What do mobile applications, books on Nebraska, google labs, and the USO have in common? They are all topics covered in Facts From the Stacks, the library’s blog. In January, library staff launched the blog with topics on ProQuest, staff interviews, amnesty, texting and book reviews. If you have not heard of blogging, then you must really check it out. The term blog is a shortened word for weblog whereby a website is provided with diary-like entries by one or more users. The blog was created as a way to frequently communicate with the library’s patrons. Library staff provide different perspectives, writing styles and topics on the blog.

Last year, the library launched a Facebook fan page. The fan page grew quickly with events, photos, notes, posts and fans. We quickly found out that we had a lot to say but felt that our fan page was not the right portal to hold our news, reviews and research on library-related topics so we decided to start a blog. The library’s aim is to post on the blog twice a week followed by linking posts on Facebook. We want to cast as large of a net as possible to increase readership and comment. As of the end of April, we have already posted 35 times and received 25 moderated comments.

In the future, we plan to offer a page with blogger bios and links as well as links to other blogs. We also hope to hear more from our readership by accepting comments and requests for topics. In addition to discussing library related topics, we plan to present on topics that demonstrate how we use our resources and services for students, faculty and staff. To stay updated on the blog, be sure to add the RSS feed to your Outlook or other RSS reader.

By: Casey Kralik, Technical Services Librarian
Who’s Who?

Although the library had to bid farewell to two team members, at the same time, it provided the opportunity to welcome two new team members. We would like to introduce them to you at this time…

- **Erin Dunkleman**, Part-time Circulation Assistant, began working in the library on March 24, 2011. Erin received her BS in Elementary Education at Creighton University in May 2008. As a student, Erin worked in the Library for 3½ years and supervised other student workers.

- **Nicole Holliday**, Part-time Circulation Assistant, began working in the library on May 11, 2011. Nicole is currently working towards a degree in History at Grace University and currently works at the Grewcock Library part-time. She brings with her familiarity of the Nebraska Independent College Libraries Consortium (NICLC) integrated library system (ILS), which undoubtedly benefits the Bellevue University community. When Nicole is not working she enjoys painting, reading, and writing.

Now that you have been introduced to Erin and Nicole, we encourage you to visit the library to meet them as they are sure to greet you with a smile…

You Asked… We Listened!

**Suggestion:** I’m glad that policies on cell phone use are in place here at the library. However, it was noticed that librarians are not so much professional when approaching students or guests with cell phone usage. In order for this policy to be effective, I ask that every single librarian to be professional when approaching students or guests.

**Answer:** We do apologize if you thought that librarians were unprofessional in their approach to enforcing the library’s cell phone policy. Enforcing a policy is often a difficult task, and reacting to an annoyance such as a ringing telephone, can come across as abrupt behavior; however, that is never our intent. Thank you for your concern and we can assure you that we will remain professional while enforcing University policies and will do everything possible to ensure your library experience is a pleasant one.

Link Up with LibGuides

Have you ever wondered what to say in a business e-mail or how to write a concise email message but still get your point across? The Bellevue University Library has a Libguide, “Effective Email: Etiquette and Communication” which can help you find answers to these questions.

This guide has lists of reference, electronic and circulating books, as well as recommended websites and databases on this topic. Some of the books include: *E-mail: A Write It Well Guide; 140 Characters: A Style Guide for the Short Form; Always On: Language in an Online and Mobile World; The E-policy Handbook;* and *Writing for the Internet.*

The websites are also valuable resources on this topic and include: *Email Netiquette from Yale University, E-mail guidelines and etiquette from Virginia Tech,* and *Writing Effective E-Mail: Top 10 Tips.*

These great resources can be found by going to [http://libguides.bellevue.edu](http://libguides.bellevue.edu) and selecting this guide or one of the other informative guides. You can browse topics by subject, author, or most popular status.

For additional information about LibGuides, please contact the Bellevue University Library Reference Desk by phone at (402) 557-7313, or by email at library@bellevue.edu, or by 24/7 chat, or Facebook.


