College Announcements

- The Alumni Executive Council is actively seeking nominations for the 2016 Alumni Awards to be presented at Homecoming & Reunion Weekend: Oct. 7 & 8, 2016. If you know of an alumna/us who has made a significant impact on the College or in their professional field and would like to submit a nomination, please complete this brief survey here. A description of the Alumni Awards can be found here. Questions? Contact Kerri DiGiovanni Lacock.

- W&J students and staff from the Sustainability Committee attended the Inspired Speakers Series with the Green Building Alliance in Pittsburgh this past December. The speakers were

News

- In December, Pete Curtis’ Christmas song, I Love Christmas, written and recorded by Pete, received its radio broadcast premiere on BBC Radio in England as well as locally on WJPA. The song is available for download worldwide via Amazon, iTunes, and CD Baby.

- Washington & Jefferson College has been named to Kiplinger Personal Finance’s list of the Top 300 Best College Values of 2016. Acknowledged for embodying exceptional economic and academic value, W&J is ranked in the top 100 of the magazine’s Best Value Liberal Arts Colleges of 2016, and ranks 272 overall.

Library Times

Database of the Month: Current Biography Illustrated

Current Biography Illustrated includes full text entries for more than 16,000 biographies and 9,400 obituaries with photographs from all of the volumes of Current Biography. You can search by name, profession, or the full text of the database. The service offers a link to an audio file recording of the full text in multiple languages. Images of biographees can be copied and pasted into documents. Both the database and our print holdings of Current Biography cover 1940 to the present.

Pie Day Returns Jan. 22

Come to the Library on Friday, Jan. 22, and help celebrate our 8th annual Pie Day! Pie will be available from 11 am to 4 pm (while supplies last), and hungry patrons will have the option to dine in at the Library, or take a slice of pie with them to go.
Jeremy Rifkin, the bestselling author of twenty-one books on the impacts of scientific and technological changes on the economy, workforce, society, and environment and Bill Generett, the inaugural President and CEO of Urban Innovation21, a regional public-private economic development partnership. Thank you to those who joined us for this opportunity!

- On Jan. 18, the Office of Admission will host the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Open House. Participants will have the option of choosing a morning or afternoon session. The day will include a panel discussion on the distinct experiential learning opportunities available to W&J students, lunch with faculty and staff, and campus tours. Prospective students and families may visit www.washjeff.edu/admission-events for more information and to register.

- Due to the exemplary volunteer efforts of its students, faculty and staff members, Washington & Jefferson College earned a place on the President's 2014 Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll. The President of the United States annually recognizes higher education institutions that reflect the values of exemplary community service and achieve meaningful, measurable outcomes in communities through service.

- For the second year in a row, a W&J student has won the German American Business Circle scholarship! Congrats to Angela Nied ’17, who will use the scholarship to study at the Universität zu Köln (University of Cologne) next semester.

PAWS for a Study Break Recap

More than 130 students attended PAWS for a Study Break during Fall finals. The event, which started in Spring 2013, has grown steadily since then, with many students (and volunteers from Therapy Dogs International) returning every semester. Many thanks to the volunteers, human and canine, who came to visit with our students!

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Scholarship

- Dr. Chametzky published an article titled "Contradictions in e-learning: The Naturalness of Unnaturally Learning." The paper is in the Online Journal of Distance Education and e-Learning, 4(1).

From the Sustainability Committee

- W&J students in EVS 101 and members of the Sustainability Committee collated ways one can reduce their environmental impact at W&J. Read the Green Guide: Suggested ways to reduce your environmental impact on campus.

- Do you have a "clamshell" to-go container? Take it to the Library's Pie Day celebration on Jan. 22 for a free piece of pie. If you don't have a "clamshell", contact the Sustainability Committee to sign up.

- W&J now has an official Chapter of the Food Recovery Network, which unites students on college campuses to fight food waste and hunger by recovering perishable food that would otherwise go to waste from their campuses and communities and donating it to people in need. W&J volunteers gather food.

HR News

- Human Resources would like to offer the 5th Annual W&J's "Biggest Loser Competition" to all employees. Biggest Loser is a 10-week competition that measures greatest percentage of weight loss (NOT total pounds lost.) It's a fun, healthy way to improve your diet and win an awesome prize. Best of all, it's your chance to embark on a weight loss challenge in the W&J community. Additional details coming soon!

- Fond Farewells
  - Karen Oosterhous, Communications (Jan. 22)

New Acquisitions

The following books have recently been added to the library's collection:

- Painting in Latin America 1550-1820 ed. Luisa Alcala
- Revolutionary Ideas: An Intellectual History of the French Revolution from the Rights of Man to Robespierre by Jonathan Israel
- Script and Scribble: The Rise and Fall of Handwriting by Kitty Burns Florey
- To Explain the World: The Discovery of Modern Science by Steven Weinberg
- When Life is Linear: From Computer Graphics to Bracketology by Tim Chartier

These DVDs can also be found in the New Book Corner:

- Happy Valley: The Story Behind the Penn State Scandal
- The Clean Bin Project
- Unforgivable Blackness: The Rise & Fall of Jack Johnson

Spotlight on Community Engagement

- Please join the Office of Community Engagement and the Office of Diversity Programs and Multicultural Affairs to celebrate the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. for our Day of Service Celebration and Volunteer Projects! Students, faculty and staff are all welcome. The reception is in the Hub Alley from 12:00-1:00 p.m., with refreshments provided. We will be celebrating the life of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., hearing from current W&J volunteers, and recognizing some students for their own legacy of service.
from campus dining facilities and transport them to the City Mission kitchen. To get involved, contact Alyssa Evanoff, volunteer@washjeff.edu, or sustainability@washjeff.edu. Read more about the Food Recovery Network here.

After the reception, we will be holding a few small volunteer projects at various locations. Please find out more and RSVP here.

- Many thanks to the W&J Office of Admissions and the W&J Office of Student Life for sponsoring the December and January Greater Washington County Food Bank Produce to People distribution, respectively. Over a dozen volunteers from each of these areas of the college supported the distributions, helping to serve almost 700 individuals or families at the December distribution, and over 725 individuals or families at the January distribution! Great work! If your office or department would be willing to sponsor one of the distributions by providing volunteers, email volunteer@washjeff.edu.

- Thanks to an anonymous donation, the Library will be receiving some new furniture in the spring. The new club chairs, loveseat, and footstools will be located in the current periodical area.

Recent Donations

Library Calendar

Library Hours for Intersession vary from Fall and Spring semester hours. Please check the calendar on our Home Page for details. Regular Library events, such as Librarian on Location and Library Land, will return in the Spring semester.
CoLET Corner

The Committee on Library and Educational Technology is here to look at academic uses of library and technology resources. Visit our libguide to contact us, learn about technology inside and outside the classroom, and for room recommendations.

- The next faculty meeting is Jan. 29 at 3:30 p.m. Come early and chat with a representative of ITS at the table outside of Yost. All topics are welcome!
- Not teaching during InterSession? Spend some time learning more about the Library's resources and services. Visit the Faculty Support Guide or browse the Library's Website.
- Do you have suggestions for topics of discussion? Contact the CoLET chair, Jamie March.

- W&J volunteers and America Reads Program mentors volunteered with the 2015 CoCo's Christmas & CoCo Bucks Store event at the LeMoyne Community Center by hosting a craft station for the many kinds in attendance. There were almost 800 people in attendance for this event. The event included a gift store for community members in need, activities, and a meal to celebrate. For more information on the event check out the Observer Reporter Article here.