College Announcements

- Arts Series tickets will be available starting Tuesday, September 3. Call the box office at 724-223-6546 or stop by M-F, noon-6 p.m. to reserve your tickets. Tickets are complimentary for W&J students and staff, two per ID. Our first event is Atzilut...Concerts for Peace on Oct. 2 at 8 p.m. "Like" us on Facebook- "Olin Fine Arts Center-Official."

- Incoming new students, including first-year, international exchange students and transfers, officially became part of the W&J campus community Friday at the annual Matriculation ceremony. New students were welcomed by Alton Newell, W&J’s vice president for enrollment. Students introduced themselves, signed the mission statement of the College, and received a W&J lapel pin indicating their lifetime membership in the distinguished community of scholars who have matriculated at Washington & Jefferson College. As is tradition, during the recessional, students walked over the W&J seal set in the floor of the Old Main lobby. Convocation opens the new academic year this afternoon at 4:30 p.m. A campus picnic follows.

- You and a guest are cordially invited to attend the following homecoming events complimentary:

  **September 28**

  Tailgate Lunch Under the Tent, Olin Lawn 11:30-1:30 p.m.

  Football Game Kick-off: 2 p.m. W&J vs. Thiel College Complimentary entrance w/faculty or staff identification

  5th Quarter Festivities Featuring a German Beer Garden 4-7:30 p.m.

  Registration is required for the tailgate lunch and 5th quarter, and you’ll need tickets to gain entry. Tickets will be available for pick up in the Barron McCune Alumni House on Friday, September 27, 2013. Please R.S.V.P. directly to Denise Spinnenweber at dspinnenweber@washjeff.edu or by calling 724-223-6079.

  We look forward to seeing you at homecoming!

News

- Candy DeBerry, Ph.D., associate professor of biology, presented five workshops on “Pollination and Pollinators,” “Gardening for Butterflies,” “Green Your Gardening: Water Conservation,” “Green Your Gardening: Compost Happens,” and “Growing Great Garlic” at the Lavender Festival at Destiny Hill Farm in Washington, Pa., June 22.

- Candy DeBerry, Ph.D., associate professor of biology, was awarded a first place ribbon for a flower arrangement using kitchen utensils, a first-place ribbon for a flower arrangement depicting a dream vacation or destination, and a second place ribbon for rocambole garlic at the Washington County Agricultural Fair in August in Washington, Pa.
Professors HJ Manzari and Amparo Alpañés organized in June the inaugural International Conference on the Arts and Humanities: “Bridges across Cultures” in Perugia, Italy. The conference provided an opportunity for academicians and professionals from various arts- and humanities-related fields from all over the world to come together and learn from each other.

Two Washington & Jefferson College (W&J) juniors, Joseline Cortez and Dan Walters, were able to participate due to the sponsorship of W&J’s Magellan Project.

A graduate of YES Prep Public Schools and resident of Houston, Texas, Cortez is an international studies and Spanish major with a communication arts minor. Through the Magellan Project, Cortez traveled to Italy and Spain this summer to look at Latin American immigration.

A resident of Clarion, Pa., and graduate of Clarion Area High School, Walters is a business and political science double major planning to attend law school after earning his undergraduate degree at W&J. Walters traveled to Italy this summer to study the current relevancy of the papacy.

“This was a life-changing experience for all of us involved, both faculty and students, and we hope more Magellan scholars will join us in two years in Florence.” said H.J. Manzari, associate professor of Spanish at W&J. The Umbra Institute, which sponsored the conference in conjunction W&J, was founded in 1999 in Perugia, in cooperation with Arcadia University, as a center for higher education offering academic programs for students of U.S. colleges and universities.

Librarian Jeff Brunner is showing his artwork at Wildcard in Pittsburgh, Pa. The exhibition, 365 Critters, is based on his year-round illustration and mail art project. It opens on Thursday, September 12 and runs through October 28. Opening night (September 12, 6 to 9pm) will feature prints and a book signing, as well as free snacks and drinks.

