Yet more progress on the US Conn Library renovations is now on public display. On February 16 we opened the new Nordstram Art Gallery in grand fashion. A throng of students, faculty, and staff attended the opening reception. The first show, featuring the work of Omaha-based artist Susan Knight, will remain on display until March 15. Her exhibit, Water Inlays and Overlays, is based on her research with water systems and environmental concerns.

The new Nordstram Gallery provides an outstanding resource for Wayne State College. It occupies the northeast corner of the first floor. This new space features movable walls that allow a variety of configurations for the room. Several shows will be presented each year. For more information on this exhibition and upcoming shows, or to learn more about the Nordstrand Visual Arts Gallery, visit www.wsc.edu/artgallery or contact Andy Haslit,

Assistant Professor of Art History and Gallery Director at (402) 375-7031.

- DAVE GRABER
Library Director
New Books at Conn

Philosophy, Ethics & Religion
- Character and cops: ethics in policing
- The roots of goodness and resistance to evil: inclusive caring, moral courage, altruism born of suffering, active bystander, and heroism
- At home in the world: stories and essential teachings from a monk's life

Social Sciences
- Blood in the water: the Attica prison uprising of 1971 and its legacy
- Stamped from the beginning: the definitive history of racist ideas in America
- Campaign trends and election law
- The new minority: white working class politics in an age of immigration and inequality
- Making the world safe: the American Red Cross and a nation's humanitarian awakening

Math & Science
- Weapons of math destruction: how big data increases inequality and threatens democracy
- Sun, Moon, Earth: the history of solar eclipses, from omens of doom to Einstein and exoplanets
- Strange glow: the story of radiation
- Light: a radiant history from creation to the quantum age
- The hidden life of trees: what they feel, how they communicate: discoveries from a secret world

Applied Sciences
- Fitness professional's handbook
- Effective fundraising for nonprofits: real-world strategies that work
- Bread illustrated: a step-by-step guide to achieving bakery-quality results at home

The Arts
- Subversive ceramics
- Becoming a music teacher: from student to practitioner
- Applying music in exercise and sport

Language & Literature
- Language Hacking: Spanish
- Dante: the story of his life
- The hatred of poetry

History
- The borderland of fear: Vincennes, Prophetstown, and the invasion of the Miami homeland
- The Earth is weeping: the epic story of the Indian wars for the American West
- Black Elk: the life of an American visionary

Want a full list of New Books available at Conn Library?
Browse the New Book section in the library or visit bit.ly/wscnewbooks.
Introducing...WiDi Study Rooms!

WiDi, or Wireless Display, allows users to stream content without wires directly from personal laptops and devices to a wall-mounted HDTV. This technology is now available in 2 study rooms, LI 103 & LI 104. In the fall, two additional WiDi Study Rooms will become available. Instructions for using WiDi is available in each room and further assistance can be obtained at the Circulation Desk. For those without their own devices, the TV screens are also equipped with attached computers.

Teaching & Learning Technology Department Returns to Conn Library

After packing many boxes and with the help of Facility Services and the Help Desk Ninjas the Teaching and Learning Technology department has moved back to the library, but this time to the second floor. Eddie’s office, LI 205b, is inside our Multimedia Lab, LI 205. Jennifer’s office, LI 206, is right next door to the Multimedia Lab.

The Multimedia Lab has eight computers, including one with an 11 x 7 scanner, and a color printer/copier. Everyone is welcome to use the computers, which all have Adobe Creative Suite. New additions to our space will include a Video Studio with green screen, video editing and studio lighting, and two Active Learning with Technology (ALT) classrooms. Come by the second floor of the library to say hello and check out all we have to offer. If you have any questions do not hesitate to ask.

-JENNIFER JOHNSON
IRC Classroom (LI 209) Available for Reservations

LI 209 is located on the 2nd level of the library in the IRC next to the K-12 Textbook and PreK-12 Children’s collections. Reconfigurable tables and chairs on wheels makes this a highly versatile classroom. It seats 32, includes 30 student white boards, a rolling whiteboard/bulletin board, a teaching table with podium, and a mobile wide-screen TV monitor that is computer accessible through a wireless mouse and keyboard.

