MobileCirc: The circulation desk is evolving

From e-books to virtual reference services, technology is entering libraries in new and unexpected ways. Despite this constant, unavoidable technological evolution of library services, some things never change. The circulation desk, for instance, has been the primary hub of libraries for generations. It is the primary point of contact within the library – a place where a patron can sign-up for a library card, ask a simple question, check-out an item and place a hold. Even the circulation desk is not free from technological innovation, however. With MobileCirc from SirsiDynix, circulation is separated from the desk. Library staff can utilize the functionality of the circulation desk within the portability and convenience of a mobile device.

What is MobileCirc?

MobileCirc is an application for Apple iOS, Google Android devices, and HTML5 web browsers. It is developed by SirsiDynix to work in conjunction with their particular integrated library system.

Okay. What is an Integrated Library System, exactly?

An Integrated Library System, or ILS, is the computer software that libraries run on. The ILS manages most library functionality and is used by staff to catalog library materials, manage patron accounts, and run all circulation functions.

That makes sense. So, what does MobileCirc actually do?

That is a tremendous question, thank you for asking. Basically, MobileCirc brings some of the functionality of the ILS to a mobile device, such as an iPad. The MobileCirc app, easily downloaded from the app store, is synced to our ILS database. Library staff can then use the app for circulation functions, such as registering new users for a library account and checking out library materials with a barcode scanner attachment.

Oh, I get it! It makes the circulation desk mobile! Hence the name, MobileCirc!

You’re a fast learner.

So, what are you going to use it for?

MobileCirc will allow for greater freedom and efficiency with many library tasks. Library inventory, for example, is a time-consuming process wherein all library materials (books, videos, etc…) need to be scanned and logged. MobileCirc, paired with the wireless barcode scanner, will allow library staff to conduct inventory directly from the library stacks. The app also allows users to quickly tag old or unused items for ‘weeding,’ the process of removing materials from the collection.

Bellevue University library staff members often leave the main campus to teach bibliographic instruction sessions. With MobileCirc, it will be possible to sign-up students for library accounts at these sessions with a mobile device.

Bellevue University Library will be deploying MobileCirc this year. For more information, please visit http://www.sirsidynix.com/mobilecirc.

Bellevue University

By: Joel Hartung, Systems Librarian
Who's Who?

The library recently hired two part-time Circulation Assistants to fill vacancies we experienced over the winter months and we wish to introduce them to you at this time...

Sarah Alston began working on February 10, 2014. Sarah received her BFA in English Literature from Seattle University and is currently pursuing her Master's in Library & Information Science from the University of Missouri, Columbia. Sarah’s previous library experience includes working at Omaha Public Library performing circulation functions. When Sarah is not working or going to school, she enjoys writing, reading, movies, and art museums just to name a few of her many hobbies.

Brandi Bengston also began working on February 10, 2014. Brandi recently graduated with her BA in English from the University of Nebraska at Lincoln, and this is her first permanent library position as she previously volunteered at the Bellevue Public Library. When Brandi is not working, she enjoys writing, reading, drawing, embroidery, and singing.

Now that you have been introduced to Sarah and Brandi, please stop by the library to meet them as they are sure to greet you with a smile...

Facts at Your Fingertips

“NEBRASKA SITS ATOP THE LARGEST SHARE OF ONE OF THE BIGGEST UNDERGROUND SUPPLIES OF FRESH WATER IN THE WORLD, THE OGALLALA AQUIFER…”

~ Facts at Your Fingertips

“Ireland is the only country to have a musical instrument as its national emblem. The harp appears on garda (police caps), Irish Euro coins, and government stationery. The original Irish harp was a small triangular instrument designed to be held on the knee (not the large version of today’s concert halls). The harp was first used as the logo for Guinness stout in 1850. The Guinness harp faces right while the traditional emblem faces left.”

FROM: Fodor’s 2013 Ireland, p. 477.
(REF DA980.C53 2013)

“There is a tradition in some places stating that the woman is allowed to propose to the man in a leap year; if he turns down her request to marry, he is expected to give her a gift of a pair of gloves at Easter. In Ireland, the forfeit for turning down a leap year proposal was traditionally a silk gown, although in the twentieth century this was increased to a fur coat.”

