

Off the Shelf

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Did you know?

March is **Women's History Month!**



On **March 4, 1681**, King Charles II of England granted a huge tract of land in the New World to **William Penn** to settle an outstanding debt. The area later became **Pennsylvania**.

"On the night of **March 8, 1971**, the **Citizens' Commission to Investigate the FBI removed files** from the Media, Pennsylvania, **office of the FBI.**" In 2014, Betty Medsger's book *The Burglary: The Discovery of J. Edgar Hoover's Secret F.B.I.* was released, which contains the burglars' description of the burglary and revealed the identities of five of the eight burglars. P.I.T. Library has a copy available to check out: HV 8144 .F43 M43 2014



Daylight Saving Time BEGINS on Sunday, March 10, 2019. Turn your clocks

FORWARD by 1 hour before you go to sleep.

The **1st issue of U.S. government paper money** occurred on **March 10, 1862** as \$5, \$10 and \$20 bills began circulation.

On **March 25, 1911**, a raging fire **erupted** inside the **Triangle Shirtwaist Company factory** in New York City, engulfing the 8th & 9th floors, killing 123 young women employed as low-paid seamstresses, along with 23 men. About 50 of the victims jumped to their deaths rather than perish from the flames. The tragedy spurred national interest concerning the rights of mostly-immigrant women workers of the New York garment industry who labored long hours 6 or 7 days a week in cramped, dangerous conditions for about \$5 weekly pay.

On **March 28, 1979**, near Harrisburg, PA, the **Three Mile Island nuclear power plant accident occurred** in which uranium in the reactor core overheated due to the failure of a cooling valve. A pressure relief valve then stuck causing the water level to plummet, threatening a catastrophic nuclear meltdown. The accident resulted in the release of radioactive steam into the atmosphere, & created a storm of controversy over the necessity & safety of nuclear power plants.

Library Trivia

Who was Lucy Hobbs?



Library Hours

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WORDS OF WISDOM

"Everyone must leave something behind when he dies, my grandfather said. A child or a book or a painting or a house or a wall built or a pair of shoes made. Or a garden planted. Something your hand touched some way so your soul has somewhere to go when you die, and when people look at that tree or that flower you planted, you're there."

~ Ray Bradbury
Fahrenheit 451

In Memoriam Walter R. Garrison



Walter R. Garrison, 92, passed away on February 24, 2019 in Vero Beach, Florida, holding hands with his wife, Jayne. Survivors include his brother, Donald Garrison, his children: Susan Garrison, Jack Bacon, Pamela Garrison Phelan, Mark Garrison, Jeffery Garrison; & 16 grandchildren, 4 great grandchildren, & a large extended family.

Born in St. Louis, Missouri, Walter Garrison earned both a B.S. degree ('48) & an M.S. degree ('50) in Aeronautical Engineering at the University of Kansas. During World War II, Mr. Garrison proudly served in the Navy Air Corps. He was licensed as a Registered Professional Engineer in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Mr. Garrison's professional business experience is principally as President & CEO of CDI Corporation, an international provider of outsourcing solutions through professional, technical, & staffing services to an entire spectrum of customers during most of the years that he has served

P.I.T. When he accepted the role of President of CDI in 1961, the company had 56 employees. Upon his retirement in 1997, CDI had approximately 33,000 employees serving over 9,000 customers annually in business, industry, & the U.S. government. Approximately 15,000 of its employees were engineers, CAD designers, & technical support staff, & approximately 3,500 other employees were information technology systems analysts, programmers, & IT professionals. The company has been publicly held since 1967 & is listed on the New York Stock Exchange. Mr. Garrison continued as the Chairman of the Board of CDI for many more years. He was a unique entrepreneur & generous philanthropist.

He was also a dedicated educator who, in 1953, founded the Pennsylvania Institute of Technology. He was actively committed to P.I.T., serving at various times as a Board Member, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, & President & C.E.O. of the college. Initially, Mr. Garrison held classes in engineering at his dining room table before moving the College to Upper Darby. In 1983, Mr. Garrison purchased the current campus on behalf of the College.