Reservations can be made through the IRC at x7270.

2017 ALA Youth Media Awards

On January 23rd the winners of the ALA Youth Media Awards were announced during the 2017 ALA Midwinter Meeting in Atlanta. Conn Library is excited to be able to order and add the following award winning books to its children’s collection:

Randolph Caldecott Medal
Awarded to the artist of the most distinguished American Picture Book for Children published in the United States during the preceding year.

Radiant Child: The Story of Young Artist Jean-Michel Basquiat,
written and illustrated by Javaka Steptoe

John Newbery Medal
Awarded to the author of the most distinguished contribution to American literature for children.

The Girl Who Drank the Moon,
written by Kelly Barnhill

Robert F. Siebert Informational Book Award
Awarded to the author/illustrator of the most distinguished informational book published in the United States in English during the preceding year.

March: Book Three, created by John Lewis, Andrew Aydin, and Nate Powell

Pura Belpré Medals
Awarded to a Latino/Latina writer and illustrator whose work best portrays, affirms, and celebrates the Latino cultural experience in an outstanding work of literature for children and youth.

Author Award: Juana & Lucas, written by and illustrated by Juana Medina

Illustrator Award: Lowriders to the Center of the Earth written by Cathy Camper and illustrated by Raúl Gonzalez

Coretta Scott King Awards
Awarded to authors and illustrators of African descent whose distinguished books promote an understanding and appreciation of the “American Dream.”

Author Award: March: Book Three, created by John Lewis, Andrew Aydin, and Nate Powell

Illustrator Award: Radiant Child: The Story of Young Artist Jean-Michel Basquiat, written and illustrated by Javaka Steptoe

John Steptoe New Talent Award: The Sun Is Also a Star, written by Nicola Yoon

Michael L. Printz Award
Awarded to a book that exemplifies literary excellence in young adult literature.

March: Book Three, created by John Lewis, Andrew Aydin, and Nate Powell

To learn more visit: bit.ly/alayouth
The Holland Academic Success Center will find a new home in the library this March. HASC’s office suite will be located on south side of the second level near the elevator. Along with staff office space, the suite includes a work room and attaching testing room with access to the neighboring Quiet Area. Meanwhile, on the first level, in the new Academic Commons, the Writing Help Desk will return to its previous location in a newly renovated room with the Science Help Desk being housed in the adjacent room. Other HASC Help Desks will utilize open study area near these two rooms.
Have You Tried Framelit Dies?

Framelit die cuts can be checked-out from the IRC and used on the Big Shot Machine. These small and sometimes delicate dies are perfect for smaller projects such as scrapbooking and card making.

For a complete list of Framelit dies, visit www.pinterest.com/connlibrary/sizzixframelits-die-cuts/

Recent Framelit Additions
New Teaching Aids

Lacing Buttons
(Set of 48)

Picasso Tiles

Smart Counting Cookies

Magnetic Whiteboard Spinners

Lacing Buttons
(Set of 48)

Blunders Manners Game

Hidden Rules
Social Skills Game

Ultra Bright LED Panel

Set of 36 Colored Dice

Playing Cards

Set of 72 Double-Dice

Answer Buttons

Very Hungry Caterpillar/Butterfly Set w/ Book

Math Equivalency Puzzles-
Operations, Place Value, Time,
Money & Fractions

Goodnight Moon Puppet,
Props & Book

FOR EVEN MORE UNIQUE TEACHING AIDS, VISIT
libguides.wsc.edu/irc/teachingaids
Nebraska 150 Reading Challenge

Nebraska is celebrating its 100th birthday on March 1, 2017. To celebrate this milestone, the Nebraska 150 Commission has issued the Nebraska 150 Reading Challenge.

According to their website, “The goal of the Nebraska 150 Reading Challenge is to draw attention to the best literature produced from Nebraska and to highlight the varied cultures, historical time periods and locations that are featured in the selected books. These books will contribute to a greater understanding of our shared history.”