FROM: Marriage Customs of the World, p. 545.
(REF GT2690.M65 2013 V.1)

“When Andrew Jackson married Rachel Donelson Robards in 1791, both believed that she and her first husband had divorced. However, the divorce was not official, and the couple remarried three years later after a Kentucky court found them guilty of adultery. Rachel Jackson felt such shame from this event, though she continued to claim innocence, that she became deeply religious in hopes of atonement.”

(REF JK517.E53 2013 V.1)

“Since 1939, the Executive Office of the President has blossomed to include hundreds of staff members to serve the president. Congress today provides a substantial appropriation for the White House staff, which in 2012 was over $13 million per year. Included within this staff are both personal assistants, ranging from the communication and speechwriting staff to a wide range of policy advisors, and statutorily designated managerial, budget, and policy staff. Barack Obama, the 44th president of the United States, had a personal staff of over 430, in addition to more staff within the broader Executive Office of the President.”

FROM: Guide to the White House Staff, p. ix.
(REF JK552.W37 2013)
You Asked… We Listened!

Suggestion: I think it would be a good idea to add a link on the Library Website about Community User cards and privileges.

Answer: Thank you for your suggestion and we actually do have information regarding this service on the “Borrowing Services” portal web page located at: http://www.bellevue.edu/services/library/borrowing-services.aspx. If anyone is interested and/or would like more information, please feel free to contact the library at 402-557-7314, toll-free at 800-756-7920, ext. 7314, or email library@bellevue.edu.

Tech Talk

A few months ago, word got out that the Freeman Lozier Library had fifteen “Journals in Jeopardy!” How did this happen? How could this be? As with any product on the market, sometimes the shelf life comes to an end. It is sad but true. There is a saying, “here today, gone tomorrow.” We do not usually experience that in the library world. We do our best to find out from our students, faculty, and staff what their views are on the materials they want in their library. Then we try to find those materials to meet their academic needs.

“Journals in Jeopardy” started in November with fifteen journals. The Senior Director, Library Services, the Technical Services Librarian, and the Serials Specialist, decided to put these journals on “trial” to see what the Bellevue University patrons thought about these journals. They were prominently displayed in the Periodical section of the library along with ballots and a ballot box. Our patrons could vote to keep or remove these journals from our collection. The journals and ballots were also put on Facebook and on the student computers for people to vote.

Thank you for your responses! We received one response from Facebook, three in our ballot box and forty-two from the library computers. We had a total of forty-six participants: 30 students, 8 faculty, 4 staff, and 4 other.

The votes are in! The Wall Street Journal newspaper had the most votes to keep. While we do have this in print, we also have it up to the present in several online databases. The second most popular journals to keep had a tie and they are: Employment Relations Today and Journal of Human Capital. On the other hand, Journal of the American Society for Psychical Research had the most votes to remove it. The second most popular journals to remove also had a tie and they are: Asia Pacific Journal of Public Administration and USA Today newspaper. The good news is that if we did remove the second place journals, they both can be found in our online databases.

Here are some comments from students and faculty: 1) “Thank you for asking for our input” 2) “As I do not condone the removal of in-print resources, I do realize the need to remain current with the trends of information gathering and information platforms. However, the resources that Bellevue University has to offer on its shelves not only benefits the students and faculty alike, but they also benefit the immediate community who come to the library for increased learning as well. These journals and other higher learning materials provide a resource that are beneficial to many at the University and the community and are becoming increasingly limited. The computer may not be the medium that is always preferred. Thank you.” 3) Individual appeals were made for: International Journal of Digital Crime and Forensics, Omega Journal, and Journal of the American Society for Psychical Research.

