



University Library

University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point

Spring 2019 Newsletter

Libraries = Strong Communities

By Mindy King, Library Director

Happy National Library Week! This week we celebrate the Library and its role in building a strong UWSP community.

The Library builds an **informed community** by providing access to information and teaching information literacy skills. It's a typical day in the library. A biology student sits with a reference librarian and together they search for sources discussing the parenting behavior of chimpanzees. "Let's try *Biological Abstracts*," suggests the librarian. Another student approaches the reference desk and asks for help finding the *New Grove Dictionary of Music and Musicians*, "I need to find credible information about the composer Handel." In the classroom, economics students learn to use tools beyond Google to connect to the information of their discipline. They discuss how to think critically about the information they find and how to use it ethically. In an office, a librarian works with a faculty member to embed a streaming video into Canvas. The instructor shares, "The students are enjoying the film

and I can bring it into our class discussions now, too!" In the technical services area, library staff process new resources, everything from the university's 125th Anniversary book *Then, Now and Forever*, to a Little Bits coding kit, to a new package of ebooks.

The Library builds a **collaborative community** by providing safe, welcoming, inclusive spaces that are rich in technology and foster interdisciplinary collaboration. Student groups use the study rooms to productively work together to complete class projects. To connect with students, a faculty member holds office hours in the Reference Room. On almost any given day of the week, a shared governance group can be found meeting in the Library. "The Library is convenient and is often thought of as

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"In addition to providing communities with access to ideas and information, libraries play an important role in our public life by encouraging creativity, promoting equality, and serving as a source of empowerment. This week, and every week, library workers deserve our support and gratitude."

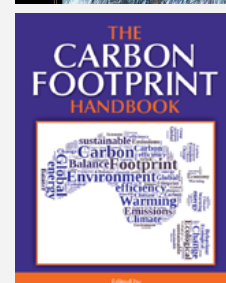
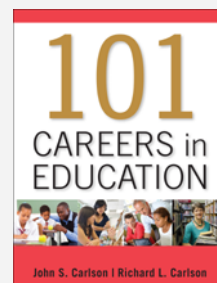
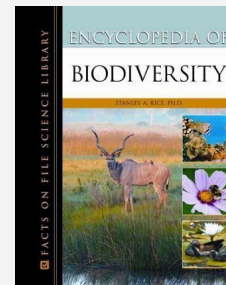
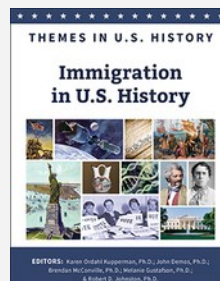
~ Melinda Gates, National Library Week Honorary Chair

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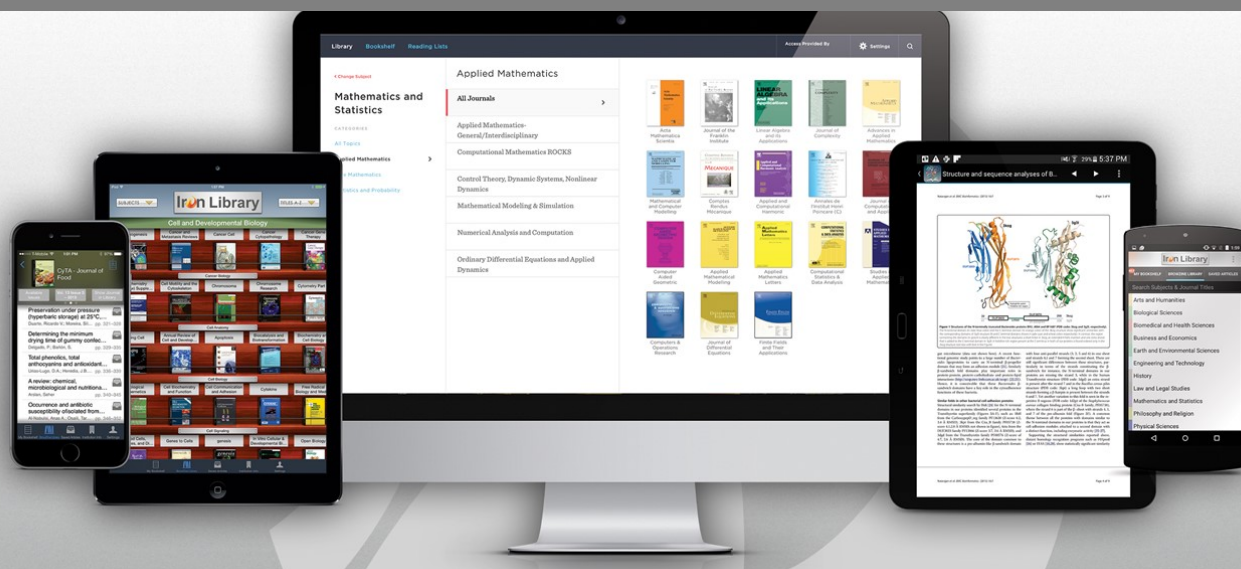
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BrowZine