The reading list includes Fiction, Nonfiction, Young Adult/Children and Poetry titles. You can download a printable list of all 150 books at bit.ly/NE150booklist

To get you started, here are a few of titles from the Nebraska 150 Short List that WSC owns:

FICTION
- The swan gondola / Timothy Schaffert
- My Ántonia / Willa Cather
- The meaning of names : a novel / Karen Gettert Shoemaker
- A lantern in her hand / Bess Streeter Aldrich
- A different plain : contemporary Nebraska fiction writers / edited by Ladette Randolph
- Goodnight, Nebraska : a novel / Tom McNeal
- A perfect evil / Alex Kava
- The home place / Wright Morris

NONFICTION
- "I am a man" : Chief Standing Bear's journey for justice / Joe Starita
- Local wonders : seasons in the Bohemian Alps / Ted Kooser
- Solomon D. Butcher : photographing the American dream / John Carter
- Old Jules / Mari Sandoz
- Keith County journal / John Janovy, Jr
- A Harmony of the arts : the Nebraska state capitol / edited by Frederick C. Luebke
- All the strange hours : the excavation of a life / Loren Eiseley
- The middle of everywhere : helping refugees enter the American community / Mary Pipher
- Fighting liberal, the autobiography of George W. Norris / George W. Norris

YOUNG ADULT / CHILDREN
- Night of the twisters / Ivy Ruckman
- Bag in the wind / Ted Kooser
- Going north / Janice N. Harrington
- Eleanor & Park / Rainbow Rowell
- The Rithmatist / Brandon Sanderson
- Pioneer girl : growing up on the prairie / Andrea Warren

POETRY
- A cycle of the west / John G. Neihardt
- Potato soup / Twyla Hansen
- Nebraska presence : an anthology of poetry / Greg Kosmicki and Mary K. Stillwell, editors
- Forty Nebraska poets / edited by Greg Kuzma
More Remodeling Updates

**Academic Commons**

The Academic Commons on the 1st level of the library is nearing completion just like many other spaces as we beginning to wrap up construction. When completed and furnished, the Academic Commons will be home to the Holland Help Desks and the library’s own Research Desk. It will be a collaborative space with movable furniture and whiteboards, high and low seating options, computer stations, as well as both hard and soft furniture selections. It will be the perfect spot to work together in groups, get help when needed, or sit back and enjoy a coffee from Jitters while people watching out the large floor to ceiling windows.

**Quiet Area**

This fall, the Quiet Area will return to the 2nd level of the library in a dedicated space designed to keep out noise from other areas of the library. Using a combination of soft and hard surfaces, this area will be perfect for that student who wants to find some alone time and hit the books. The room will be ringed by 12 study rooms, 5 of which are designed for single-person use. Once completed, the Quiet Area will be the home to smaller collections such as Oversized Books, Reference, Music Scores and VHS titles.
The Nebraska Center for the Book announced *Black Elk Speaks* by John G. Neihardt as the 2017 One Book One Nebraska reading selection.

**Book Description**

*Black Elk Speaks*, the story of the Oglala Lakota visionary and healer Nicholas Black Elk (1863–1950) and his people during the momentous twilight years of the nineteenth century, offers readers much more than a precious glimpse of a vanished time. Black Elk’s searing visions of the unity of humanity and Earth, conveyed by John G. Neihardt (1881-1973), have made this book a classic that crosses multiple genres. Whether appreciated as the poignant tale of a Lakota life, as a history of a Native nation, or as an enduring spiritual testament, *Black Elk Speaks* is unforgettable.

**Learn More!**

The One Book One Nebraska reading program is entering its twelfth year. It encourages Nebraskans across the state to read and discuss one book, chosen from books written by Nebraska authors or that have a Nebraska theme or setting. A committee of the Nebraska Center for the Book selected this book from the Nebraska Literary Heritage Association’s Nebraska 150 Reading Challenge of one hundred and fifty titles that epitomizes the best literature produced in Nebraska’s first 150 years. The Nebraska Center for the Book board announced the choice for the 2017 One Book One Nebraska at the Celebration of Nebraska Books on October 29, 2016 in Lincoln, NE.