Mr. Garrison had a deep & abiding dedication to his personal mission to "Help Students Help Themselves through a Technical Education." That mission is reflected in the College's Mission & Vision: STUDENT SUCCESS!

For seven years, Walter Garrison was a member of the Advisory Board for the Sol C. Snider Entrepreneurial Center at the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School. For 11 years, he was on the Executive Committee of the Industry Advisory Board of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) & he also served on the Board of Trustees of the ASME Foundation. Until recently, he continued his dedication & support to other outstanding nonprofit organizations, such as the Boy Scouts, Delaware County Historical Society, Riddle Hospital,

World Affairs Council, & The United Way.

Over the years, Mr. Garrison received numerous awards including: 1990 – Distinguished Engineering Services Award from the University of Kansas, School of Engineering.

- 1995-2011– “Good Scout” Awards & the Silver Beaver Award by the Cradle of Liberty Council of the Boy Scouts of America for Leadership & Generosity. Camp Garrison for Cub Scouts opened in the spring of 2000 to provide Cubs the experience of living by the Scout motto to set their moral compass to emulate leaders who serve & care.
- 1996 – “Legend CEO of the Year” (Philadelphia Business Enterprise Award) by the Eastern Technology Council with eight hundred company members in partnership with the Business Philadelphia Magazine. The Legend CEO must have been a CEO for more than 25 years & made contributions to their profession & to civic & social organizations.
- 1998 – First recipient of the World Affairs Council of Philadelphia’s Annual “Atlas Award” for Visionary Dedication to the Betterment of Peoples’ Lives Through Education.
- 2001 – A. Lewis Smith Award from the Delaware County Historical Society
- 2001 – Heritage Commission of Delaware County Award in recognition of outstanding contributions to historic preservation in Delaware County.
- 2001 – Recipient of the Distinguished Service Citation, the highest honor given by the University of Kansas & the Kansas Alumni Association, “for contributions to nurturing the workforce of the future.”
- 2003 – Recipient of the Mary Hart Award in Recognition of His Dedicated Leadership, Unswerving Loyalty & Selfless Dedication to the Cradle of Liberty Council, The Youth of America, & the Ideals of Scouting.
- 2003 – Entrepreneur of the Year Award from Delaware County Chamber of Commerce.
- 2004 – Engineer of the Year Award from Delaware County Chapter of Pennsylvania Society of Professional Engineers.
- 2004 – Inducted into the Ritenour Hall of Fame of Ritenour High School, St Louis, Missouri.

- 2005 – Recognized with The Humanitarian of the Year Award by the American Red Cross.
- 2005 – Man of the Year by Main Line Today.
- 2006 – Outstanding Service to Community in the Delaware Valley from the Delaware Valley Engineers’ Week Council.
- 2006 – Recognized as the 2006 Individual Philanthropist of the Year by the Philadelphia Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals.
- 2008 – 12th Annual Dick Vermeil Humanitarian Award by Elwyn President’s Club & Honor Society.
- 2010 – Honorary Membership in the Rotary Club of Media.
- 2011 – Jayne & Walter Garrison were honored at the Riddle Hospital Man O’ War Ball for their Commitment to Education.

Those of us who heard Mr. Garrison speak a graduation ceremony can attest to the fact that he “reached a good stopping point” before he was called home.

A celebration of his remarkable life will be held in the Theatre of the Pennsylvania Institute of Technology, 800 Manchester Avenue, Media, PA on Saturday, March 30th at 2:00 pm, with memorabilia of his life presented on the College sun porch, opening at 1:00 pm.

In lieu of flowers, the family welcomes contributions to the Walter Garrison Education Fund held by the College he founded in 1953: Pennsylvania Institute of Technology, 800 Manchester Avenue, Media, PA 19063 Attn: Annamarie Cassidy.

☞ MORE WORDS OF WISDOM ☞

“The world is full of magical places, and the library has always been one of them for me.”
~ Julie Andrews



Library Photocopier Use Policies

The Library’s photocopier is a fee-based copier for individual use. It is not intended for mass copy projects. All copies must be paid for, in advance, at the copier.