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World Digital Library
http://www.wdl.org

The World Digital Library (WDL) provides, free of charge and in multilingual format, significant materials from countries and cultures around the world. The WDL includes manuscripts, maps, and rare books. The website functions in seven different languages, while supporting content in over 40 languages. World Digital Library is the conclusion of a project that was first proposed by Librarian of Congress, James Billington, in 2005. WDL was created by a partnership between UNESCO (United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization) and 32 partner institutions and was unveiled in May 2009.

Country Profiles
http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/country_profiles/

Country Profiles can be found on the BBC News web site. Country Profiles offers access to an instant and thorough guide to history, politics and economic background of countries, territories, and international organizations. Pick a country you want to know more about and you will find related news reports, a chronology of key events, leaders, and media related to that country. You can also watch and listen to “One-Minute World News” to get a quick glimpse of what is going on in the world that day.

Digital Inspiration
http://www.labnol.org/

This blog launched in 2004 and is among the top 100 blogs on the internet. Digital Inspiration reports and gives reviews on computer software, consumer gadgets, mobile phones and web applications. It also offers over 100 Digital Inspiration Guides and Tech Tips. The author, Amit Agarwal, has been awarded the Most Valuable Professional award from Microsoft for five years in a row (2007-2011).

Questions and Expert Answers
http://www.allexperts.com/

Are you perplexed because you cannot find an answer to a difficult question? If so, then this site is for you! It was created in early 1998. Allexperts is the oldest, largest, (and best of all free of charge), question and answer service on the internet. More than 1 million questions have been answered by their thousands of volunteers, which include: lawyers, doctors, engineers and scientists. Allexperts has 36 main categories, from animals to TV, to choose from, or you can type in what you want to search for. Click on “Top Experts” to find an expert to answer your question today!

Working Knowledge
http://hbswk.hbs.edu/features/classroom.html

This web site is a valuable resource full of information and inspiration for those in the business field. More than 200 Harvard Business School Faculty at the top of their field provide their expertise for executives, entrepreneurs and managers. They share their wisdom in order to influence or inspire the reader to use these concepts before or during their business experiences. Some of the features are: “Podcasts,” “Faculty Q&A,” “First Look” (First Look at cutting edge ideas before they enter the mainstream of business practice) and “Lessons from the Classroom.”

Garden Fork
http://www.gardenfork.tv/

Gardenfork.tv is the original web weekly video show about cooking, gardening, do-it-yourself (DIY) home repairs and other fun stuff. You will find a lot of practical information and gain a wealth of knowledge from this web site. Learn how to: repair your rain gutters, make a homemade pizza, move a beehive, and find out if it is okay to eat expired food.

“The World Digital Library (WDL) PROVIDES, FREE OF CHARGE AND IN MULTILINGUAL FORMAT, SIGNIFICANT MATERIALS FROM COUNTRIES AND CULTURES AROUND THE WORLD.”

~Net-Scope

The Library will be closed on Monday, July 4, 2011 in observance of Independence Day.
Facts at Your Fingertips

The microwave oven was invented in 1946. Percy Spencer with the Raytheon Corporation was performing tests on a new vacuum tube for radar systems when he noticed that a nearby chocolate bar had melted. He built a metal cabinet that effectively contained and focused the microwave power, and the microwave oven was born.

FROM: The Forties in America, p. 531.
(REF E169.12.F676 2011 V.2)

Spain has 2.4 million hectares in olive cultivation—as much as in Italy and Greece, the next largest olive growers in Europe, combined.

(REF HC85.E49 2010 V.4)

Hoping to unseat Republican president Ronald Reagan, Walter Mondale selected Geraldine Ferraro to be his running mate, making her the first woman to run on a major party’s national ticket.

FROM: Encyclopedia of U.S. Political History, p. 413.
(REF E183.E53 2010 V.7)

J. K. Rowling is the highest-earning woman in Great Britain and the second wealthiest, after Queen Elizabeth II. Her wealth is estimated around £499 million.

