

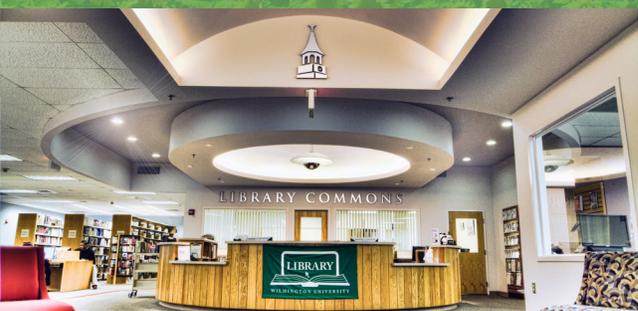
# Library News

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## MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

Welcome to the 2013 Spring Semester!

Preparing for your research assignment can sometimes be daunting particularly in a complex and rapidly changing information environment. New technologies, resources, and platforms keep emerging — and with them come opportunities to create new library services to help students and faculty access needed resources efficiently. While today’s college students have never experienced a time when the internet and digital devices didn’t exist, locating, evaluating and using information ethically are skills that remain highly valued by employers. Your library plays a key role in the development of this skill set. This Spring Newsletter will highlight resources and services which you can take advantage of every day as you pursue your degree and expand your knowledge base. Recently I visited with my granddaughter and thought about what her College experience would be like in 18 years. Will there even be a “physical” place known as “College” when she grows up? No matter what happens, the goal will remain: give students the knowledge and skills necessary to pursue their dreams, including entering a profession upon graduation. We in the Library are committed to helping you in this pursuit and doing what it takes to help you learn. Best wishes for a successful spring semester!



- Jim McCloskey, Library Director

## WHAT’S NEW

- New Dover Learning Commons
- Trial databases from APA now available
- New Library staff members introduced
- Delaware Library Catalog gets a fresh new look
- New research databases added for spring
- Library Cafe is reopened by the Italian Kitchen
- New video database added for education research
- February Black History Month Author Event
- LexisNexis now available for legal students

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## “TASTING FREEDOM”: A BLACK HISTORY MONTH AUTHOR EVENT

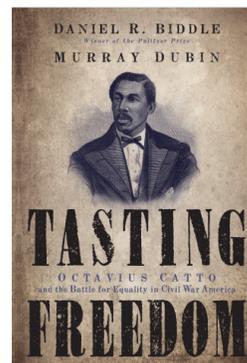
The story of Octavius Catto and the Battle for Equality in Civil War America.

Join us for an evening with authors Daniel R. Biddle and Murray Dubin as they discuss their critically-acclaimed book “Tasting Freedom” which details the life of Octavius Valentine Catto, an African American school teacher, civil rights leader, and baseball player. Tasting Freedom presents the little-known stories of Catto and the men and women who struggled to change America. This book will change your understanding of civil rights history.

Event details can be found on the [University Events Calendar](#).

Visit [tastingfreedombook.com](http://tastingfreedombook.com) to learn more about the authors and the book.

Come out to hear these dynamic authors and enjoy free refreshments!



### WHERE

Pratt Student Center  
New Castle Campus

### WHEN

Wednesday,  
February 6<sup>TH</sup>  
5:30PM

## NEW LOOK FOR SPRINGERLINK

The SpringerLink database now has a new and improved interface. The new platform, built on the latest technologies, has more sophisticated search and discovery tools that deliver results with the speed, accuracy and convenience that today's researchers need.

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## NEW DATABASES FOR YOUR RESEARCH

The Library invites you to try out our new research databases.

### Education in Video

Education in Video is the first online collection of streaming video developed specifically for training and developing teachers. Includes teaching demonstrations, lectures, documentaries, and primary-source footage of students and teachers in actual classrooms.



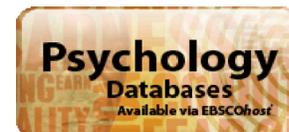
### Book Review Index Online Plus

Book Review Index Online provides online access to more than 5.6 million reviews of books, periodicals, books on tape and electronic media representing a wide range of popular, academic and professional interests.



### PsycCRITIQUES (trial database)

PsycCRITIQUES® is a database of full-text book reviews featuring current scholarly and professional books in psychology. It also publishes reviews from a psychological perspective of popular films and trade books.



### PsycEXTRA (trial database)

PsycEXTRA® is a bibliographic and full-text companion to the PsycINFO database. The document types included consist of technical, annual and government reports, conference papers, newsletters, magazines, newspapers, consumer brochures and more.

## NEW DOVER LEARNING COMMONS

The Dover Campus has recently been renovated to include a brand new Learning Commons area.

