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It's Time to Cook the Books – Edible Book Fest: April 15

Are you a “foodie”? Do you like to read? Then the Edible Book Fest is for you!

Cofrin Library will be holding its 2nd annual Edible Book Fest on April 15 from Noon to 2pm. We invite the campus and community to submit an edible entry. Need some inspiration? Check out photos from last year’s event.

Prizes will be awarded in the following categories: People’s Choice, Biggest Wow Factor, Best Interpretation of a Title, “Punniest,” and Most Likely to Be Eaten.

This year we will be partnering with the Student Government Association to raffle off the edible entries. Tickets are $1 a piece or 10 tickets for $5. All proceeds will go to a local food pantry.

New Streaming Video Databases

We have two new streaming video databases to tell you about: Cofrin Library now provides access to American History in Video and Black Studies in Video, both from Alexander Street Press.

American History in Video contains more than 6,000 videos from early newreel footage to documentaries. Black Studies in Video contains nearly 150 videos covering history, politics, culture, family, and social issues relating to African Americans. These streaming video collections can be used in classes, linked to from D2L, and are useful for student projects.

To access: Go to the Cofrin Library website > Databases by Subject > History.

More Full Text Journals Added

New this month! We’ve added access to 600+ high impact peer-reviewed journals comprising of over 500,000 full text articles from SAGE. Journals in SAGE Premier [PDF] come from many subject areas, with particular emphasis on social issues, education, criminology, and urban studies. Most journal articles are from 1999-present. SAGE maintains an Excel spreadsheet of journal titles if you’re interested in browsing journal titles.

These SAGE journals are integrated with all of our databases. You will be linked to full-text access to SAGE journal articles when you are searching. Just look for the “Find It” button!
“Prezi” on Plagiarism

What is Plagiarism? Check out our new Prezi on plagiarism. Created by Instruction & Reference Librarian Joe Hardenbrook, this Prezi (zoomable whiteboard presentation tool) looks at how to avoid plagiarism, common examples of plagiarism, and tips on paraphrasing, summarizing, and quoting. It’s also embedded onto the library’s plagiarism guide.

Study: Correlating Academic Achievement & Interlibrary Loan Use

Can the advantage that students gain by using a specific library service be quantified? Resource Sharing Librarian Mitchell Scott recently asked this question and carried out a research project that investigates the institutional use of interlibrary loan at UWGB and what correlations might exist between interlibrary loan use and student academic achievement.

The study yields some interesting results. Did you know that students that use ILL have a GPA that’s .20 higher than students that do not? For more on Scott’s study, read our blog post.

New York Times: False Online Journals Trick Scientists

If you haven’t seen it yet, the New York Times (April 8) provided coverage that those in the library and publishing world have had to keep an eye on: the rise of pseudo-academic journals in the online and open access environment. It’s worth a read. Check out the full article via our LexisNexis database subscription. For more on “predatory” online journals, consult the Scholarly Kitchen blog for comprehensive coverage.

If you have questions about journals, consult with library staff or check out our Ulrich’s database – a directory of journals which you can use to look up contact information, frequency of publication, and whether a journal is refereed.

New Books Spotlight

Here are a few new books in our collection:
For a full listing of new books for April, check out our blog post.

**Books & Media Recommendations**

Cofrin Library welcomes suggestions for books and media titles for the collection. Contact librarian Joan Robb in Collection Management at robbj@uwgb.edu.

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