- ∞ Copier Fees: 8½” x 11” = 10¢
11” x 17” = 20¢
- ∞ The copier takes nickels, dimes, quarters, \$1 bills, & \$5 bills.
 - Please do not use a \$5 bill if you are making only a few copies.

- You can get change for larger denomination bills in the Business Office.
- ∞ The copier does not make double-sided copies.
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- ∞ If the copier jams, you must contact the Librarian immediately.

FACULTY – The Library does not have a bypass key or code for this copier. If you need photocopies for class, please remember to make them in advance at a staff photocopier. The Library cannot provide photocopies for your class.



READ,
or we
feed you
to the
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Lions 94 ; Non-readers 0

☞ MORE WORDS OF WISDOM ☞

“A leader takes people where they want to go. A great leader takes people where they don’t necessarily want to go, but ought to be.”
~ Rosalynn Carter

On the Web:



Nursing Resource Center from Gale-Cengage Learning

P.I.T. Library provides several databases specifically designed to support students & instructors in our medical programs. The *Nursing Resource Center* is specifically designed to support nursing programs at two-year & four-year colleges. The database was created in close collaboration with nursing instructors & students & the librarians (including Lyneal!) that support them. The *Nursing Resource Center* takes textbooks & curricula into account & presents the information in a format that mirrors the “nursing process” — a workflow that organizes how students diagnose, treat & care for patients — as it is taught in the classroom. The database offers premier supplemental reference material geared to the education &

research needs of nursing students. It provides relevant, current information on nursing topics presented in an easy-to-use interface.

Here's some of what's included:

- Disease Overviews — Includes definitions, diagnoses, treatments, prognoses & more.
- Assessments — Hands-on tips help students gather subjective, objective & patient assessment data.
- Diagnostics — Provides overviews of tests, patient prep, normal & abnormal results.
- Interventions — Covers various procedures & the skills needed to perform them.
- Drugs — Displays articles from references sources such as the *PDR for Nurses Drug Handbook* for drugs that are used to treat a diagnosis, as well as those that are contraindicated.
- Care Plans — Presents sample care plans that are relevant to the conducted search, including assessment, nursing diagnosis (NANDA), expected outcomes (NOC) & more.
- Multimedia — Includes over 300 short, dynamic animations of how diseases & conditions affect the human body or how body systems work.

The Nursing Resource Center offers students & faculty:

- Ease-of-Use — For students who need information fast, there are three sure-fire search methods & intuitive results tabs that deliver the right results STAT.
- Convenience — Users can assess this resource from anywhere with an internet connection, 24/7 – long after the library has closed.
- On-site Help — Students at internships or in a clinical rotation or preparing for Skills Labs can access this online resource for quick assessment & consultation.
- Homework Help — Students have access to cross-searchable resources. In addition, multimedia content can supplement & enhance learning by helping students better understand the information.
- Test Preparation — This is the ideal resource for students preparing to take the NCLEX-PN or the NCLEX-RN. Students may use Nursing Resource Center to reinforce classroom learning; double-check homework assignments; & find additional

reading & authoritative articles for research work.

As with our other databases, the easiest way to access the *Nursing Resource Center* database is directly from the Library's homepage: <http://my.pit.edu/Academic-Resources/LibraryOnline.aspx>. For the time being you do need to obtain the username & password for the database for off-campus access, but that will change in the near future to a simple log-in process for all of our databases. (More on that coming soon!)

Although the *Nursing Resource Center* was designed specifically for nursing students & faculty, we do want to encourage everyone to make use of the database whenever you have a research need that might be resolved with the resources included in the database. Please feel free to talk to Lynea if you need any assistance locating or using the database.

Nursing Resource Center also translates any article into 8 languages to accommodate users from diverse backgrounds, enhancing both accessibility & usability for a broad population. The database is also set up to permit users to print, download, share, & email without restrictions.

Nursing Resource Center contains **millions of articles** (4,778,544 articles as of March 6, 2019) from over 1,927 journals & 22 authoritative reference resources, as well as animated depictions of human anatomy.