Where do we go from here? Next October, the Senior Director, Library Services, the Technical Services Librarian, and the Serials Specialist, will meet again to discuss the journal renewals. They will discuss the following issues: budget, journal usage, requests, relevancy of the subject matter, the option of ordering directly from the publisher vs. EBSCO (our current vendor), and the results of the “Journals in Jeopardy” survey or any other surveys that were done within that year. Stay tuned to the “Facts from the Stacks” library blog, to find out what will happen to these “Journals in Jeopardy,” later this fall.
MORE THAN BOOKS

READ “R” REVIEWS

BOOK REVIEW: “David and Goliath: Underdogs, Misfits, and the Art of Battling Giants”
BF503.G53 2013

“David and Goliath: Underdogs, Misfits, and the Art of Battling Giants,” by Malcolm Gladwell, is ultimately a collection of stories, backed by supportive scientific studies, about how the proverbial and literal “little guy” is misperceived by society to be at a disadvantage when, in fact, they are at an advantage over their adversity. Gladwell continues with the tradition of his engaging and “fiction-like” writing style as he regales the reader with a multitude of “yarns” before he weaves the stories back in on themselves, creating a “tapestry” of interlocking concepts that are supported by a plethora of scientific studies from a variety of disciplines. He takes concepts like Lawrence of Arabia’s fight against the Ottoman Empire and relates them to a man from Mumbai, who has never coached or played basketball, leading his daughter’s National Junior team to the championships. Or, the concept of how dyslexia in young children gives them unique skills that allow them to be exceptional later in life. For the readers of Malcolm Gladwell’s previous works, you may find this book lacking. Many feel that Gladwell’s premise is somewhat flawed or missing certain facts that would have been crucial to his argument. However, the book still offers that same clean and lyrical writing style that intrigued so many with his previous works like “The Tipping Point” or “Outliers.” If this is your first Malcolm Gladwell title, give him the benefit of the doubt. Allow him time to fully explore his point and understand that he is often very selective in what data he uses to support his point. He is a storyteller, plain and simple. Let him tell his tales and present his side of the stories.

Find it in the general collection at the Bellevue University Library and check it out for three weeks!

JOURNAL REVIEW: Discover Magazine

In this day and age, everyone tries to always be up to date on current events, new discoveries, and the latest thing in technology. Yet, with all the new things that are being discovered every second of every day, this is almost impossible. That is why Discover Magazine is one of the most helpful journals available. Discover strives to bring the latest news in theories and developments in the scientific world, breakthroughs in health and medicine, new environmental issues, and the newest cutting-edge technology to the forefront of everyone’s minds. With the help of amazing photography and articles written for the understanding of everyone, Discover Magazine is a wonderful insight into the scientific world.

Discover Magazine focuses on a number of different topics including astronomy, gene studies, geology, and health risks that people are facing today. With articles written by award-winning editors, leading scientists in every field, and Nobel winners, it creates a thought provoking atmosphere. Discover is a wonderful way to get a large amount of science news in one convenient location, designed for the everyday person. Discover takes complicated and hard to understand topics and translates them into a user friendly guide to the scientific world while creating newsworthy conversation starters. Discover also supplies a number of puzzles, web links, book reviews, and experiments for the amateur scientist in us all. It demonstrates that from the deepest oceans to the very depths of space, Discover Magazine covers it all.

Discover is published monthly and available online through the ProQuest and Academic Search Premier databases from 1992-present.
READ “R” REVIEWS (Continued)

VIDEO REVIEW: “Miss Representation”
DVD HQ1421.M573 2012x

The documentary, “Miss Representation,” opens with the following statistic: “American teenagers spend 31 hours a week watching TV, 17 hours a week listening to music, 3 hours a week watching movies, 4 hours a week reading magazines, 10 hours a week online. That is 10 hours and 45 minutes of media consumption a day.”

The film’s premise is an open letter from Jennifer Siebel Newsom to her unborn daughter. As Newsom discovered that she was expecting a girl, she decided to take a look at what world her daughter would be born into. How are women represented in American media? What role do women have in society in the United States of America? Who can her daughter look up to as a role model? All of these questions are part of a greater look into the image of “womanhood” that our society is projecting through media.

Throughout the documentary, scholars, government officials, journalists, entertainers, and activists take the stage to describe and explain the female experience. Among these speakers are celebrities, including Dr. Condoleezza Rice, Lisa Ling, Nancy Pelosi, Katie Couric, and Rachel Maddow. Each specialist brings insight to the portrayal of women in media, using their field of expertise and personal experiences. These testimonials appear between segments of statistics describing the female and youth populations in the United States, and amongst splices of media featuring women.