FROM: Great Lives from History: The Incredibly Wealthy, p. 795.
(REF HC79.W4 G74 2011 V.3)

On November 2, 1959, Charles Van Doren testified before a U.S. Senate committee that he received answers to questions beforehand as a contestant on the popular television quiz show Twenty-One. As a direct result of the scandal, most quiz shows in the U.S. were canceled and by 1960, federal law made it a crime to fix a game show.

(REF D422.G74 2009 V.1)

Tech Talk

Bellevue University Library staff work continuously to provide world class resources and services to our students, faculty, staff and alumni. One of the great challenges in providing so much high quality information is finding a way to organize our resources so our users can find what they are looking for quickly and efficiently. In the past year, we have worked to create “portals” which group similar services or resources so that even first time Library webpage visitors can see the breadth of what is available to them. We define a portal as “a grand entrance to our Library internet based resources and services” (adapted from http://wordnetweb.princeton.edu/perl/webwn.)

Three portals have been created within the past year while one more is being finalized. The first portal developed was “Ask-a-Librarian Services” which lists all the ways to contact the Library for assistance. From this portal you can access our 24/7 chat service, reference our Text-a-Librarian instructions, and find the email addresses and phone number for assistance. The “Electronic Services” portal provides a gateway to the many electronic services offered, including our BUILD-IT tutorial, Electronic Reserve, Interlibrary Loan, and suggestion box. There are many other electronic services listed in this portal so be sure to check it out. The newest portal, “Database Services” was released in April 2011, and provides a complete listing of the Library’s subscription databases, including a description and links to supporting materials for the database such as LibGuides, tutorials, and instructional guides.

The “Mobile Application Services” portal is under development and will include the information as how to access various resources via your mobile application (cell phone, notebook, ipad, etc.) Some links will allow you to download full applications while others will provide instructions on how to create icons on your mobile device for quick access to the resources in a mobile format. As vendors develop mobile services, we will continue to add them to this ever expanding portal. We anticipate this portal being added to the Library webpage in early summer.
Database Data

One of the many useful online services available through the Bellevue University Library is Westlaw. This easy-to-use research database provides students access to a comprehensive collection of news, business information and law-related resources.

Westlaw is divided into two main areas. “News and Business” is the first content tab, the second tab is “Law.” The news and business section includes current and sought after newspaper articles, company information for thousands of private and U.S. companies, as well as many trade journals.

On the law side, Westlaw includes over 800 law reviews and journals, primary law sources such as the UCSCA (United States Code Annotated), state statutes and regulations, the Federal Register, the American Law Reports and American Jurisprudence. Although there are many analytical and primary law sources, Westlaw has incorporated time-saving tools to make searching easy and straightforward. On the left-hand side of the law area, you will see shortcuts. The shortcuts include the “find” box where you can search for a specific case. Next, there is a “key search” box where terms and topics can be selected relating to your issue. Farther down are quick links to famous documents, legal guides and pre-law information. A few other time-saving tools include the research trail at the top of each page and the popular name table for state statutes.

If, for example, we wanted to find the Nebraska Seat Belt Law, we would check the “All States Annotated” box under Statutes and Regulations. Then, to the right, we would click on the “i.” Then, we would click the STAT-ANN-ALL link. Instead of doing a search, we can move over to the upper right and select the Pop. Name table. From this page, select Nebraska and then select the letter “S” to find the Seat Belt Law.

In addition, Westlaw uses connectors or expanders to assist with structured search strategies. For example, if we want the words “seat belt” to be searched to appear in the same sentence, we would type seat/s belt. From the Library’s homepage, Westlaw can be found under the other recommended websites in the Law Subject area and can be accessed from the Database Services portal on the left hand side in the purple section. Additionally, Westlaw can be accessed from the Complete Database List which is the last link on the Library’s website.

If you are off-campus, be sure to login first by navigating to the library homepage from your New BRUIN page. Any questions in using Westlaw can be addressed by the Bellevue University Library Reference Staff. To contact them, the phone number is 402-557-7313 (toll-free at 1-800-756-7920 ext. 7313), or through e-mail at library@bellevue.edu.

