### Library Hours

**Effective December 1, 2008 - February 27, 2009**

- **Sunday**: 11am - 11pm
- **Monday-Wednesday**: 8am - 11pm
- **Thursday**: 8am - 7pm
- **Friday**: 8am - 4pm
- **Saturday**: 11am - 4pm

**Holiday Exceptions**

- **Registration**: Mon, Dec 1: 8am - 9pm
- **Winter Break**: Sat, Dec 20 - Sun, Jan 4: CLOSED
- **Martin Luther King**: Sun, Jan 18: CLOSED
- **Mon, Jan 19**: 5pm - 11pm
- **Mon, Jan 20**: CLOSED
- **Mon, Jan 21**: Closed
- **Mon, Jan 22**: Closed

### Did You Know?

The money you pay for overdue fines goes directly into the Library's materials budget. Fine revenue is used to replace missing, lost, or damaged items, or to buy new print and electronic materials for the collection. The Library encourages recommendations for purchases. If you would like to see something added to our collection, talk to a library staff member or visit: [http://library.jwu.edu/build_co.htm](http://library.jwu.edu/build_co.htm)

### MLA Tip

To cite a book or article with more than three authors, use the first author’s name and add *et al.* (“and others”).


The library’s MLA guide is located at [www.library.jwu.edu/denver/documents/MLAguide.pdf](http://www.library.jwu.edu/denver/documents/MLAguide.pdf)

### Information Literacy Defined

You’ve probably heard the term tossed around by your instructors or the librarians, but what is information literacy (IL) and why is it important? We are always seeking information, for both course work and “real life”. Information helps us reach conclusions, make choices, and communicate more effectively. As an example, upon graduation you will probably look for a job. How will you find job openings? What will you wear for the interview? What do you know about the company with which you are interviewing? Knowing how to find the answers to these questions could determine whether or not you are hired.

In today’s environment of rapid technological changes and proliferating information resources, finding the answers to these questions can be difficult. We are faced with diverse, abundant information choices that often come in unfiltered formats, raising questions about authenticity, validity, and reliability. The uncertain quality and expanding quantity of information poses challenges. In order to decipher and use the information we find effectively, we need to develop “information literacy” skills. In short, IL is defined as the ability to recognize when there is a need for information, and then be able to locate, evaluate, and effectively use that information for the issue or problem at hand.

So next time you hear the term IL being tossed about, either by your instructor or one of the librarians, you will know its importance. Possessing IL skills could be the difference between getting hired or not, or getting a good grade on your research assignment.

In our next issue, we’ll discuss the steps librarians and faculty members are taking to develop IL skills amongst our student population.

### Library awarded a $20K LSTA grant to support information literacy initiatives!

The Colorado Department of Education recently awarded the Denver Campus Library (DCL) one of sixteen Library Services and Technology Act grants. The grants were given to libraries that provide innovative services that support life-long learning in the community. In addition to providing IL instruction to the students of JWU, the librarians have been collaborating with the Denver School of Science and Technology to provide college preparatory IL instruction to its high school students. Specifically, the grant money allowed the Library to increase the number of computers in the lab, replace the dated projection system and printer, and to purchase a student response system (SRS). The SRS software allows instructors to create interactive lecture environments, track student performance with real-time responses, and instantly understand student comprehension.

### Featured New Arrivals

**McNaughton books take flight!**

In the last issue, we mentioned our new McNaughton literary collection. A collection of over 200 of today's hottest fiction and non-fiction bestsellers. To date, the books have been flying off the shelf. If you are one of the few who have not checked them out, here are some new titles that might entice you...

- **Book of Names** Righteous Souls are being eliminated one by one, and someone David Shepherd loves dearly is next in line. Using ancient texts and the Kabbalah as guides David tries to save his loved one and the world. A fast-paced read about the battle between good and evil.

- **God Grew Tired Of Us: A Memoir** A heart-breaking, inspiring journey of a Lost Boy of Sudan. John Bul Dau's memoir speaks of terror and triumph, horror and humor, and a wisdom that is truly unforgettable.

- **Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Society** A charming, heart-warming account of Guernsey during and after the WWII Nazi occupation. Written in a series of letters from and to Juliet, a London-based writer, and a group of residents on the island.

- **Remember Me** The author of the Shopaholic series brings you a story about a woman who has lost her memory, but wakes up to find she has gained a rich husband, new teeth, and a great job. What happened? How Lexie sorts out the missing three years will have you alternately gasping and laughing. A lighthearted read for a cold, wintery day.

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