The first item the documentary discusses is media’s prevalence in modern society. Several speakers demonstrate the importance of media as a formative educational tool, whether intended or not. The next chapter presents the role of women in movies; notably the lack of strong female characters. The next section presents the pressure women suffer to be attractive, especially in media related professions. This subject is particularly poignant to the narrator, who shares her own experiences with gender discrimination. One particularly painful statistic to see was “53% of 13 year old girls are unhappy with their bodies. That number increases to 78% by age 17.”

“Miss Representation” then discusses the two archetypes of female politicians, and refers to the fairly recent political race between Hillary Clinton and Sarah Palin. The documentary does an excellent job of stayingapolitical, all the while dissecting the representation of these women politicians. The documentary not only depicts the political campaigns of these women, but also the media’s reaction to their campaigns.

The following segment presented a short history of the women’s rights movement, and the efforts of law makers to address equality for the sexes. The documentary uses the example of bills (or lack thereof) passed on video violence as it relates to physical violence. The narrator concludes the film with a chapter describing role models, and how women can and do support each other.

“Miss Representation” has a secret agenda; although presented as an open letter to Newsom’s daughter, the documentary is also aiming to change the representation of women in media. By showing the outrageous gender inequality when it comes to depicting people of influence, the documentary subtly calls to arms all who see this disparity as a plague on society. “Miss Representation” introduces the viewer to a movement that promotes a healthy image of women in media, and educates about challenging the status quo. This endorsed group is The Representation Project, an organization that “uses film and media content to expose injustices created by gender stereotypes and to shift people’s consciousness towards change.” (http:// therepresentationproject.org/about/mission/) Another initiative that the documentary promotes is the #NotBuyingIt app (available free in the App Store), which showcases the image of women in advertising and places them in one of two categories: #mediawelike or #notbuyingit.

This rousing documentary is available for a week long checkout from the Bellevue University Library’s media collection.

http://www.facebook.com/bellevueulibrary
For those who are interested in researching family history, one of the two genealogical databases available without cost to members of the Bellevue University community is Heritage Quest Online. This database focuses on United States domestic records, and is owned by ProQuest.

The first type of record available is the United States Censuses from 1790 – 1920. When searching census records, it is more accurate to start with information that you know (parents’ names, then grandparents, then great-grandparents, etc.) and work backwards rather than selecting a name from 1900 and attempting to prove that they are an ancestor.

A second type of record is books that emphasize one extended family or one location. The books can be searched by the person’s name or the county or state where the family is thought to have lived.

If one has the time and money, one can search the PERSI (Periodical Source Index) section of Heritage Quest Online. The PERSI section is just what it says; an index. What appears in PERSI is a title and author of a magazine or journal article that may or may not pertain to your family. The articles themselves are not available online; they can be sent from a public library in Fort Wayne, Indiana, if the patron sends the photocopying fee in advance.

In addition, there are two special collections that are included in Heritage Quest Online. One focuses on the Pension and Bounty-Land Warrant Application Files of Revolutionary War veterans. If you have already verified an ancestor who fought with the colonists/rebels/Americans, you should investigate this section of the database to see if he is listed as receiving a pension, or a land grant further west.

The other special collection is for those who are researching black/Negro branches on your family tree. Immediately after the War Between the States ended, the Federal Government referred to former slaves who were emancipated as “Freedmen.” One of the ways that the U.S. government tried to help these families during the transition period from slavery to becoming paid citizens (1865-1874) was to establish “Freedman’s Banks” in 29 cities. If one of your ancestors had an account in one of these Freedman’s Banks, these records can be a gold mine of family information. Not only is there information on the account holder, but many of them also gave extra information on their beneficiaries.

Interested? There is a tutorial to guide you through how to use this database found by clicking on the “?” surrounded by a purple circle located to the right of the line Heritage Quest Online in the database services list.
All About Apps

Front Row — Go Bruins! Bellevue University has teamed up with PrestoSports to offer all of its fans access to the latest scores and statistics for each one of their teams. Live scoring is not the only thing you will find by downloading this app from the iTunes or Google Play app store. In fact, you will have access to photos, news updates, and event recaps. Lastly, it sports twitter integration and calendar alerts. This app truly will keep you up to date on all Bellevue University Bruin sport teams! Connect with the “Bellevue Front Row” app via links from the website: http://www.bubruins.com/frontrow.