If you have any questions about using the *Nursing Resource Center*, please contact the Librarian in-person, by phone (610-892-1524), by email (landerma@pit.edu), or through the Ask-a-Librarian form (<http://my.pit.edu/Academic-Resources/AskLibrarianForm.aspx>).

📖 MORE WORDS OF WISDOM 📖

"There are many little ways to enlarge your child's world. Love of books is the best of all."
~ Jacqueline Kennedy

New on the Shelf



P.I.T. Library has recently added the following titles:

BOOKS

Abrams, Dan. *Lincoln's Last Trial: The Murder Case That Propelled Him to the Presidency*.

KF 368 .L52 A27 2018

Dorey-Stein, Beck. *From the Corner of the Oval: A Memoir*.

E 901.1 .D67 A3 2018

Jamieson, Kathleen Hall. *Cyber-War: How Russian Hackers and Trolls Helped Elect a President*.

JK 526 2016 J36 2018

Gilmour, David. *The Film Club*.

CT 275 .G4325 A3 2008

Horn, Stacy. *Damnation Island: Poor, Sick, Mad & Criminal in 19th-Century New York*.

RC 445 .N68 H67 2018

Karbo, Karen. *In Praise of Difficult Women: Life Lessons from 29 Heroines Who Dared to Break the Rules*.

CT 3203 .K37 2018

Mustich, James. *1,000 Books to Read Before You Die: A Life-Changing List*.

Ref Z 1035 .M985 2018

Pegues, Jeff. *Kompromat: How Russia Undermined American Democracy*.

E 911 .P44 2018

Rakel, David. *The Compassionate Connection: The Healing Power of Empathy and Mindful Listening*.

R 726.5 .R33 2018

Sotomayor, Sonia. *My Beloved World*.

KF 8745 .S67 A3 2018

Unger, Craig. *House of Trump House of Putin: The Untold Story of Donald Trump and the Russian Mafia*.

E 913.3 .U54 2018

Ventor, Sam, ed. *The Prison Letters of Nelson Mandela*.

DT 1974 .M343 2018

Vogt, Fred. *See Sally Kick Ass: A Woman's Guide to Personal Safety*.

GV 1111.5 .V648 2007

Wehrenberg, Margaret. *The 10 Best-Ever Anxiety Management Techniques*.

BF 575 .A6 W44 2018

Wein, Elizabeth. *A Thousand Sisters: The Heroic Airwomen of the Soviet Union in World War II*.

D 79 2.S65 W45 2019

Yousafzai, Malala. *We Are Displaced: My Journey and Stories from Refugee Girls Around the World*.

HV 640 .Y685 2019

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT COLLECTION (Location: front of the Library)

Rose, Mike. *Back to School: Why Everyone Deserves a Second Chance*

☞ **MORE WORDS OF WISDOM** ☞

"Get involved with your community. Be a leader. Set an example. Be passionate. Be courageous. Be your best."

~ Gabrielle Giffords
former Arizona Representative

**ELECTRONIC
RESOURCES**

@ **P.I.T. Library!**



The Library provides access to an array of online databases accessing full text books, journal articles, reference materials, pamphlets & other print material; plus graphic or video materials when available.

I continue to review additional databases, so keep watching for announcements of new databases to support your research.

For **EASIEST ACCESS TO THE DATABASES**: click on the link found on the "[Online Library](#)" website. The databases listed below are those that the Library subscribes to on your behalf. They are excellent tools for your research.

Academic OneFile: any subjects – primarily full-text articles from journals, magazines, newspapers, books; plus video & audio.

AccessEngineering: engineering and related subjects – hundreds of full-text books including major handbooks, multimedia, global engineering news, & more.

AccessPhysiotherapy: physical therapy & related subjects – numerous full-text PT textbooks, multimedia, integrated drug database, & more.

AccessScience: any science subject – full-text journal articles & full-text from reference materials.

Credo Reference: any subject. Full-text articles plus thousands images, audio files, & videos, plus the ability to create Mind Maps showing the relationships between topics.

Encyclopædia Britannica Online: any subject. This is the full-text of the encyclopedia plus limited full-text journal articles.

Ferguson's Career Guidance Center: comprehensive full-text career resources.