The Library is excited to announce the addition of several new electronic collections. We've expanded our reference collection, added new art and literature resources, and subscribed to a new international newspaper database. Click the title of each resource below to check them out! (If you're asked to log in, please enter your W&J user name and password.)

**Credo Reference**

This database is a reference library in itself. It covers literary criticism in detail, business, history, Shakespeare, biographies, sciences, and even bilingual dictionaries. The database provides access to more than 630 full-text reference books and more than 3 million full-text entries. Search by keyword, try an Image search, or experiment with a Concept Map search. Click on links within documents to discover related material. Use the seamless link in search results screens to move into Summon, or another of our electronic databases. Credo Reference includes a citation generator and an option to export your citations to our RefWorks.

**Art Source**

Art Source covers fine, decorative, and commercial art, sculpture, architecture and more. The database provides full-text articles from 630 journals dating back to 1990, as well as the full-text of more than 220 books. Art Source includes a collection of more than 63,000 art images, film and performance reviews, and includes many journals published in European languages.

**Literature Resource Center**

Here’s a comprehensive resource for articles on literature from all time periods and parts of the world. LRC offers more than 800,000 full-text articles from 390 scholarly journals and literary magazines. You can easily search or browse entries from sources such as Contemporary Authors, Dictionary of Literary Biography, Medieval Literature Criticism, and Shakespeare Criticism. LRC includes more than 30,000 full-text poems, short stories, and plays and over 6,000 links to reliable literature websites.
Human Resources News

- W&J is pleased to announce that the College has selected USAble/Highmark as its new life insurance, AD&D and long-term disability administrator, effective September 1. This move will help advance the College's goals of maintaining high quality benefits for employees and effectively managing costs. These benefits are fully funded by the College and are available to all full-time employees.

- Human Resources is pleased to announce the start of casual Fridays at W&J. Every Friday, employees are encouraged to wear an official W&J-themed shirt. Casual clothing must be appropriate for your specific work situation and everyone is encouraged to be mindful we are looked upon by students and others as representatives of the College. It is important that we maintain our professionalism even as we enjoy this new, more relaxed, dress code.

Scholarship

- Jason Kilgore, assistant professor of biology, published an article in the August issue of Applications in Plant Sciences with Alexander Lindsey titled, "Soil type affects Pinus ponderosa var. scopulorum (Pinaceae) seedling growth in simulated drought experiments." Alexander worked with Jason as an honors student at Michigan State University and is now a Ph.D. student at Ohio State University.

- Kilgore also presented a poster, "Ecology in the cloud: undergraduate students driving inter-institutional collaborative research," with Dr. Ben Dolan (University of Findlay) at the Annual Members Meeting for the Ecological Research as Education Network (EREN) in June in San Antonio, Texas.

International Newsstand

This database provides full text of more than 600 of the world's top newspapers and wire services, including El Pais, Jerusalem Post, South China Morning Post, BBC Monitoring, and Asian Wall Street Journal. You can access news stories (text only) about sports, business, arts, international affairs, editorials, and some obituaries. This database does not include U.S. or regional news sources. Most articles are in English, but some are in French, German, or Spanish. Includes a citation generator and an option to export citations to RefWorks.

If you'd like to schedule a class on any of these new resources, you can use our Request Form to set that up. We'd love to hear your feedback on these additions to the collection, so please email Alexis Rittenberger, director of library services, with any questions or comments at arittenberger@washjeff.edu.

Recent Updates & Changes

New & Improved!

The Library has a brand-spankin'-new home page! The page is still located at www.washjeff.edu/library, but features new items like a Library calendar, so you can see what's going on at the Library on any given day. The calendar will also show whether the Library Digital Classroom and Walker Room are reserved, so you can plan ahead. We'll also be highlighting new resources and adding new features to the page -- so bookmark the page now, and you won't miss a thing.