Goodreads — Which book do I read next? This app should be downloaded just for this reason only but, honestly, it has a lot more to offer. Not only can you keep track of books you want to read and have read, but you can also track your progress on the book you are currently reading. Like many social tools, this app has a website and both can be linked to your other social accounts such as Facebook, Twitter, and Google+. You can find friends on the app too. Goodreads makes it easy to share comments, recommendations and ratings with others. Goodreads offers a plethora of reviews which will help you narrow down your choices, but did you know that Goodreads makes it easy to connect with your favorite authors? Yes, Goodreads has author pages and often has authors connect with readers during live Q & A sessions. In a group, someone can connect with an author or be a part of a book club. Goodreads offers this and so much more! Check out this great app on Android, iPhone, and Nook. Discover more on: http://www.goodreads.com/.

Digg Reader — Everyone has a blog these days and Dave Heineman’s First Puppy (http://www.governor.nebraska.gov/firstpuppy/index.html) is no exception! With the multitudes of information news sources available, you might be wondering how to keep up. Unfortunately for many, the favored Google Reader was retired in the summer of 2013 (http://www.cbsnews.com/news/google-reader-ends-today-switch-while-you-can/) and it may have left you without a replacement. Alas, there are several RSS feeders available but how many offer more than a simple feed? Did you know that Digg is more than simple subscription service? Outside of the Digg Reader, the website offers top stories organized by popularity. Inside the reader app, Digg organizes your feeds into individual subscriptions, all stories, popular stories by rating, and by “Diggs.” Users are invited to rate the stories, up or down, which will then help to make the story popular or bury it off completely. Signing up is easy with a Facebook or Twitter account officially, but some are able to connect via their Google account. Articles can be saved or links exported to various other social media or emailed. Check out the app on Android or iOS (there is even a Google Chrome extension) but for more information view their FAQs (http://digg.com/faq) and Blog (http://blog.digg.com/).

Trello — Do you like to make a list and immediately cross things off just for that feeling of satisfaction? If so, then this app is for you! Trello helps you organize and manage your projects with yourself or with others. Projects are first represented as boards and on each board is a list. Lists divide up further by cards. Users can be connected to these cards which often hold action items. Going back up the scale, the boards may be grouped as an organization. Attachments, dates, votes, checklists, comments, and colors all integrate on the cards. Invite others to participate and sync between the web version and your mobile device. Who knew that staying organized with this handy and easy app would be so fun and fulfilling? Find the app for iPhone, iPad, Android, Windows 8 and Windows RT. For more information, check out their site: https://trello.com/.

Zite — This “personalized magazine” is another news aggregator but one where you only need to indicate your interests to get started. The articles are visually appealing and often the screens load differently from swipe to swipe. Users can rate the articles which will then further customize their content. Articles are arranged by topics and are accessible from a menu or at the bottom of each article. Users can

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favorit[e the topics for more personalization. The best part of this site is discovering information that you would not normally come across while searching the web and some have even found it addictive.

**Net-Scope**

**Whichbook**

http://www.openingthebook.com/whichbook/

Whichbook is a unique site for choosing what to read next. This site will help you select a book based on your personality and mood. You can choose from four different parameters in different categories. Some of these categories are: happy-sad, funny-serious, safe-disturbing, expected-unpredictable and optimistic-bleak. You can also make your selection based on character, plot or setting preferences.

**Founders Online**

http://founders.archives.gov

“The National Archives, through its National Historical Publications and Records Commission (NHPRC), has entered into a cooperative agreement with The University of Virginia Press to create this site and make freely available online the historical documents of the Founders of the United States of America. Through this website, you will be able to read and search through thousands of records from George Washington, Benjamin Franklin, Alexander Hamilton, John Adams, Thomas Jefferson, and James Madison and see firsthand the growth of democracy and the birth of the Republic.”

**The Happiness Project**

http://www.gretchenrubin.com/

If you want to investigate ways to make your life a little happier, check out Gretchen Rubin’s blog page on happiness. Rubin gives tips on how to energize your life and identify areas of your life you can tweak to make a happier you. “On her popular blog, The Happiness Project, she reports on her daily adventures in the pursuit of happiness and habits. Millions of people read her blog each year. ‘I’ve become a bit of a happiness bully,’ she confessed.”

