**Did you know...**

**From the Director...**

The library conducted a brief survey of students, both undergraduate and graduate, to get an indication of student opinion of the library, including the building itself, the services and the resources that we provide.

Briefly, the survey found, among other things, the following:

- The building is dingy and uncomfortable and could use more cleaning, better paint and better furniture. A team or architects is to examine the library to provide guidance in updating the library’s looks and comfort.
- Many students come to the library to use both library computers for research and the computer lab for general computing and word processing. We are pleased to let people know that there will be a significant increase in general computing and printing capabilities in the library by the fall.
- While most respondents reported satisfaction with library services, the survey revealed dissatisfaction with study spaces (amount of space, number of rooms and quality of furniture). We will be working on acquiring more comfortable furniture. Finding new study space in a relatively small building will be, however, more difficult.
- Over 80% of the respondents said they would be willing to abide by a student-enforced quiet period or floor in the library during the final exam period. We will take that under consideration.

The purpose of this brief survey was just to get a snapshot of current opinion about the library. Next spring we will conduct a comprehensive survey of all students and faculty about all aspects of the library and its services so that we can make appropriate plans to refine and enhance our services. We do appreciate the time that people took to give us guidance thus far.

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**Staff News — Congratulations are in order for:**


Linda Verlinghieri, who has been promoted to Interlibrary Loan Administrator.

**New Faces @ the Library:**

- Martha Cannon - Reference Assistant
- Kyle Casey - Multimedia & Classroom Support Evening Coordinator
- Tamara Jackson - Interlibrary Loan Assistant
- Richard Orme - Multimedia & Classroom Support Weekend Coordinator
- Liz Pinder - Circulation Assistant
Widener University traces its origins to Wilmington, Delaware, where it began in 1821 as a small Quaker school for boys. During the next 180 years the school was transformed numerous times, changing into Pennsylvania Military Academy, Pennsylvania Military College, PMC Colleges, Widener College, and finally Widener University. The holdings of the University Archives document much of this rich and diverse history. Online Web exhibits, including Oral Histories by PMC graduates, give a flavor of life as it was experienced by the many diverse students who have been educated here.

Users can search these collections through the Archives Online catalog found on the Archives homepage. Links to dynamic Web exhibits, including scrapbooks created by PMC students, as well as numerous photographs, are also on the homepage. Users can also search the full text of historical documents such as the PMC News from 1916 to 1950 and several histories of the institution. All of these unique resources give a flavor of the life experienced by the many diverse students who have attended our institution.

Library Lore:

“The Little Nipper Window was donated in honor of Eldridge Johnson. Dedication brochure of the Eldridge R. Johnson Media Systems Center, April 14, 1971 in the Wolfgram Memorial Library.”

— From the Library Archives

Dissertation Guidelines

Click on the link from the library homepage for information regarding the binding process.

For the Spring ’08 semester, please contact Maria Varki, at 610-499-4080, if you have any questions.

Laptops are now available at

Multimedia & Classroom Support
Department of ITS
Lower Level of Memorial Library