**Did you know?**

Decoration Day was 1st observed in the U.S. on May 5, 1865, with the tradition of decorating soldiers' graves from the Civil War with flowers. The observance date was later moved to May 30th & included American graves from World War I & World War II, & became better known as Memorial Day. In 1971, Congress moved Memorial Day to the last Monday in May, thus creating a 3-day holiday weekend.

Explorer Robert E. Peary was born in Cresson, PA on May 6, 1856. He organized & led 8 Arctic expeditions & reached the North Pole on April 6, 1909. In another expedition, he proved Greenland is an island.

Katherine Hepburn was born on May 12, 1907. Miss Hepburn acted for more than 60 years, won four Academy Awards for best & and "On Golden Pond," & in 1999 was named top environmental protection movement.

Madeline Albright, 1st woman U.S. Secretary of State (served 1997-2001) was born on May 15, 1937

On May 21, 1932, Amelia Earhart Putnam became the 1st woman to complete a solo transatlantic flight by flying 2,026 miles from Newfoundland to Ireland in just under 15 hours.

May 27th is Memorial Day.

Janet Guthrie becomes the 1st woman to qualify for & complete the Indy 500 on May 29, 1977.

“Rosie the Riveter” by Norman Rockwell appears on the cover of the Saturday Evening Post on May 29, 1943.

Library Trivia

Rachel Carson, scientist & environmentalist, was born on May 27, 1907. Which of her books became a cornerstone of the modern environmental protection movement?

**Library Hours**

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**WORDS OF WISDOM**

“Graduation is only a concept. In real life every day you graduate. Graduation is a process that goes on until the last day of your life. If you can grasp that, you’ll make a difference.”

~Arie Pencovici

**Congratulations to the Class of 2013!!**

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**TENSEGRITY:** An architectural principle in which compression and tension are used to give a structure its form. Tensegrity was conceived by the legendary R. Buckminster Fuller, U.S. architect & inventor. This principle has been used to create such structures as geodesic domes and boat sails. The example currently on display at the front of the Library was created by Noble Samon & Gunnar Steward for their Spring 2013 Architecture Design Studio project.

Be sure to stop by to see it before it has to disappear. We’re also arranging to put the photos on our Facebook page or maybe the P.I.T. events page. Wherever they wind up, I’m sure that the location will be announced on the P.I.T. Facebook page. (Have you remember to “Like” P.I.T.?)

The Library’s display for National Nurse’s Week is in place & ready for viewing. We have items from P.I.T.’s Practical Nursing department & from the P.I.T. archives. In addition, we have a lot of items from the private collection of the late Carol J. Anderman, R.N. These items include her student uniform (Lankenau School of Nursing), R.N. cap, Lankenau pin, state licenses, yearbooks, textbooks, antique invalid feeders, a hemostat, bandage scissors, & much more. The display will be in place all month to honor nurses. If you have any questions about the items in the display, feel free to ask Lynea about them.

National Nurses Week 2013

Delivering Quality & Innovation in Patient Care

National Nurses Week is celebrated annually from May 6, also known as National Nurses Day, through May 12, the birthday of Florence Nightingale, the founder of modern nursing.

Often described as an art & a science, nursing is a profession that embraces dedicated people with varied interests, strengths & passions because of the many opportunities the profession offers. Nurses work in...
emergency rooms, school based clinics, & homeless shelters, to name just a few. Nurses have many roles – from staff nurse to educator to nurse practitioner & nurse researcher – & serve all of them with passion for the profession & with a strong commitment to patient safety.

Nurses as Leaders
During National Nurses Week 2013, the American Nurses Association (ANA) is calling attention to nurses & their contributions to the health care system, both in the role they play as expert clinicians in diverse care settings & as leaders who can dramatically influence the quality of care & overall performance of the system into the future.

Now more than ever, nurses are positioned to assume leadership roles in health care, provide primary care services to meet increased demand, implement strategies to improve the quality of care, & play a key role in innovative, patient-centered care delivery models. The nursing profession plays an essential role in improving patient outcomes, increasing access, coordinating care, & reducing health care costs. That is why both the Affordable Care Act & the Institute of Medicine's (IOM) Future of Nursing report place nurses at the center of health care transformation in the United States.

The public wants leaders they can trust — & nurses consistently rank at the top of a respected annual poll as the most trusted profession.

How a recognition week was established
A "National Nurse Week" was first observed in 1954, based on a bill introduced in Congress by Rep. Frances Payne Bolton of Ohio, an advocate for nursing & public health. The year marked the 100th anniversary of nursing profession pioneer Florence Nightingale's mission to treat wounded soldiers during the Crimean War. The International Council of Nurses (ICN) established May 12, Nightingale's birthday, as an annual "International Nurse Day" in 1974. But it wasn't until the early 1990s, based on an American Nurses Association Board of Directors action, that recognition of nurses' contributions to community & national health was expanded to a week-long event each year: May 6-12.