Quick Quiz

Find the answer to the following question by using the database Westlaw for a chance to win a prize.

QUESTION: According to Black’s Law Dictionary, what is the casebook method?

Send answers to library@bellevue.edu with the subject line: “Quick Quiz,” or pick up an entry form at the Bellevue University Library Reference Desk. The deadline for submissions is Friday, August 12, 2011.
The Facebook was created in 2004, by Mark Zuckerberg, a nineteen-year-old college student at Harvard University. Mark did not do it alone. He had the help of Chris Hughes, his roommate, and Dustin Moskovitz. The Facebook started at Harvard University and privacy controls were built in, such as, in order to join you had to have a Harvard.edu email address and you had to use your real name. This ensured that users were who they said they were and was a way for students at Harvard to connect. It became so popular that other schools wanted in. Zuckerberg could control the growth of The Facebook by deciding when to add more schools. The problem with adding more schools was the need for more server space. Another problem with growth was money. The Facebook was financed through the selling of advertisements even though revenue was not the goal of Zuckerberg. He recruited others to help as needed depending on their talents. Originally called “The Facebook” the name was changed to Facebook on September 20, 2005.

In order to keep growing, Facebook added new features -- the wall, photo storage, and a news feed. Companies always wanted to buy Facebook because it was a success but the founder did not want to sell. David Kirkpatrick gives you the struggles of success and what it is like working for Zuckerberg.

The book is written by David Kirkpatrick, a reporter, who had the full cooperation of Facebook executives. Kirkpatrick gives you the insight of how it was created, flourished, and where it is going next. This book is highly recommended. It was interesting reading to know how Facebook became a success. The book can be found in the General Collection and can be checked out for three weeks.

Summer is almost here, and for those who want to investigate vacation options the Bellevue University Library owns several travelogues in DVD format. A lively view of the possibilities of European travel is shown in the “Passport to Europe” series, produced by the Travel Channel.

In the case of the British DVD, effervescent hostess, Samantha Brown, concentrates on these six areas: Classic London, London Now, Edinburgh, Dublin, the Cotswolds as an example of English countryside, and the Irish counties of Cork and Kerry. Each of the six episodes last between 20-22 minutes. Samantha’s cameraperson is adept at framing her in the middle of the action in crowds and as an appreciative observer of the scenic views.

She is expert at brief one-on-one interviews with such diverse folks as a kilted bagpipe entertainer in Princes Street Gardens in Edinburgh, a fish seller in an Irish market, a London cabbie, and one of the organists for Dublin’s St. Patrick’s Cathedral. Samantha also gives details about the hotels or bed and breakfasts where she says, including the amenities that are available and the costs per night. She covers some local culinary delights (Irish boxty, black and white pudding, and deep-fried Mars bars), and advocates trying different types of transportation (biking, train, and Underground or subway). She also informs viewers about off-the-beaten path tours each area offers (the mummies of St. Michan’s in Dublin and Mary King’s Close in Edinburgh) and the folk music options available in the evenings.

In addition to the British DVD, the Bellevue University Library also owns three of Samantha’s other tours. One concentrates on Italy and France; one focuses on Germany, Switzerland, and Austria; and one concentrates on the Iberian cities of Barcelona, Madrid, Seville, and Lisbon, as well as the more northern locations of Brussels, Amsterdam, and Prague.

All four of these DVDs are available on the media shelves immediately east of the circulation desk, and may be checked out for one week.
READ “R” REVIEWS (Continued)

JOURNAL REVIEW: Américas

Did you know 2011 has been declared the Inter-American Year of Culture? In the magazine, “Américas,” the Pan American Union and the Organization of American States recognize the important role of culture and art in a person’s life. To promote cultural development and values in diversity is to reduce inequalities. This magazine is filled with culturally rich photography and all articles are in regards to Latin American and Caribbean life, history, and culture. Bellevue University holds both English and Spanish editions of this magazine. A physical copy of the Spanish version is available in the current section of the journal stacks and an English copy is available online. Do not hesitate to ask the Circulation or Reference Desks for help locating this item.

