



NCTC Libraries Newsletter

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DID YOU KNOW?

- The Corinth campus has over 1600 AV items, more than any other campus library.
- NCTC Library users checked out over 3700 reserve items over 2013-2014
- Over 560,000 searches were made in NCTC Library databases in 2013-2014
- Over 75,000 full-text items were found using EBSCOhost databases in 2013-2014 by NCTC Library users

Staff Spotlight: Sharon Simmons

Gainesville born and bred, Sharon Simmons has been a NCTC library staple since 1998. A Gainesville High graduate, she went on to receive an Associate of Arts degree from Cooke County Junior College (now known as North Central Texas College). Sharon has lived in the same house for 45 years where she raised her two children and her four grandchildren now come to visit; her sister lives next door. Before coming to work at NCTC, Sharon worked for 20 years as a part-time secretary at First Baptist Church where she has been an active

member all her life, participating in the Women's Mission group and Sanctuary Choir. She also enjoys working with the Liberty Belles Extension Education Club. Sharon's favorite activity is spending as much time as she can with family and friends. As the person in charge of purchasing, among other things, Sharon is invaluable to the NCTC library organization. She keeps us all in line.

—Submitted by Robin Studdard



Service Spotlight: TexShare Card Program

"Imagine a library as big as Texas!" – that's the motto of the TexShare Card Program. What is TexShare exactly? TexShare is a library card you can apply for at any of the NCTC campus libraries. This card allows you to check out books and other items at over 500 participating libraries in the state of Texas. All you have to do is bring in your student ID or your state ID, and we

will issue a card to you. You must be a current student, faculty, or staff member in order to qualify for a card. Bear in mind that every library has their own policy concerning how many items you can borrow at once with a TexShare card. Be sure to ask the library you are visiting how many items you can check out before bringing a stack of books up to the counter. Many

of our local libraries, like University of North Texas and Texas Woman's University, participate in the TexShare Card Program. For more information and to get a TexShare card, talk to the librarians at your campus.

—Submitted by Michelle McLaughlin

Subject Spotlight: Travel

The Explorers: A Story of Fearless Outcasts, Blundering Geniuses, and Impossible Success by Martin Dugard [Geography] (Gainesville) G 200 .D84 2014

Sextant: A Young Man's Daring Sea Voyage and the Men Who Mapped the World's Oceans by David Barrie [Geography] (Gainesville) G 540 .B26 2014

Stranger to History: A Son's Journey through Islamic Lands by Aatish Taseer [Middle Eastern History] (Gainesville) DS 49.7 .T327 2012

A House in the Sky: A Memoir by Amanda Lindhout [Memoir] (Flower Mound) PN 4913 .L495 A3 2013

Destination Dixie: Tourism and Southern History by Karen L. Cox [Geography] (Corinth) G 155 .U6 C67 2012

Traveling History Up the Cattle Trails: Complete Itineraries for Following the Southwestern Cattle Drives by Robin Cole-Jett [American History] (Gainesville) F 596 .C65 2011

Route 66: Main Street of America by Juddi Morris [American History] (Flower Mound & Gainesville) HE 356 .U55 M67 2006

Images of the World: Photography at the National Geographic by the National Geographic Book Service [Photography] (Gainesville) TR 790 .I45 1981

The Innocents Abroad by Mark Twain [Literature] (Bowie & Gainesville) PS 1312 .A1 1992 & PS 1312 .A1 1966

Running with Reindeer: Encounters in Russian Lapland by Roger Took [Memoir] (EBSCOHost eBook Collection)

Frommer's South America by Shawn Blore [Travel Guide] (EBSCOHost eBook Collection)

Visions of Greece [Documentary] (Corinth) DF 728 .V57 2004 DVD

Florence: Cradle of the Renaissance [Documentary] (Gainesville) DG 734.23 .F56 2008 DVD

Midnight in Paris [Movie] (Corinth) PN 1997.2 .M537 2011 DVD

—Submitted by Michelle McLaughlin



How Do I...Keep My Favorite Articles From Disappearing?

The Scenario: You finally have the hang of searching your favorite data-

base, and you are adding  articles

to your  Folder. You decide

it's time to stretch your legs and grab a snack. But when you return to the computer to look at your articles, your folder is... EMPTY! What happened to all of your hard work? The Problem: Most databases will time out after a set amount of time; this discards all of your saved articles. The Solution: If you are using any EB-

SCOhost database (Academic Search Complete, MEDLINE, Literary Reference Center, etc.) you may want to create a MyEBSCOhost account.

Remember to sign into your account once you access your EBSCOhost database of choice. You can now take a much-deserved break from research without fear your hard work will disappear! Ask a librarian about creating accounts for other database providers.

—Submitted by Sabrina McKethan



1. Access the databases through the library homepage, or my.nctc.edu if you are off-campus.
2. Select any EBSCOhost database.
3. Click "Sign in" at the top right of the database.
4. On the page that follows, choose "Create a new Account" and provide all requested information.