Over the course of the summer, the Dover site underwent major renovations in Building A to include a Learning Commons Area. The Learning Commons addition to the site, with the joint efforts of the Library and Student Success Center, will give students a space for research, collaboration and learning. There is onsite staffing available to assist students and faculty members from 9:00am to 7:30pm Monday through Thursday and 9:00am to 5:00pm on Friday. For more information about the Learning Commons please contact Melissa Jones, Dover Learning Commons Coordinator at 302-342-8620 or [melissa.j.jones@wilmu.edu](mailto:melissa.j.jones@wilmu.edu).

The Learning Commons space includes an open computer lab with 18 stations, the library, a group study room and open areas for students to read, lounge, eat and socialize. Stop in before or after class to see all of the new renovations. The Dover Learning Commons area is located on the first floor in Building A.



The Learning Commons Lab is open for students from 8:30am-9:00pm Monday through Friday and from 9:00am-2:00pm on Saturdays. All stations in the lab are equipped with full versions of Microsoft Office software. In addition to being used as an open lab, the space is used for library instruction sessions and tutoring.

The library is also part of the Learning Commons and houses the Dover site collection. There are reference books, circulating materials and a large selection of periodicals for student usage. The library offers a quiet location for studying or a place for student group meetings.



## THE DELAWARE LIBRARY CATALOG GETS A FRESH NEW LOOK!

Coming this spring semester, the catalog will be upgraded to a new platform.

The Delaware Library Catalog will be making some exciting changes coming spring semester. The new interface will include a cleaner and more simple search screen. To perform a search, type in a Title, Author, Keyword, Subject or ISBN number. Users will now be able to limit their searches on the results page by using the Limit Search Results side bar. Narrow down your search by Author, Material Type, Audience, Publication Date, Subject or Library. On the results list, two new features have been added in addition to the Place Hold function. Text This to Me will send the item title and call number to your mobile device. Each item in the catalog also now has a Like



Place Hold

Text This To Me

button so you can share your favorite books with your Facebook friends. For more information on the new catalog, visit [lib.de.us](http://lib.de.us) and try it out today!



### LIBRARY CAFÉ REOPENED

The Italian Kitchen has reopened the Library Café for the spring semester.

Stop in for freshly made salads, subs, soups, beverages and snacks!

Hours of operation:

Monday - Thursday  
11:00 AM - 1:00 PM  
4:30 PM - 7:00 PM



ITALIAN KITCHEN  
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### GET TO KNOW THE LIBRARY STAFF

Featured Staff Member | Janis McKnight



Janis began working for the Library in May 2010. She started at the New Castle campus and in August 2010 moved to the Wilson Graduate Center. She received her Bachelor's degree in Archeology from the University of Pennsylvania and her Masters of Library of Science from Florida State University. As Affiliate Librarian at the Graduate Center,

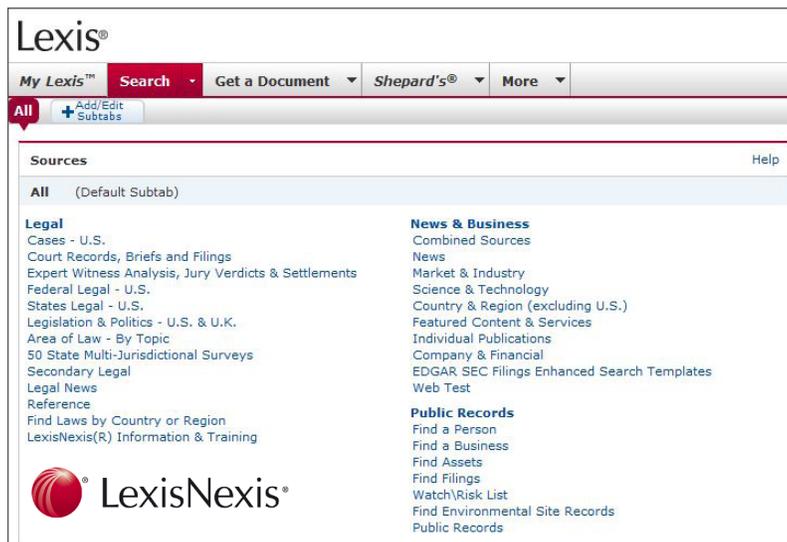
Janis provides instruction sessions for many of our graduate students. Over the last two and a half years, Janis has witnessed an increase in electronic resources and states that many students at the Graduate Center only use electronic books and online articles for their research. Janis sees the library having a growing online presence to serve online students, due to the rising number of distance courses now being offered. Her favorite part about working in the library is helping the students learn how to use the library resources. She would also like to add that the library staff has been wonderful to work with and they are always sharing their knowledge with faculty, students and staff.



## LEXIS FOR LEGAL STUDIES STUDENTS

Legal Studies students now have access to LexisNexis.

Need to do some legal research? Look no further than the Lexis Research System. The LexisNexis database provides precise, comprehensive and efficient legal research. Database logon information will be provided to all Legal Studies students.