Nursing: The nation's most trusted profession
In 2012, Americans voted nurses the most trusted profession in America for the 13th time in 14 years in the annual Gallup poll that ranks professions for their honesty & ethical standards. Nurses' honesty & ethics were rated "very high" or "high" by 85 percent of poll respondents.

The nursing workforce--survey & projections
Nursing is the largest of the health care professions, & continues to grow. More job growth is projected in nursing than in any other occupation between 2008 & 2018. But a convergence of demographics — an aging population of nurses who will soon leave the workforce coupled with the demands of an overall aging nation — will widen the gap between the supply of nurses & the growing demand for health care services.

Despite growth in the proportion of younger nurses for the first time since 1980, the nursing workforce still features a disproportionate number of nurses nearing retirement age. Other trends show that nurses' educational level has increased significantly over three decades, & that the workforce has become more racially & ethnically diverse. In addition, more men are choosing nursing as a career.

Key facts from the most recent U.S. Health Resources & Services Administration's National Sample Survey of Registered Nurses (2008), an every-four-years snapshot of the nursing workforce, include the following:

- The U.S. has 3.1 million licensed RNs, of whom 2.6 million are actively employed in nursing.
- The profession has grown by 5.3 percent since 2004, a net growth of more than 150,000 RNs.
- Nearly 450,000 RNs, 14.5 percent of the RN population, received their first U.S. license after 2003.
- The average age of employed RNs is 45.5.
- The proportion of RNs under age 40 increased for the first time since 1980, to 29.5 percent.
- About 250,000, or 8 percent of all RNs, are advance practice registered nurses (APRNs) — nurses who have met advanced educational & clinical practice guidelines. Common APRN titles include nurse practitioner, certified nurse midwife, certified registered nurse anesthetist & clinical nurse specialist.

Nurses' role in health care system transformation
The public's high regard for the profession, coupled with nurses' education & skills, makes them well positioned to help transform the health care system into one that places more emphasis on prevention, wellness, & coordination of care.

Significant events occurred in 2010 that set the stage to optimize nurses’ contributions, including the following:

- Health reform — The Patient Protection & Affordable Care Act of 2010 expanded opportunities for nurses to provide primary care & wellness services & serve as key participants in new & innovative patient-centered care systems. The law also spurs movement toward the goal outlined in ANA's Health System Reform Agenda: a redesigned health care system that provides high-quality, affordable, accessible health care for all. And it makes strides toward improving what ANA has identified as the four most critical elements of reform: access to care, quality of care, health care costs, & a workforce that can meet demand.

- The Future of Nursing report — The Future of Nursing: Leading Change, Advancing Health provides a blueprint to transform nursing so the profession can meet future health care demands & contribute fully to improve the quality of health care. The recommendations from the joint Robert Wood Johnson Foundation & Institute of Medicine initiative include removing barriers that prevent RNs from practicing to the full scope of their education & training & ensuring that RNs are full partners with physicians & other health care professionals in a redesigned health care system.

Nurse shortage & safe nurse staffing
Numerous studies have shown that patients fare worse when there is inadequate nurse staffing on a care unit — problems include poorer health outcomes, more complications, less satisfaction, & greater chance of death. A current study on nurse staffing, published in the New England Journal of Medicine in March 2011, links inadequate staffing with increased patient mortality. Nurse shortages contribute to higher error rates, diminish time for bedside
care & patient education, & lead to fatigue & burnout that decrease nurse job satisfaction & prompt nurses to leave the profession.

One recent estimate by prominent nursing workforce researchers pegged the shortage of nurses at 260,000 by 2025, primarily the result of a wave of impending nurse retirements. A shortage of nursing faculty at teaching institutions, which restricts capacity & results in qualified applicants being turned away, also compounds the problem.

To help ensure patient safety, ANA helped craft & supported a bill in Congress (S. 58/H.R. 876) that was intended to require hospitals to establish flexible staffing plans for each nursing unit & shift, based on varying unit conditions & with direct-care nurse input.

From the Director’s Shelf . . .

Yes, this is the month when I stretch a weeklong celebration or recognition into a month long one. This is also the month when you can walk into my Father’s apartment & see two post-it notes on the wall that say “On loan to P.I.T. Library.” It’s a little joke (very little) acknowledging that I’ve borrowed my Mother’s 2 framed licenses for our Nursing display.