The Library is happy to announce the addition of a new tool called [BrowZine](#) that allows you to browse scholarly ejournals available through our library.

Food for Fines: The Library Gives Back

During the first week of April, students with overdue fines had their fines waived if they brought in a food or toiletry donation. These items were donated to [The Cupboard](#), a food pantry open to any current UWSP student who needs emergency or supplemental food.

Of course, the Library accepted donations from anyone, not just those with fines. During the week, 74 items were collected and delivered to The Cupboard. If you missed this opportunity, it's not too late. [The Cupboard](#) accepts donations anytime during their regular business hours.



Library Circulation Policy Updates

- ◆ **Overdue fines eliminated for students.** At the end of the semester, the Library will cease charging overdue fines to students (with the exception of Reserve items). Students will still be responsible for lost books and must replace items not returned or incur a \$100 replacement fee. This practice is already in place at our branch campus libraries.
- ◆ **Patron accounts with fees in excess of \$200 will be blocked.** All patrons, including faculty and staff, will be blocked from further borrowing privileges when accounts exceed \$200. This is to encourage the return of long overdue items and keep our materials available for all to use. If you have questions about the status of your account, please contact the Main Circulation Desk at 715-346-2540 or libcirc@uwsp.edu.

We need our books. Support our University Library. Return Your Books.

The University Library helps students, faculty, and staff with their research, course work, projects, interests, and new knowledge - every day.

Right now, someone may have an overdue book in their office, home, bathroom, car, or old desk. They may still be using it, or maybe they forgot about it.

You can help make sure the University Library has resources for everyone by returning any overdue items. Our Library's budgets do not increase, and we depend on the nature of free borrowing and returning.



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Questions? Contact the Circulation Desk
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a neutral space that naturally brings people together," shared one committee chair.

The Library builds a **creative community** by celebrating poetry. On April 18th, the Library will once again partner with the Portage County Public Library, The Portage County Literacy Council, The Store, and CREATE Portage County to celebrate Poem in Your Pocket Day. On that day, volunteers will distribute short poems around the community to promote creative written expression and encourage people to be inspired through poetry.

Perhaps, most importantly, the Library builds a **student-centered community** by bringing together the units of University College in Albertson Hall. Together, these units strive every day to foster student success both in and out of the classroom. Sometimes this is through the official work we do and sometimes it's simply being there for students. Recently, a student

came to the Reference Desk for help with an annotated bibliography. This is a fairly routine question, but as the librarian worked with the student, he quickly realized there was much more going on and that the student was struggling with issues far beyond the actual assignment. The librarian shared that "while the bibliographic help I provided wasn't anything out of the norm, it was obvious that getting that help to get her on track and also having someone who could empathize with her situation definitely seemed to brighten her day. I think it goes to show that sometimes we don't have to do anything extraordinary to have a very positive impact on someone." It's all about putting the student's needs first.

This week, and every week, I ask you to celebrate the Library and its role in our community. We are stronger because of it!



"The library builds a strong UWSP community by providing students with resources that help them become better learners. Everything from the historical archives, the instructional material center, and the collections of books provide us with the tools to continue expanding our knowledge about the world around us."

~ Brailey Kerber, SGA President



"Libraries have always been a central collaborating partner in campus life, whether it be in helping students achieve their academic goals, providing collaboration resources and space, or being a social hub for student life. The library builds a strong UWSP community by being a central location that belongs to everyone in the university community; faculty, staff, students, and the communities at large."