Did You Know?
The library has replaced the chairs and wrist-pads at the computer stations? Our computer stations probably see more use than anything else in the library — consequently the chairs and wrist-pads were very worn down. We have recently reupholstered and repaired the chairs and replaced the wrist pads, and we think that you will agree that it makes the computers much more comfortable to work at.

Our scanning workstations (#6, #12, and #18) have desktop shortcuts to Picnik Photo Editor?
Picnik is a free-to-use service that offers robust and powerful tools for photo-editing. After scanning a photo, if you need to do any color-correction, cropping, resizing, or adding of special effects, just double click the Picnik shortcut on the desktop, and it will load in a new browser window.

The library has added a new link to our website?
It is called Database Services, and is located to the left, in the purple ‘Library’ menu. In Database Services you will find an alphabetical listing of the online databases the library has access to, along with descriptions of the databases and links to guides and tutorials concerning their use.

E.T.C.— Electronic Tips Corner

* Microsoft Word 2010 has introduced the Backstage view of Word documents, the place where you manage your document after it is written. Open any document and click on File. Here you will see all the usual commands that allow you to send, print, save, etc., as well as others, such as the new Save and Send command. Using this command, your open document will automatically be attached to your Outlook email as a Word document or a PDF. It can even be sent as a fax without using a fax machine, as long as you have a fax provider.

* Not only does Smart ImageBase, a library database, provide a collection of over 20,000 medical illustrations, it allows you to edit them for use in presentations or reports. Choose an image and click on Download. Then choose JPEG with Custom Labels (to exhibit electronically) or PDF with Custom Labels (for printouts) before downloading the image. Once downloaded, you may add titles, subtitles, labels, and text, as well as draw lines to enhance the image for your purposes.

* Have you noticed the new Maps tab in Opposing Viewpoints in Context? This gives you a great visual representation of various aspects of the controversial topics addressed in this database. Click on the Maps tab, then scroll through the topics at the top of the page. After clicking on one, you may choose from the custom options that appear next to the U.S. map. Select one to see a state by state representation.
New Arrivals

Cracked But Not Shattered: Hillary Rodham Clinton’s Unsuccessful Campaign For The Presidency
E887.C55 C73 2009

Fetus to Fifth Grade: The Most Recent Scientific Research on Pregnancy and Parenting
RG106.4.U6 533 2010

From Crisis to Recovery: The Causes, Course and Consequences of the Great Recession
HC59.3.K44 2010

Payng For College Without Going Broke
LB2337.4.C42 2010

My Passion For Design
NA7125.S77 2010

Bad News: How America’s Business Press Missed the Story of the Century
PN4784.C7 B33 2011

The Complete Photographer
TR146.A56 2010

Next Medicine: The Science and Civics of Health
RA445.B67 2011

Berkshire Encyclopedia of Sustainability
REF GE140.B47 2010 V.1 - V.2

God vs. Darwin: The War Between Evolution and Creationism in the Classroom
BT712.S56 2011

Learning Liaisons

Need a tutor? However, you are not able nor have time to come in person? Then you are in luck—online tutoring is now available via Skype.

On average it takes hearing new information three times before someone is able to immediately recall it. The ability to master, recall, and apply new information within a specific amount of class time can limit how well a student is able to eliminate their homework. Hearing new information three times may not be enough for some students; Skype is the perfect answer, and it is free!

Skype is a software application used for making voice calls, with or without a webcam, from one Skype user to another. Benefits of receiving Skype tutoring assistance

- It’s available when a student is unable to physically be in the Tutor Center.
- Allow users to share screens; replacing the time consuming process of explaining symbols such as Σ (backwards 3 with pointed sides), and ∞ (looks like an 8 lying on its side) to ∑ and ∞.
- The tutee and the tutor are able to see the other person’s screen when needed; therefore, eliminating possible communication confusion.

