Credo Reference is a new electronic reference service which features the full text of hundreds of reference books along with images, customizable data, visual concept maps of results, sound, maps, and more. It is available to the DeSales community from the Library database page, under general sources.

The collection features: over 2 million entries; 180,000 audio pronunciation files; 66,000 art, science, and medical images; and 90,000 atlas images of places and geographic features throughout the world.

We think it will be useful to students who need a quick overview of a topic before beginning research for course assignments as well students who just need definitions or explanations of specific terms. Credo includes:

**Interactive maps** - Over 90,000 places and geographic features are covered.

**Customizable, exportable data tables.** Design your own research; compare country data from the *CIA World Factbook* or data from the *US Census*. You can add columns from your choice of hundreds of data fields and customize charts, and export your data.

**Visual maps of results** - The Concept Map delivers an interactive display of search results and the relationships among them, clustered by topics and subtopics. You can navigate the Concept Map to find topic ideas for papers, discover previously hidden connections, or uncover areas that warrant further exploration.

**Citation formatter** - Allows easy, automated formatting of citations in your choice of APA, MLA or Chicago style. Your search results include a citation that can be reformatted with one click.

**Cross-references** – You can jump seamlessly from images to biographical information, from science and technology to medical encyclopedias and tables of statistical data that you can download and customize.
Newspapers’ New Location
Back issues of newspapers are now being stored on the first floor of the library between the study carrels and the microfilm reader. Location of current newspapers has not been changed.

Room Reservations
If you would like to schedule the McFadden room, please call the library at x1362 or use the new online DeSales calendar.

For the Air Products room and the two computer labs, please call the registrar’s office at x1349 or use the new online DeSales calendar.

DeSales Community Cookbook Now Available Happy Cooking!

Trexler Library thanks everyone who contributed recipes for the DeSales Community Cookbook. The book includes appetizers, soups, entrees, desserts as well as some handy cooking hints.

It is now available for purchase through the book store and the library. Cost is $6.00 per book. If you have any questions, please contact Michele Mrazik at x1612 or Michele.mrazik@desales.edu.

LIBRARY ADDS DANCE DVD’S TO COLLECTION

Trexler Library has added close to fifty DeSales dance DVD productions to our collection. These DVD’s were converted from videos which date back to the 1980’s and 1990’s. The collection includes dance ensembles, young choreographers’ series, conservatory of dance productions and other dance programs.

These DVD’s are searchable in our catalog by call number or title. They all begin with the GV 1782. D451 prefix. DVD’s can circulate for one week and have a .50 per day charge for each overdue item.

Copies of a production can be obtained by contacting Eric Karol, Media Specialist, at x1362.

If you have any questions or comments concerning the collection, please call Michele Mrazik at x1612 or email Michele.mrazik@desales.edu.
Copyright Issues with Materials in BlackBoard

In the July 2008 issue of “Library Issues” Beth Clausen discusses the April 2008 lawsuit against Georgia State University’s President and University Librarian for “systematic, widespread, and unauthorized copying and distribution of a vast amount of copyrighted works” through “online systems hosted by the University.” (1) The suit, which is yet to be resolved in the courts or through a settlement, seeks injunctive relief to halt the practices in question and not monetary damages.

Beth says that “This suit should illustrate clearly that widespread violation of copyright is suspected across academic institutions by faculty posting scanned articles and book chapters for use by students without regard for intellectual property right. In many cases, this is being done through campus’ course management systems (CMS) like BlackBoard and Sakai.”

Kate Douglas Torry, Director of the University of North Carolina Press, asserts that this phenomenon is being ignored by university administrators and that use of such course management software presents a “serious threat to the fragile system of scholarly communication, whose survival depends on balancing the needs of authors, publishers, teachers and students.” She further suggests that universities have a moral responsibility to support copyright compliance and that there should be mechanisms in place on campuses to ensure that this is done. (2)

At DeSales University, one part of that mechanism is in place right now. Trexler Library’s public services librarians have been assisting faculty with copyright questions for a number of years. We have a process in place to 1) determine if a proposed use falls under the Fair Use Guidelines and 2) seek permissions for uses that go beyond Fair Use.

One safe course of action is to link to full text articles available in the library’s numerous databases. Our subscription fees for these databases include rights for faculty members to link to these materials in their online courses. Directions for linking online articles to BB can be found on the library homepage under “Faculty Resources” and at http://www.desales.edu/default.aspx?pageid=3469

If you have a concern or question about a particular resource you want to include in your BlackBoard course, give the library a call. Try Debbie Malone at x1253 or one of our public services librarians at x1266.

1. Cambridge University Press et al. v. Carl V., O Patton et al. (Georgia State University)
Oxford English Dictionary (OED) Now Online at Trexler Library

This mammoth dictionary, the premier resource for investigation into the origins and development of the English language and “the last word on words for over a century,” is now accessible to the DeSales community under the “General Databases” section on the Database page of the library website. Updated quarterly, this third edition is intended to be a continuous and complete revision of the 1928 first edition.