Gale Biography in Context: full-text biographical information from a variety of resources including academic journal, book excerpts, video, audio, etc.

Gale Virtual Reference Library: full-text ebooks on a range of subjects.

Health and Wellness Resource Center with Alternative Health

Module: medical & health subjects – full text reference materials & journal articles, plus video resources.

Jstor: any subjects – many full-text journal articles (Trial database)

Merriam-Webster Unabridged

Dictionary: largest & most comprehensive American dictionary.

Nursing Resource Center: supports nursing students & faculty; results reflect the "nursing process" – full text reference materials, textbooks, journal articles, & video resources.

Proquest Ebook Complete: full-text ebooks on any topic.

Small Business Resource Center: supports business students & faculty; focusing particularly on small business & entrepreneurship – full text reference materials, business plans, journal articles, & websites.

All electronic resources can be accessed on campus & most can be accessed from home using the passwords available from the Librarian. Instructions & training are available from Lynea for anyone who is interested in using these databases, including faculty & staff groups or individuals. It's never too late to ask for assistance! Quick start guides or searching tip sheets for these databases are available on the Library's online Research & Subject Guides & in the Library.

☞ **MORE WORDS OF WISDOM** ☞

"Libraries are trusted sources of information."

~ Carla Hayden
14th Librarian of Congress

Library Trivia



Answer

Lucy Hobbs, born on March 14, 1833 in New York state, was the 1st female dentist. She received her degree in 1866 from the Ohio College of Dental Surgery & was a women's rights advocate.

E-Resource Usage Tips

We've gathered a few tips together that should help you make better use of the [databases](#) the Library provides for your research.

1. Personal accounts – several of the databases allow you to set up your own personal account within the Library's account.

- *Proquest Ebook Central* allows you to set-up your own "bookshelf" to save the books you want to use.
- *AccessPhysiotherapy* allows you to set-up a "My Access" account so that you can make full use of the practice tests & some of the other options.
- *AccessEngineering* also allows you to set up a personal account for expanded services.
- *Ferguson's Career Guidance Center* allows you to set-up a "folder" to save items.

You should be able to find the access to these services on the database homepage, but if you can't feel free to contact Lynea.

2. Remember that you can have more than one of the databases open at a time. We designed the website so the databases open in separate tabs. This allows you to move more easily from one database to another. This is especially helpful if you want to check for full-text copies of the articles. The publishers don't license the full-text to every company or even every database from the same company. When you find an article that is not full-text, you can copy all or part of the article title and paste it into the search window of another database. You may find that the full-text is available in the 2nd database.

We'll continue to publish additional tips for using the databases in future issues of *Off the Shelf*. Remember you can always ask Lynea for assistance: in person at the campus Library; by phone 610-892-1524; by email: landerman@pit.edu or library@pit.edu; or by using the Ask a Librarian [online form](#).

☞ **MORE WORDS OF WISDOM** ☞

"That seems to be the haunting fear of mankind - that the advancement of women will sometime, someday, someplace, interfere with some man's comfort."

~ Nellie McClung

**Research
Life Savers**



Searching the Internet can be a little scary – ok, maybe overwhelming is a better word. There are so many websites & you can get thousands for each subject you may be interested in. The following tips on how to start your Internet search, & keep track of your research should life a little easier.

Google is NOT the only search engine out there.

Although it's the most popular search engine today, Google is not the only place to try & find your information. Look for a search engine that will help you locate exactly what you need. Visit www.internettutorials.net/ for information about how to make the best use of the web including a list of many different search engines & what they do.

Think about what you want before you start your search.

Most people dive right in & start surfing & searching when they are researching. Unfortunately, this search style often doesn't provide great results & it leads to frustration. Before you start, think about your topic & what you want to find. Jot down some key subject terms or words. Use these words in your search. Enclose phrases or proper names in parentheses, link terms that must appear in the results with AND, or use OR between alternate terms.

Make notes!

Make note of the search terms you use & combine. Cut & paste your searches into Word or jot them down on paper. Note which terms worked & which didn't. This helps you avoid repeating searches unnecessarily.

Right clicking is your best friend!!