User Name

 Password

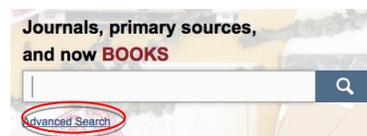
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 Load Preferences from My EBSCOhost

Database Spotlight: JSTOR

 began as “Journal Storage,” a way for libraries to preserve access to older issues of articles electronically. JSTOR includes nearly nine million resources including journal articles, full-text eBooks, and pamphlets from a variety of organizations and government agencies. Some materials in JSTOR date as far back as the 1500s! Because of its far reach into the past, JSTOR is a true treasure for all interested in historical accounts, or primary sources. Recently, JSTOR has begun to include more current resources as well. For most students, Academic Search Complete is their go-to starting point for research. But to take your research to the next level and find even more—JSTOR is not to be overlooked.

JSTOR does not have the bells and whistles of other databases, so here are a few tips to help you master this database.

Use the **advanced search**— it allows you to combine terms, add multiple search fields, and limit the date



range. In this example we use the advanced search to find information on the Supreme Court case Brown v. Board of Education. By putting our search phrase in **quotation marks**, we make sure our phrase is searched for intact.

Separating each variation of the word “versus” with **OR** gives us more inclusive results. We have also limited the **date range** closer to the time of the case. Try it on your own, and ask a librarian if you get stuck. Happy searching!

—Submitted by Sabrina McKethan

"Brown vs. Board of Education" Full-Text ▾

OR ▾ "Brown v. Board of Education" Full-Text ▾

OR ▾ "Brown versus Board of Education" Full-Text ▾

Add Field +

Include only content I can access

Include links to external content ⓘ

Search

NARROW BY:

ITEM TYPE	DATE RANGE
<input type="checkbox"/> Articles	From
<input type="checkbox"/> Books	1953
<input type="checkbox"/> Pamphlets	To
<input type="checkbox"/> Reviews	1960
<input type="checkbox"/> Miscellaneous	

Hey JSTOR! Find books, articles and pamphlets for “Brown v./ vs./ versus Board of Education” dating from 1953-1960.



Campus Update: Corinth



This past year the Corinth Library has been an integral part of the “World War I: Strands of the Great War” project. The library hosted a series of outstanding lectures on the topics of war

monuments; the music, art, and poetry of WWI; and the alleged British conspiracy to murder Rasputin, the latter of which was presented by our very own librarian, Dax Stokes. The library also gave a series of successful workshops on MLA style, APA style, reading

and understanding scholarly journals, and conducting college-level research. All workshops and lectures were well attended.

For the 2015 Summer semester, the Corinth Library will be extending its hours. In previous summers, the library was open from 7:30 am to 6:30 pm. This year, we will be open from 7:30 am to 7:30 pm. We also have a brand new Quick Print Station, right outside the library doors. This is in addi-

tion to the Quick Print Station already on the 3rd floor. Now you don’t have to go far in order to quickly print what you need. The new Quick Print Station is available any time, even if the library is closed.

—Submitted by Michelle McLaughlin

It’s Summer! Time to Read!

As the world eagerly awaits the July release of Harper Lee’s long-lost novel, *Go Set a Watchman*, many are re-reading (or reading) her first, *To Kill a Mockingbird*. In a 1991 survey, *To Kill a Mockingbird* was ranked second only to the Bible in “making a difference in people’s lives.” In light of recent events, 2015 may be a good time to revisit our beliefs in human dignity and racial differences. Lee’s *To Kill a Mockingbird* gently leads you into a thought-provoking place, as do some other titles found in your NCTC campus libraries.

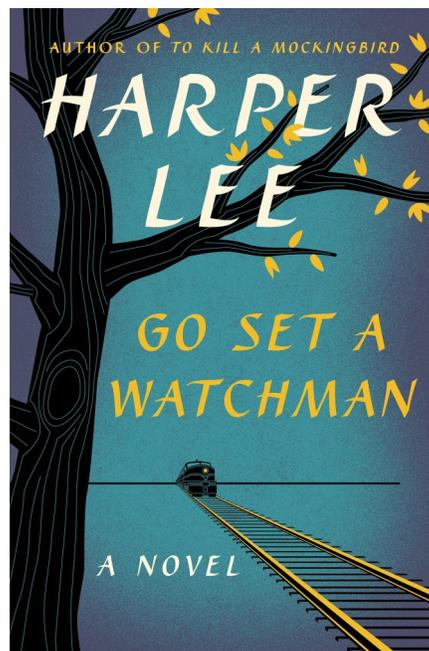
To Kill a Mockingbird is available in all 4 campus libraries.
PS 3562 .E353 T6 1995

Mockingbird: A Portrait of Harper Lee by Charles Shields. Corinth and Gainesville. PS 3562 .E353 Z87 2006

The Warmth of Other Suns by Isabel Wilkerson. Gainesville and Bowie. E185.6 .W685 2010

Their Eyes Were Watching God by Zora Hurston. Bowie, Corinth, and Flower Mound. PS3515 .U789 T5 2006

— Submitted by Robin Studdard





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Click on Library Newsletter on the menu under “Library Information”

Library Mission

The primary mission of the North Central Texas College Libraries is to support the instructional programs and institutional goals of North Central Texas College. NCTC Libraries strive to provide resources and services that stimulate intellectual curiosity and facilitate learning and research within the academic community. NCTC Libraries are dedicated to assisting students, faculty, and community members in meeting and exceeding their educational, instructional, professional, and life-enriching goals.



Calendar of Events: Summer 2015

June 8: Classes Begin (Summer I/III)

July 2: Fourth of July Holiday Observed—College Closed

July 9: Summer I Ends

July 13: Classes Begin (Summer II)

August 13: Term Ends (Summer II/III)

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