⇒ To be notified of the latest information of a topic of interest:
    - 1) Perform a search in the Advanced or Basic search;
    - 2) Click **Set up Alert**;
    - 3) Complete the required information and **Save**; and
    - 4) Click **Done** if information is correct.



Check out these and other ProQuest enhancements.



## WorldCat Resource Sharing

Anita Weathers

WorldCat is a worldwide union catalog created and maintained collectively by more than 9,000 member institutions. WorldCat is the foundation of Online Computer Library Catalog (OCLC). OCLC is the world's most comprehensive bibliographic database containing more than 54.7 million records for books, websites, computer programs, films and slides, manuscripts, maps, musical scores, sound recordings, videotapes, and more.

WorldCat has a new presence on the Internet through a pilot project called Open WorldCat, which has 12,000 libraries participating. The purpose of this interface is to make available WorldCat records through Google, Yahoo, American Online, and Netscape. The goal of this project is to increase awareness and use of library resources and of WorldCat. WorldCat hopes to increase its presence on the Internet by using more search engines.

OCLC has collaborated with Yahoo to design a toolbar ([www.oclc.org/toolbar](http://www.oclc.org/toolbar)) that will allow users to search two million of "the most popular" records in WorldCat. The toolbar enables users to narrow their search results to the WorldCat database and locate any nearby libraries that have the item for which they are looking. Take time to check out the features of the Yahoo toolbar.

WorldCat is also available through the Kentucky Virtual Library (KyVL) on the Matheson Library homepage at <http://library.westkentucky.kctcs.edu>. Off-campus access requires a password and may be obtained from the library.