**Check it Out Today!**

WSC has 2 copies:
- WSC Compact Shelving 970.3 Og1bL 1979
- WSC Compact Shelving 970.3 Og1bL 1988

*Black Elk Speaks* is also available as an ebook at bit.ly/blackelspeaks

Visit onebook.nebraska.gov for book club kits, discussion guides and more.

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**A Look at the New WSC Archives**

The WSC Archives will soon find its new home in the lower level of the library. Currently compact shelving is being installed in the Workroom that will house the majority of the archival collection. Once completed, patrons will be able to enter near the Archives Office and work with Archivist Marcus Schlichter to select items to review in the Reading Room and adjoining Preview Rooms. Patrons may also access some of our digitized collections online at bit.ly/WSCarchives.
With this Archival Minute we will bring to a conclusion our look at the life of Ulysses S. Conn. This final chapter will focus on the last year (1934-1935) of his presidency and his death.

The year was a time of contrast. It was a time of celebration as the College commemorated its silver anniversary and U. S. Conn marked his 25th year as president in 1935. However, it was also a time of discord as a long-time faculty member, Dr. J. G. W. Lewis, brought charges against President Conn before the state college board regarding the conduct of his administration.

**Conn vs. Lewis**

Dr. J. G. W. (John Greenleaf Whittier) Lewis was one of the original 1910 faculty members. He headed the history and political science departments. He had also served on the Wayne city council and was a member of the Nebraska Constitutional Convention in 1919-1920. The 1935 *Spizzerinktum* wrote about him: "Dr. Lewis has worked with President Conn to increase educational opportunity and strengthen institutional reputation. Everyone knows of their accomplishments.”

However, when that was written, a feud between Lewis and President Conn—that evidently had been building for some time—was coming to a climax.

*The Goldenrod* was silent on the feud. *The Wayne Herald* gave the controversy only minimal coverage until near the end. The Lincoln newspapers, however, did cover the feud in some detail throughout. We have statements made by President Conn independent of the newspaper accounts, but we don’t have any such statements of Dr. Lewis. Lewis does not even mention the controversy in his brief autobiography written in 1966. We do have the recollections of a former student, Ray Mattison, who has been mentioned before and who favored Lewis in the dispute.

The culmination of the feud began in the fall of 1934. Evidently, J. G. W. Lewis and “a few other critics of the [Wayne State] administration school head, Pres. U. S. Conn” initiated the board’s investigation. According to *The Lincoln Star* (December 12, 1934), Lewis and the others had “made charges reflecting upon his [Conn’s] management.” As indicated above, we do not have a complete, detailed list of Lewis’s exact charges; we know them only through secondary sources including Conn’s denials of the charges.

The newspaper further wrote that “[o]ne report is that a member of the 1933 legislature has been engineering a movement from outside, designed to bring about Conn’s removal from the position.”

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**A Birthday Party, Silver Anniversary and Retirement**

On March 8, 1935, a week before U. S. Conn’s 70th birthday, *The Goldenrod* carried the banner headline “Birthday Greetings To President U. S. Conn” on its front page with a large photograph of the president.

“Happy birthday, ‘Prexy!’ To you we dedicate this birthday issue of the Goldenrod, and to you, we wish many happy returns of the day.”

The writer explained that she had sat down with the president earlier in the day for an interview—a rare occasion. In that interview, he “answered several questions as to the changes that have taken place since his young manhood, both in educational fields as a whole and on our own campus.”

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To read the entire February 2017 Archival Minute, visit bit.ly/amWSC.
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Then become a book reviewer for our Book Examination Program!

A portion of the children's collection is dedicated to making new books available for librarians, teachers, and students to review before purchase, or to use. These books are designated with the location "WSC Book Exam Ctr" in the library catalog and can be identified by the blue tape on their spines.

New books are constantly arriving, and local reviewers are constantly reading them and providing reviews of them. Students and faculty are encouraged to become reviewers. Each reviewer is asked to provide information on suitability for: age or grade; individual or library use; as well as a plot summary, and recommendation for usage.

If you would like to participate in the book review program, book review forms are located on the shelf end cap of the juvenile section.

For more information, contact Marilyn Quance at 402-375-7474.