Sometimes when we explore websites, we can get so lost, it's almost impossible to return to the search page. Before you cruise around your results, use a right-click of the mouse on the link. This will provide the option to "Open Link in a New Window" or "Open Link in a New Tab." Select the one that works for you & surf away. When you are done, close that window or tab & your search results are still there!

Print only what you need.

You may be tempted to hit Print every time you find a site that might work. But how many times have you found that half of the work is cut off at the side of the page, you end up with ads all over your printout, or there are blank pages? There are a few options to avoid this, print only what you want, & save some paper too. First, look for the "Printer Friendly" option – this generally opens another window or page, eliminating the ads & side bars, & only gives you the text. Second, use the "Print Preview" option under "File" to see how the page will look when you

print it – if there are blank pages, set the options to print only what you need. Finally, if you need only one paragraph, use the mouse to highlight the text, open the "Print" menu under "File," & choose the option for "Print Selection."

These are just a few tips to get you searching more effectively & efficiently. Give it a try; you may be surprised at how easy things will start becoming -- especially more complex searches.

☞ MORE WORDS OF WISDOM ☞

"Courage doesn't always roar, sometimes courage is the quiet voice at the end of the day that says, I will try again tomorrow."

~ Mary Anne Radmacher

From the Director's Shelf...



Winter has not quite left, BUT it is March & that means that spring will be arriving before we know it.

The nearness of spring reminds me that we will soon be sending out invitations to eligible students about the process to join Phi Theta Kappa. If you receive a letter & are interested, please follow the instructions included in the letter. In the meantime, if you might be interested or have any questions, please feel free to speak to me or Mr. Whitehead.

Student research assignments are now coming due. Don't hesitate to contact me for assistance either in person or by using the contact information that is listed the end of this column. Don't wait until the last minute to start your research or to ask for assistance. (Even if your research project is late, I will assist you, but I can't promise that I won't laugh.)

Faculty should remember that all of the services of the Library are available to you as well as to your students. Please remember to remind them to ask for assistance from the Librarian for their research. However, as I noted earlier in this issue, the Library cannot provide photocopies of your handouts for your class. If you are distributing something to your class, please be sure to make enough copies at one of the hallway copiers before your class.

Still confused or have questions about anything related to the Library? The Director of the Library, Lynea Anderman, is available to assist by phone (610-892-1524), [e-form](mailto:landerman@pit.edu), email (landerman@pit.edu or library@pit.edu), or fax (610-892-1523)

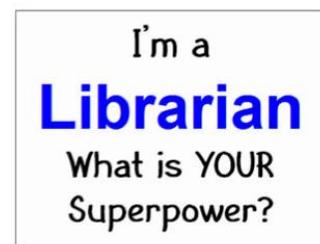
-- or just stop by the Library to speak to me. *Lynea @yourlibrary*



Spoken here

**See: Lynea Anderman
OR Mark Whitehead**

**Have questions about either
organization? Contact us...**



☞ MORE WORDS OF WISDOM ☞

"I've always believed that when you educate a girl, you empower a nation."

~ Queen Rania of Jordan

Relaxation Station

Have you stopped by to see what's available at the Library's **Relaxation Station**? The two tables at the very front of the Library have been set up with coloring pages, colored pencils, & crayons, a jigsaw puzzle, checkers, & chess. Please feel free to stop by & spend a few minutes participating but please leave the games & supplies in the Library. You may even want to try to use a little more creativity by experimenting with the materials that are located in our Creation Station.

If you don't have time to play an entire game of chess or checkers, that's fine. Just leave the pieces where they were when you stop. Someone else may come along & pick up on the game, or you may be able to come back to it later in the day or week to continue it.

We also want to mention that several people take advantage of these tables for the easy access to the newspapers which are located immediately adjacent to them.. Surprise! We also have lots of **books** available for your reading pleasure that might be just what you need to relax.

If you want to make use of these tables for studying, just let Lynea know & she'll shift the relaxation supplies out of your way.

☞ MORE WORDS OF WISDOM ☞

"Never interrupt someone doing something you said couldn't be done."

~ Amelia Earhart



Current & Upcoming Library Displays!