Here are a few comments from traditional and non-traditional Bellevue University students who have participated in a tutoring session via Skype.

- Omaha student: “This was great! I’m so glad I didn’t have to go anywhere other than my living room. Thank you.”
- Texas student: “Thank you so much, you have no idea how much this helps. The screen share was really cool!”
- Florida student: “I was a little nervous how this Skype thing was going to work, but it was so easy.”

Tutor sessions are also available by email, in-person, and telephone. All appointments for tutor sessions can be scheduled:

In-person: R. Joe Dennis Learning Center, Room 553, Telephone: 1-800-756-7920 ext. 7430 or 402-557-7430, Online: www.rich37.com/bellevue

For additional information regarding the Tutor Center:

- Website: www.bellevue.edu/tutoring
- Email: tutor@bellevue.edu
- LibGuides: http://libguides.bellevue.edu/tutoring
- Instructions for Skype tutoring sessions: http://www.bellevue.edu/current-students/content/pdfs/instructions-for-skype.pdf
A SPECIAL THOUGHT

“A library is the delivery room for the birth of ideas, a place where history comes to life.

~ Norman Cousins ~

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Congratulations from the Library Staff on your achievement! You can continue to enjoy the library’s services by requesting your alumni card from the Foundation Office. As alumni, you have life-long borrowing privileges and access to electronic resources!

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK:
Congratulations to Stephen Linenberger, Associate Professor in College of Arts & Sciences, on receiving this year’s “Friend of the Library” award during National Library Week in April. The presentation took place on April 13, 2011, during the Open House celebration. Festivities included refreshments, a book sale, music by the Library’s own “Sounds of Knowledge,” and the chance to take photos for READ Posters. Other events throughout the week included two workshops. “Free to Find Your Voice,” which featured the documentary film, “Freedom Writers” was offered by the Library Staff, while a workshop titled, “Change How You See Life,” was presented by the Learning Assessment Center staff. Congratulations to Carol Gottsch and Alisha Devose who won the door prizes at the two workshops. In addition to the two door prize winners, there were seven daily raffle winners (Linda Lawrence, Becky Ford, Diping Huang, Gabriel Da-Silva, Walter Doty IV, Oscar Palma, and Randall Rogers) who won prizes for using the Library during National Library Week. Thank you for your support in making National Library Week such a success!

FACEBOOK FANS:
The Library would like to thank you as we announce that the Bellevue University Library Facebook page now has over 300 fans! If you are not a fan, please consider becoming one so you can hear about all of our upcoming events and read the latest news: http://www.facebook.com/bellevueulibrary.

QUICK QUIZ:
The question for the most recent Quick Quiz is, “Warren Buffett, CEO of Berkshire Hathaway and also known as the Oracle of Omaha, believes in living modestly in spite of being the world’s third richest man. Unlike many powerful executives, he does not reward himself with an extravagant salary. What is his annual salary?” Answer: $100,000. The winner of the raffle was Klea-Shua Goings, who answered the question correctly. Who will be the winner of the next Quick Quiz? You can be the winner by entering electronically at: http://library.bellevue.edu/news/books.htm, sending an email to library@bellevue.edu with the subject line “Quick Quiz,” or in person by visiting the library’s Reference Desk and filling out an entry form. The deadline for submissions is August 12, 2011.

CONGRATULATIONS:
Congratulations to Casey Kralik, Technical Services Librarian, and her husband Matt, on the arrival of their son, Erik Steven. Erik was born on April 29 at 5:39 a.m., weighing 7 pounds, 7.6 ounces, and was 20 ¾ inches long. Erik was also welcomed home by his big sister, Mikela.

LIBRARY DISPLAY CASES:
Be sure to view the monthly displays in the refreshment area. In case you missed the spring displays, please enjoy the pictures below:

- March 2011 (Nebraska’s Birthday)
- April 2011 (National Poetry Month)
- May 2011 (Health Awareness)