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The Teszler Times

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Dear Wofford Faculty,

As you will see, it seems that the theme of my column this semester could be labeled “partnerships.” Most of you are aware of the fact that we assist hundreds of your students each semester as they delve into their work for your courses. In collaboration with you, we shepherd many of them through the research process in a way that their analysis of sources and critical thinking advances significantly in a matter of weeks. Just like you, we enjoy observing how our students’ engagement with information and their immersion into the scholarly dialogue on a given topic evolve over time.

While on a different level, we are eager to consult and collaborate with you to ensure your scholarship advances. It is important to hear the ways in which we can support you in your endeavors – whether it is through strengthening or adapting existing services we provide, implementing new ideas you have or securing information resources that you need. Concerning the latter, it is true that our resources are finite, but we always are seeking ways to provide you with as much as we can. As an example, you will read elsewhere in this newsletter about a terrific new partnership we are entering. We are joining the Center for Research Libraries consortium, which will allow us to make millions of primary sources available to you.

Also, when you need a dedicated place and time to focus on your writing, you can take advantage of the Write on Site initiative right here in the library each Friday afternoon, thanks to a partnership between the library and the CIL. Whether you need a place to write or just want a change of scenery, please do drop by the library to let me know how we can partner with you. My colleagues and I also would welcome the opportunity to visit you or your entire department. Related to that, you will see in this issue a reminder about our subject librarian program, which has paired one of us with each department and program.

I hope to hear from you in the coming weeks. Meanwhile, I wish each of you a pleasant and productive spring semester!

Kevin Reynolds

CRL MEMBERSHIP

We are excited to announce that Wofford is now a member of the Center for Research Libraries (see: www.crl.edu), an international consortium of university, college and independent research libraries. CRL supports advanced research and teaching in the humanities, sciences and social sciences by preserving and making available critical primary source material.

The membership allows you to access millions of items that may not have been as accessible to you before. The loan period for print or microform materials is a generous six months, renewable until another member requests them. In some cases, CRL may digitize resources on demand. We plan to provide access to some CRL resources using OneSearch or our catalog. Requests can be made through our interlibrary loan service.

WHO IS YOUR SUBJECT LIBRARIAN?

Pop quiz! Who is your subject librarian? If you can’t answer that question, refresh your memory by checking our list at http://libguides.wofford.edu/subjectlibrarians.

Great ways to use your subject librarian include:

• Adding our contact info to your research-heavy course syllabi.
• Talking to us about your own research needs.
• Reminding your students that consulting with a librarian will save them enormous amounts of precious time.

We also love to hear your suggestions for the purchase of books and other resources for our collections. Your expertise keeps our collections relevant and strong.
FROM THE LIBRARY COMMITTEE

Colleagues,
The 2017-18 academic year brought big changes to the Library Committee. We welcomed three new members to the committee this year, including a representative librarian and representatives from the Center for Innovation and Learning Technology Services.

We are excited about the plans to renovate the library. Among other things, we have been working to organize a collection of Academic Commons Meetings. Our hope is that these meetings will initiate discussions between the various elements of the campus community that will play a role in the new Academic Commons.

On behalf of the Library Committee,
Brian Pigott

INTERIM 2018 + LIBRARIANS

Four librarians participated in January Interim. Tim Brown joined Philip Swicegood and Ron Robinson to share his fly-fishing expertise, spending lots of time in the water and traveling to western North Carolina.

Emily Witsell and Luke Meagher co-taught “Everything Old is New Again: Using the Digital Liberal Arts to Create Online Historical Collections.” Students learned digital liberal arts techniques and uses, creating projects based on materials found here. Their project topics ranged from 16th century manuscripts to Civil War memorabilia to local history.

This year, the 50th anniversary of Interim, college archivist Phillip Stone and military science professor Simon Stricklen recreated a 1968 Interim that studied the Battle of Cowpens, a 1781 Revolutionary War battle fought near campus and considered to be one of the most important battles in the war. New discoveries by the 2018 group will be added to the records of the 1968 project held in the archives.

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WOFFORD’S LITERARY SOCIETIES

This semester’s exhibit in the library gallery examines the history and legacy of Wofford’s literary societies. In August 1854, the first literary society was created as a venue to practice skills such as debating, oratory, parliamentary procedure and writing. Three more had been formed by 1920. During the college’s first century, the societies were integral to student life – starting libraries, building the college portrait collection and starting three student publications. Members planned major student events and provided the ceremonial activities of the annual Commencement week. While literary societies no longer exist, their influence on the college continues.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Explore Black History in South Carolina through books and streaming video on special display during the month of February.

FALL SEMESTER AT-A-GLANCE

9,934
FULL TEXT ARTICLES DOWNLOADED

4,229
EBOOKS ACCESSED

33,626
MINUTES OF STREAMING VIDEOS VIEWED

1,172
NEWLY ADDED CATALOG RECORDS

60,000
VISITORS TO THE LIBRARY

136
EXAMS PROCTORED

700
QUESTIONS ANSWERED

2250
BOOKS CHECKED OUT

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