~ Gretel Stock, Dean of University College



"Albertson Hall and the University Library serve the UWSP community as a foundation for all of our academic programs. The library provides a space for students to research topics, expand their minds, cram for those chemistry exams, and relax when they are in between classes. One could say that the library serves as a central hub for students and student activity."

~ Dyllan Griepentrog, SGA Vice President

LIBRARY IMPACT: BY THE NUMBERS



236,328
Library Website
VISITS



11,946
Research Guide
VIEWS



5,190
Study Rooms
RESERVED



6,979
Library Instruction
ATTENDEES



7,740
Interlibrary Loan
REQUESTS



6,125
Questions
ANSWERED

Based on 2017-2018 Academic Year

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Retro Video Games in the Archives

This past semester, the Archives was involved with the Library's Exam Cram for the first time with their Historic Video Games event. Fourteen gaming systems spanning four decades were available for students to experience. Systems ranged from the Atari 2600 (1977) to the Nintendo Wii (2006) and students gravitated to consoles throughout the timeline. Favorites included Super Smash Bros. Melee (2001, Nintendo GameCube), Mario Kart 64 (1997, Nintendo 64), and Duck Hunt (1985, Nintendo Entertainment System). Not only did the event provide an opportunity for students to learn about and enjoy gaming technology from the past, it proved to be a very effective study break.



The event was massively popular and well attended. Feedback was overwhelmingly supportive, prompting the Archives to not only bring back the event in the future, but also to begin curation of a permanent retro video game collection. This Collection will be important not only to relieve stress, but also to explore gaming culture of previous decades, the historical context of electronic entertainment, and the evolution of gaming technology from obsolete to cutting-edge.

Michael Dombeck Archival Papers

[This digital collection](#) consists of materials collected by former Forest Service Chief Michael Dombeck over the course of his career with the United States Departments of the Interior and Agriculture. Dombeck is an alumnus of UWSP and also a former professor of this campus. The collection reflects the day-to-day business Dombeck conducted and his commitment to the stewardship of federal land, water, and forests. The complete collection is available at the UWSP Archives and Area Research Center.



Upcoming Events

April 7-13 (all week)

National Library Week

Celebrate libraries and the roles they play in our communities.

April 18 (all day)

Poem in Your Pocket Day

On this day, select a poem, carry it with you, and share it with others! Look for volunteers distributing poems around our community.

May 2 (4:30-7:00 p.m.)

Location: ALB 650

Research Blitz: Impact Through Scholarship and Creative work

Celebrate the scholarship of our colleagues and learn what faculty across the colleges and campuses are doing in their research.

May 13 (6:00-11:00 p.m.)

Location: Albertson Hall

Exam Cram

Stress relief activities, tutors, and reference librarians to help with your studies.

Branch Campus Libraries Update

Library services will begin integrating with the main campus library during the month of May. Please note these important dates that will affect access to services and resources at the branch campuses.

- ◆ **May 1:** Wausau and Marshfield library patrons will no longer be able to request physical items via Interlibrary Loan from the UW Colleges Libraries. Contact your branch campus librarian to facilitate requests via the main campus Library.
- ◆ **May 10:** Wausau and Marshfield library patrons will no longer be able to request physical items from other UW libraries via Resource Sharing from the UW Colleges Libraries. Contact your branch campus librarian to facilitate requests via the main campus Library.
- ◆ **May 20:** Wausau and Marshfield library patrons will no longer be able to request article delivery via Interlibrary Loan from the UW Colleges Libraries. Contact your branch campus librarian to facilitate requests via the main campus Library.
- ◆ **May 20:** All items checked out with a UW Colleges ID must be returned. Please return items by this date to avoid lost item fees.
- ◆ **May 20:** Wausau and Marshfield patrons begin accessing UWSP Library electronic resources via the Library's webpage (<https://www.uwsp.edu/library>). Patrons will first need to activate their UWSP account.

UWSP Libraries

The faculty and staff of the UWSP Libraries look forward to serving you from all three of our locations!

Marshfield:

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lpetri@uwsp.edu

Stevens Point:

715-346-2540

librefd@uwsp.edu

Wausau:

715-262-6220

rwallin@uwsp.edu



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