**First Monday**

www.firstmonday.org/

“First Monday is one of the first openly accessible, peer-reviewed journals on the Internet, solely devoted to the Internet. Since its start in May 1996, First Monday has published 1,339 papers in 212 issues; these papers were written by 1,816 different authors. First Monday is indexed in Communication Abstracts, Computer & Communications Security Abstracts, Doli, eGranary Digital Library, INSPEC, Information Science & Technology Abstracts, USA, PAIS, and other services.”

**Fit-Bottomed Girls**

http://www.fitbottomedgirls.com

The Fit Bottomed Girls’ Mission - “It is not always easy to get motivated to get healthy, but the FBGs believe that the key to success is a healthy balance of both good food and good activity. They bring their humor and energy to the masses to inspire women (and men) to make working out fun, not a dreaded punishment. They believe that fitness should be accessible and attainable for everybody, which is why they want to share their perspectives. The girls insist that there are no "good" foods or "bad" foods, but preach the philosophy of everything in moderation and want to help people strike a balance in their fitness and diet regimens. They want women to realize that an active lifestyle and good health are not about counting calories or the number on the scale, but rather being active, eating healthfully and having a positive attitude and outlook. Jenn and Erin always preach that if you get out there and get moving, you are a Fit Bottomed Girl, because after all, fit bottoms come in all shapes and sizes!”

21 Day Projects—The Happiness Project by Gretchen Rubin

http://blogs.bellevue.edu/library
Learning Liaisons

The consultants in the Writing Center realize that most of our Bellevue University students have busy lives during the day—attending school, working, and raising families. To accommodate those busy workday schedules, the Writing Center has extended its hours of operation on Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays to provide more hours for consultation later in the day. Students can now schedule appointments until 6 p.m. on Fridays, Wednesdays, and until 8 p.m. on Thursdays. Making an appointment is easy. Just click on this link or call 402-557-5449 to schedule an appointment. Likewise, the consultants also realize that students spend many hours each weekend on their writing projects. Therefore, the Writing Center has created a new “Online Writing Center (email only)” schedule that allows students to schedule appointments for the consultant to review their work online on both Saturday and Sunday.

1) A sparkline is a tiny chart in a worksheet cell that provides a visual representation of data. Use sparklines to show trends in a series of values, such as seasonal increases or decreases, economic cycles, or to highlight maximum and minimum values. Position a sparkline near its data for greatest impact. Select an empty cell or group of empty cells in which you want to insert one or more sparklines. On the Insert tab, in the Sparklines group, click the type of sparkline that you want to create: Line, Column, or Win/Loss. In the Data box, type the range of the cells that contain the data on which you want to base the sparklines.

2) Folders allow you to easily organize your iPad and separate apps into different categories. The iPad will create a default folder name that is often a good description of the apps it contains. To create a folder, simply hold your finger down on an app’s icon until all of the apps begin to shake. Next, just drag it on top of another app and the iPad will create a folder containing the apps. To add more apps to the folder, simply drag them over and drop them on the newly-created folder.

3) The New Features Screen is an innovative way to try out the features and functionality available on EBSCOhost. The New Features link is displayed in the top toolbar on EBSCOhost. You can try out selected features, learn about additional features that are already active, and read about features that will be “coming soon.” EBSCO Publishing decides which features can be tried and which features will display on the New Features Screen.

“TO ACCOMMODATE THOSE BUSY WORKDAY SCHEDULES, THE WRITING CENTER HAS EXTENDED ITS HOURS OF OPERATION ON WEDNESDAYS, THURSDAYS, AND FRIDAYS TO PROVIDE MORE HOURS FOR CONSULTATION LATER IN THE DAY.”

~Learning Liaisons
Did You Know?

Did you know the library recently installed a new SimpleScan station? Stop by to quickly and easily copy documents, photos, and more to your USB drive or e-mail account. The scanning station includes a large flatbed scanner, document feeder, and touch-screen console to easily produce high-quality digital scans! The flatbed scanners will be removed from each computer pod on March 1, 2014.

The Library has created its very own opening ceremonies for the Winter Olympics? To view the video go to https://www.facebook.com/bellevueulibrary (remember to friend the Library). Select the video from February 7, 2014.