The new home page also links directly to our new info.licio.us series of tutorials, the first of which is live and ready to use. The new, and improved, Information Literacy Module -- now called info.lit.mod to show how we're hip and with the times -- is the basis for all future tutorials. (The module was formerly available only in Sakai and only to students in First-Year Seminar.) The new module is available to FYS and any upper-class students who need a little help with Library resources.

The module divides the process of research and using the Library into manageable, bite-size pieces such as Serious Library Talk, Starting Your Research, and Cite Your Stuff. Each section includes a quiz so students can test themselves on what they learned. For FYS, a Librarian will grade quizzes and provide those grades to instructors upon request. Please feel free to use all, or part, of the module with your classes.

Fiction Free-For-All

Many students ask us where the "fun" books are in the Library. While we think they're (mostly) all fun, we know they mean fiction. So we're experimenting with a book-swap shelf where anyone in the campus community can stop in to pick up pleasure reading, or drop off books to share with others. The collection is small now, but we're open to donations of gently-read popular fiction to include in the swap. The Fiction-Free-For-All shelf is located next to the Research Services desk.
New Acquisitions

Over the summer, the Library continued the ongoing project of replacing VHS films with DVDs. Our most recent replacements include:

- *An Officer and a Gentleman*
- *Patriot Games*
- *The Philadelphia Story*
- *Pride and Prejudice*
- *Polar Express*

Added to our new book collection are:

- *Global Catastrophies and Trends: The Next 50 Years* (Vaclav Smil)
- *Tiger Writing: Art, Culture and the Interdependent Self* (Gish Jen)
- *The Snow Child* (Eowyn Ivey)
- *AIDS at 30* (Victoria Harden)

Recent Donations

Neal O'Brien, grandson of Alfred J. Crook '24, donated Crook's personal football scrapbook to the Archives in July. Crook, a member of W&J's 1922 Rose Bowl team, collected newspaper articles about that famous game, as well as his professional football career with the Detroit Panthers. The Archives will take steps to preserve the fragile scrapbook and make it available for viewing.

An anonymous donor gifted two historical publications to the Archives: "An Address by Hon. John L. Dawson Before the Washington and Union L. Societies of Washington College" dates to 1856, and "Dr. Wines' Historical and Farewell Discourses" dates to 1859.

The Archives would like to thank Professor Richard Easton for donating his collection of veterans interviews done by students from his composition classes over the last 40 years. The collection will be processed this fall and made available to researchers soon.

Library Calendar

September Events

- **Friday, Sept. 6**: The Library hosts at Monti's from 9 pm to midnight. Come get a milkshake from your favorite Library person!
- **Wednesday, Sept. 11**: Librarian on Location, 11 am to 1 pm, The Commons
- **Wednesday, Sept. 18**: Librarian on Location, 11 am to 1 pm, George & Tom's
- **Friday, Sept. 20**: Mini Golf at the Library, 7-11 pm
- **Wednesday, Sept. 25**: Librarian on Location, 11 am to 1 pm, The Commons
Welcome to those who begin in September:

Amy Cymbala, Art
Heather Liebling, Communications
Hillary Miller, History
Melissa Martin, Theatre and Communication
Abdullah Alsaffar, Modern Languages
Claudia Mendoza, Modern Languages
Julie McGough, Music
Pamela Murchison, Music
Patricia Spadaro, Yoga Instructor
Cody Hartzler, Men’s Basketball Intern
Mitchell Greco, Music
Douglas Reichenfeld, Music
Matthew Needles, Stands Band Director (start date - 9/28)

Faculty/Staff Book Club

The Faculty-Staff Book Club returns for Fall 2013! The first book will be *A Visit from the Goon Squad by Jennifer Egan*. This Pulitzer- and National Book Critics Circle-award-winner follows its cast of characters through the music business over many years. Any faculty or staff member is welcome to grab lunch and join the conversation.

The next meeting will take place from noon to 1 pm on Wednesday, Sept. 18, in the Parcell Room (in The Commons). Look for a table marked for the book club!