For March, our display focuses on Women's History Month. We've include women from many walks of life & a variety of historical events.

Stop by the Library to see what's included in the display & remember that you can check them out! April's display topic still has to be determined but I may try to be a bit creative in my topic selection (then again, I may just choose something "different") unless one of you sends me a fabulous suggestion ASAP!

Print and/or video resources that are included in the display are usually from the P.I.T. Library collection & most can be checked out. If there are no book or DVD items in the cabinet, you can slide the doors open to get them. Just ask Lynea if you need any other assistance. If you have suggestions for future display topics, feel free to email Lynea at: landerman@pit.edu.

☞ MORE WORDS OF WISDOM ☞

"Power isn't control at all – power is strength, and giving that strength to other. A leader isn't someone who forces others to make him stronger; a leader is someone willing to give his strength to others that they may have the strength to stand on their own."
~ Beth Revis



SEARCHING FOR P.I.T. HISTORY

We're on a hunt for lost pieces of P.I.T. history. You may have something in your office that you don't need or have space for but you know it is part of the College's history. The Library has been collecting material into a College archive from the various items (documents & physical "stuff") housed in different offices. If you have something that should be a part of the College archive, please feel free to drop it off or contact Lynea (610-892-1524 or landerman@pit.edu) & she'll pick it up.

We will use some of these items in a future display so that we can all enjoy them. More importantly, we'll have all these historical documents & items in one location when we need them, rather than scattered between several people & offices.



Six Tips for Avoiding Plagiarism

1. **Use your own ideas.** It should be your paper & your ideas that should be the focus.
2. **Use the ideas of others sparingly**—only to support or reinforce your own argument.
3. When taking notes or copying information from online databases, the Web, magazines, books, etc., **include a complete citation** for each item you use as a source of information.
4. **Use quotation marks** when directly stating another person's words.
5. **Correctly cite** any direct quotes or paraphrasing of the words or ideas of someone else. In text citations or footnotes are required & work along with your bibliography or works cited page.

A good strategy is to take 30 minutes & **write a short draft of your paper without using any notes.** It will help you think through what you want to say & help prevent your being too dependent upon your sources.

☞ MORE WORDS OF WISDOM ☞

"Librarians are how libraries speak. Theirs are the small faces behind a million stories and facts. Theirs are the simple hands that introduce you to the people who will shape you, and the ghosts that will haunt you, and the ideas that will drive you, and the friends that will never leave you. They know the science of knowledge and beauty and laughter, and – though you can't quite imagine it – they've cried over the same books that have broken and rebuilt your heart. They've ridden in the same sleigh with the snow queen. They've flown over London and sailed on pirate ships and visited Shangri-La and watched the world be destroyed and created and destroyed again. And what they want more than anything else is to share those impossible journeys with you."
~ Jenny Lawson
author & blogger



PITCat: the Library's online catalog

Looking for a book or video? Check **PITCat**, our online catalog, accessible from any computer with internet access. Go to: <http://pitcat.pit.edu> & search our catalog to determine what resources we own or provide access.

Suffering from TMI??

TMI: (Too Much Information syndrome) is a valid problem ... afflicting millions of people – particularly college students. Common symptoms include:

Eve Strain

...from looking through 6,960,000 Google results...

Numbness

...in your brain as you determine where to start...

Exhaustion

...caused by total frustration from exposure to information overload...

Low academic achievement

...caused by your failure to find and use the best and most authoritative resources for your class assignments...



Don't let TMI slow YOU down this term.

Get help for your symptoms NOW at the Library!

ATTENTION:

ID-Card Photo Session Schedule

Lynea is available in the Library for ID/Library Card photos during the following times:

Monday – Wednesday	9:00 am to 4:30 pm
Thursday	10:00 am to 5:30 pm
Friday	8:30 am to 4:00 pm



If you can't get your ID/Library Card photo taken during one of these times, stop by the Library to arrange an appointment with Lynea!

☞ FINAL WORDS OF WISDOM ☞

"Perhaps no place in any community is so totally democratic as the town Library. The only entrance requirement in interest."
~ Lady Bird Johnson



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former president, New York Public Library