The Library launched Instagram?

The Library celebrated its official launch of Instagram on Wednesday January 22, 2014, from 2:00-3:30 p.m. See our photos now at http://bit.ly/InstagramParty.

Link Up with LibGuides

The Bellevue University Library LibGuide on Gun Control is a great resource to check out if you are looking for a place to read up on one of today’s most controversial issues. It links to numerous resources on crime reports, gun control laws, arms transfers, firearm training, and victimization, in addition to linking to organization web sites both for and against varying degrees of gun control. From any page on the Gun Control LibGuide, you can access tabs that break down the available links into different resource types: Reference Books, General Collection Books, E-Books, Videotapes and DVDs, Databases, Websites, and Organizations. For reference and general collection books, clicking on the title of the item will take you directly to that item’s record in eCatalog. From there you can browse the bibliographic information on the book, as well as find its call number so that you can locate a physical copy of it in the Library.

For ebooks, the title links directly to the item in its respective database, where you can view the book in its entirety. The Databases and Videotapes and DVDs tabs will take you to a database where you will need to conduct a search in order to find what you are looking for, whereas the Websites and Organizations tabs contain links to various websites external to the Library, many of which either contain legal or statistical information on gun control, or which are maintained by organizations either for or against stricter gun control. Resources like these were included so that library users would be able to research and read about the issue of gun control from both sides of the fence, as well as hopefully obtain a more neutral understanding of the subject.

All of the Bellevue University Library LibGuides can be viewed by visiting http://libguides.bellevue.edu. For additional information about LibGuides, please contact the Bellevue University Library Reference Desk by phone (402-557-7313), email (library@bellevue.edu), 24/7 chat through the Library’s website, or through Facebook.

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Did You Know?

Did you know the library recently installed a new SimpleScan station? Stop by to quickly and easily copy documents, photos, and more to your USB drive or e-mail account. The scanning station includes a large flatbed scanner, document feeder, and touch-screen console to easily produce high-quality digital scans! The flatbed scanners will be removed from each computer pod on March 1, 2014.

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GINGERBREAD HOUSE RAFFLE:
The library was once again able to give away three beautifully decorated gingerbread houses thanks to Margie McCandless (Reference Support Specialist), our gingerbread house crafter extraordinaire! We would like to thank her for making and donating these beautiful creations, which were on display in the library until being raffled off in December. The lucky recipients were: Teresa Eller, Ashley Podwinski, and Chris Armstrong. Congratulations to the winners!

17TH ANNUAL PROFESSIONAL GROWTH DAY:
The 17th Annual Professional Development Day was held on February 5, 2014. Library staff members researched and presented library-centered topics during the in-house event. Thank you to all who participated; the day was a great success! If you would like to learn more about the day, we invite you to read the blog series.

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK:
The dates for National Library Week this year are April 13-19, 2014, with the theme ‘Lives Change @ Bellevue University Library.’ The annual Open House and the Friend of the Library Award Presentation will be held beginning at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 16, 2014. Many activities will take place throughout the week, including a book sale that will be held from April 11-21, 2014. Books are $.50 each or 3/$1.00, videos are $1.00 each, and magazines are $.10 each. Stop by early for the best selection. You can also create your own READ poster during allotted times throughout the week. The Bellevue University community is cordially invited to come and celebrate your library!

LOVE YOUR LIBRARY CONTEST:
During the month of February we held the “Love Your Library” contest where staff and students were invited to guess how many Hershey kisses were in the jar to win an Amazon or Barnes & Noble gift card, along with the chocolates. Congratulations to the winner, Abdul Haliru!

INSTAGRAM LAUNCH:
On January 22, 2014, the Library held a launch party for our new Instagram account at http://instagram.com/bulibrary. The party included cupcakes, drinks, a contest, help signing up for an Instagram account, and a photo booth with props as well. Congratulations to the winners of the Instagram contest who took their photo with Brutus and posted it to Instagram, Siami Ibrahim and Amanda Partridge, who won camera tripods, and our grand prize winner of a fish-eye lens for her phone, Afsat Muqula.

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

December 2013 (Holiday Season)  January 2014 (Winter Reading)  February 2014 (Black History Month)