For those who are unfamiliar with this one-of-a-kind dictionary, the OED “traces the development of English from approximately 1150 AD up to the present day.” In so doing, it:

- provides authoritative definitions of over 500,000 words
- traces the usage of words from their first recorded occurrence to the modern period through 2.5 million quotations from a wide range of international language sources
- offers the best in etymological analysis and detailed listings of variant spellings

Equipped with both Simple and Advanced search screens, the OED is designed for fast, versatile, and exact searching. Among other things, users of the OED Online can:

- Find words that have come into English via a particular language
- Search for all quotations from a particular author and/or work
- Compare revised entries with entries from the Second Edition to see how language has changed and how new scholarship has increased understanding of our linguistic and cultural heritage

Use of this resource is facilitated by example searches, a Quick Reference Guide, a Guide to OED Entries, as well as an Online Tour. Word lovers may also be interested in subscribing via RSS feed to the OED Word of the Day.

The OED is located on our database page under the “General” heading. If you would like personal assistance, please contact a librarian at x1266.
Please welcome Tonya

In June, Dr. Tonya Amankwatia joined DeSales University as Director of Distance Education and Instructional Technology. Tonya received her PhD from Lehigh University this spring and has worked for a higher education software company. She spent the majority of her career as a tenured assistant professor at St. Petersburg College.

Dr. Amankwatia has published in the areas of multi-media instructional design, service learning, ubiquitous computing, and leadership.

In her new position, Tonya looks forward to encouraging teachers and building a department that is known for engaging and connected online teaching and learning.

Tonya enjoys meeting new people, traveling, taekwondo, and being a First Strider (First Strides is a Lehigh Valley women’s running program). She has taught English and Christian Education in West Africa where she met her husband. She’s been married to the love of her life, Rev. Bobie Amankwatia for 17 years and is the proud “soccer mom” of two sons Scott (14) and Daniel (11). If you would like to contact Tonya, she can be reached at x1689 or email tonya.amankwatia@desales.edu

TECHNOLOGY WORKSHOPS
The Instructional Technology Department is proud to announce workshops for the fall 2008 semester. Descriptions and registration for these sessions are found at http://www.desales.edu/default.aspx?pageid=4516

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Calling All Students…

The Library is hiring student workers for the Technology Center (TTC), the Circulation Desk, and Interlibrary Loan.

Application forms will be available at freshman orientation, online, and at the library circulation desk.

Stop in to meet the staff, ask about positions, collect a form, and set up an appointment for an interview. Federal or Institutional work study funding is required.

Look for our station at the Activities Fair in the DUC on Monday, August 25 from 11am – 1pm. For more information, please call Loretta Ulincy at x1346.

Library Brown Bag Lunch News

Fall 2008

Loretta Ulincy is looking for faculty, staff, and students to present topics at the Library Brown Bag Lunches.

So far only two sessions are in the works. At Noon, October 31 Dr. Katherine Ramsland will be talking about Lehigh Valley murders. Working with the staff at the local historical societies, she was able to identify some surprising facts related to crime in this area. Come and listen to the news from our resident expert.

No date is set yet, but sometime this fall, Lauren Post, senior dance major, will present her Dance Seminar research at one of our Brown Bag sessions.

With just two scheduled so far, there are lots of openings. Please consider sharing your knowledge, interests, talents, insights, experiences, travel adventures, and more with the DeSales University community at one of our Brown Bag Lunches.

If you would like to look at previous sessions for inspiration, please check the events on our Trex Cast link under “Tools & Resources” on the library web page. Here you will find Brown Bag Lunch programs from the last two years.

Please call Loretta at x1346 for more information.
Looking for good ways to assist your students with their research?

The librarians at Trexler have created a series of online guides to resources which we hope will put more library resources at your fingertips (and those of your students) more easily. Plus, these guides can easily be placed as links in BlackBoard courses.

One new guide provides assistance with citation creation, and it includes numerous examples of citation styles. It covers MLA, APA, and Turabian and is available from the library web page under “Student Resources,” and you can create a link to it in your BlackBoard course using the following URL: http://desales.libguides.com/citing.

Another guide titled “Avoiding Plagiarism,” provides basic definitions of plagiarism as well as online tutorials for students, examples of plagiarized paragraphs, and some resources for faculty. It is available from the library web page under “Student Resources” and can be directly linked to your BlackBoard course using the following URL: http://desales.libguides.com/avoidingplagiarism.

We are also preparing resource guides for each major in our curriculum. The illustration below displays the opening page for the criminal justice guide. It includes help for finding relevant books, articles, statistics, government reports, library reference material and more, and it is available at http://deSales.libguides.com/criminaljustice.

We can also prepare similar guides for specific courses. Call a public services librarian to discuss your needs. Michele at x1612  Loretta at x1346  Lynne at x1443