The screenshot shows the LexisNexis website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with "My Lexis™", "Search", "Get a Document", "Shepard's®", and "More". Below this is a "Sources" section with a "Help" link. The "Sources" section is divided into "All (Default Subtab)" and "Legal". Under "Legal", there are several sub-categories: Cases - U.S., Court Records, Briefs and Filings, Expert Witness Analysis, Jury Verdicts & Settlements, Federal Legal - U.S., States Legal - U.S., Legislation & Politics - U.S. & U.K., Area of Law - By Topic, 50 State Multi-Jurisdictional Surveys, Secondary Legal, Legal News, Reference, Find Laws by Country or Region, and LexisNexis(R) Information & Training. To the right of the "Legal" section, there are two columns of links: "News & Business" (Combined Sources, News, Market & Industry, Science & Technology, Country & Region (excluding U.S.), Featured Content & Services, Individual Publications, Company & Financial, EDGAR SEC Filings Enhanced Search Templates, Web Test) and "Public Records" (Find a Person, Find a Business, Find Assets, Find Filings, Watch/Risk List, Find Environmental Site Records, Public Records).

## NEW FACULTY VIDEO PROVIDES INTRODUCTION TO LIBRARY

A video for new faculty has been developed to help introduce different areas of the University. A portion of the video provides essential information about Library services and resources for faculty members. The video can be viewed on the Faculty Development & Support page or by clicking the video below.



## NEW LIBRARY STAFF MEMBERS

Please join us in welcoming our newest staff members to the Wilmington University Library.



**Melissa Jones**

Melissa is our new Learning Commons Coordinator for the Dover Campus. Although this position began in October, Melissa has been with the University for a number of years now. She began working for Wilmington University in 2007 as an Affiliate Librarian. Melissa earned her undergraduate degree in Education from Wilmington University and is scheduled to completed her graduate degree in Applied Technology in Education this summer. When asked what she likes best so far about the Library, she replied with, "...the wealth of resources that we provide for our students and faculty. A large part of my work at the University involves helping students gain information literacy skills and learn how to effectively use the library resources for their coursework. I am always amazed at how much we offer them through the online databases, LibGuides, Interlibrary loan and reference services and I am proud to be one of the library staff that can share these resources with students and faculty!"

**Barbara Riccuci**

Barbara is our newest part-time Library Assistant. Barbara comes to our library with experience at a variety of libraries, both public and academic. She currently also works part-time at the Newark Free Library. She previously worked at the DelTech Stanton Campus Library, the University of Kentucky Medical Center Library, the University of Delaware Morris Library and the Art History Slide/Media Library. Her first library job was in the Children's Department of the Wilmington Institute Library, which was undertaken during a leave of absence from her studies at the Philadelphia College of Art. There she ultimately received her BFA in Drawing and Painting. Barbara now works on Saturdays at the New Castle Main Campus Library.

## CONTACT

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320 North DuPont Highway  
New Castle, DE 19720  
(302) 356-6879

**Library Resource Room**  
Wilson Graduate Center  
31 Reads Way  
New Castle, DE 19720  
(302) 295-1177

**Dover Learning Commons**  
Dover Site, Building A  
3282 North DuPont Highway  
Dover, DE 19901  
(302) 342-8620

**Betze Library, DTCC**  
Georgetown Site  
Seashore Highway  
Georgetown, DE 19947  
(302) 856-9033

For support at other sites,  
please call us toll-free at  
1-800-451-5724.

Specific hours for each  
site are available from the  
[Locations and Hours](#) page.



## RESOURCE FOCUS: eBooks

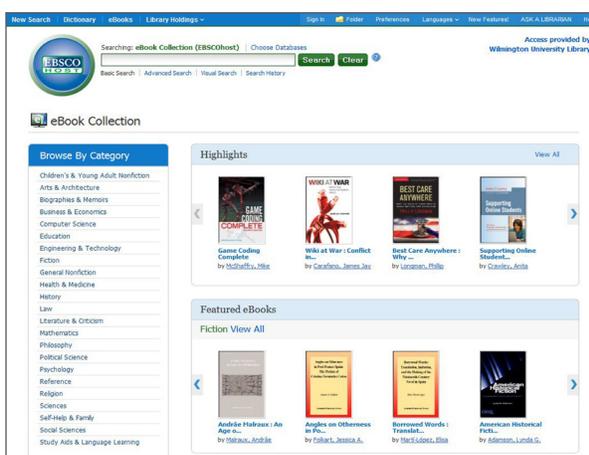
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## LIBRARY MISSION

The mission of the Wilmington University Library derives from the mission and nature of the University. The Library supports the delivery of academic programs by making available to the University community the resources and methods to access information. The goal of the Library is to provide students with the resources and skills necessary to become self-directed life-long learners.

The Library strives to accomplish this by:

- providing information resources and services that benefit our students
- facilitating access to information by providing multiple formats and by linking to other networks and information resources
- conducting Library orientation sessions for both undergraduate and graduate students
- promoting the use of problem solving, critical evaluation, & decision making skills in understanding and locating information

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