If you’ve never seen our Nurse’s display before, do stop by to take a look at it. I think you may be surprised by some of the items included. Even if you have stopped in to see the display in previous years, you might want to drop by again since I’ve added several more items over the years, including this year. Yes, there are some items representing P.I.T.’s Practical Nursing Program. (Thank you for lending them to us!)

There are also items from the former Lankenau Hospital School of Nursing (yes, the Lankenau over on Lancaster Avenue – although these items are from when it was located on Girard Avenue. If you have any questions about the items in the display, please don’t hesitate to ask me. I should be able to answer your questions.

I also want to take a moment to remind students, NEW & RETURNING, that Jessica & I are available to assist you with your research. Please don’t hesitate to ask for help!

Faculty, please remember that this is a great time to schedule Library workshops for your classes. Both Jessica & I are available to provide them. Contact us sooner rather than later about our availability. Then remember to send us (email, fax, drop off, pony express) a completed workshop request form & a copy of your class’s assignment. Both of those make it much easier for us to plan the workshop for your class.

Also Faculty, please remember to keep the Library in mind as you clean out your office this summer & want to find a place for the books & other resources that you no longer need. You can turn them over to us & if we don’t need them we will find them another home! You can drop these resources off with us, helpdesk facilities to deliver them to the Library or to Lynea, or contact me & I’ll pick them up or make the delivery arrangements.

If you have any questions or suggestions about the newsletter or Library? Please feel free to contact me at 610-892-1524 OR landerman@pit.edu.

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MORE WORDS OF WISDOM . . .

Florence Nightingale Pledge

“I solemnly pledge myself before God and in the presence of this assembly, to pass my life in purity and to practice my profession faithfully. I will abstain from whatever is deleterious and mischievous, and will not take or knowingly administer any harmful drug. I will do all in my power to maintain and elevate the standard of my profession, and will hold in confidence all personal matters committed to my keeping and all family affairs coming to my knowledge in the practice of my calling. With loyalty will I endeavor to aid the physician in his work, and devote myself to the welfare of those committed to my care.”

This modified “Hippocratic Oath” was composed in 1893 by Mrs. Lystra E. Greter & a Committee for the Farrand Training School for Nurses, Detroit, Michigan. It was called the Florence Nightingale Pledge as a token of esteem for the founder of modern nursing.

Spoken here

See: Lynea Anderman

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MORE WORDS OF WISDOM . . .

“How you have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself in any direction you choose. You’re on your own. And you know what you know. You are the guy who’ll decide where to go.”

~ Dr. Seuss

Oh, The Places You’ll Go!

Congratulations to the 2013 Chi Alpha Epsilon, Chi Chapter Inductees & to the 2013 Phi Theta Kappa, Alpha Psi Mu Inductees!

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 its part of the College’s history. The Library is developing 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 hope to 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.

MORE WORDS OF WISDOM

“You are educated. Your certification is in your degree. You may think of it as the ticket to the good life. Let me ask you to think of an alternative. Think of it as your ticket to change the world.” ~Tom Brokaw

Reminders for Students

Especially for our new students, but ALL students should remember that:

- **Open study space** is available in the Library. There are four tables located at or near the front of the Library that do not have desktop computers. This space is available for you to use when you don’t need one of the desk top computers for your work. There is also some space available at the end of most of the tables with the computers.

- You can use your laptops in the Library. We have “open” space at the end of nearly all the tables in the Library, PLUS there are four tables at the front of the Library that have no desktop computers, so you have room to spread out!

- If you need to use your laptop, but the battery charge is low, you can plug it in at the tables near the front on the right side of the Library. There is a power strip on top & outlets on the underside of the table. (If you plug in at one of the other tables, do NOT unplug anything!)

- Speaking of computers, all of the computers in the Library & SRC were replaced this summer. They have faster CPUs & larger flat screen monitors. We still have headphones available at each one in the Library, but you can also use the headphone jack on the front for your own earbuds or headphones.

  Still need to print the paper that’s due today? Yes, printers are available in the Library...but if the paper is due at your 8:30 am class, we recommend that you head to the Student Resource Center in Room T305. The SRC is open at 8:00 am.

- If you still don’t have your Student ID, stop by the Library as soon as possible. ID cards are issued by the Library staff. Your ID Card is also your Library card & you do need present it to check out materials from the Library.

MORE WORDS OF WISDOM

“Your time is limited, so don’t waste it living someone else’s life. Don’t let the noise of others opinions drown out your inner voice. And most of important, have the courage to follow your heart and intuition. They somehow already know what you truly want to become. Everything else is secondary.” ~ Steve Jobs

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

The Library subscribes to several online databases accessing full text books, journal articles, reference materials, pamphlets & other print materials; plus graphic or video materials when available.

We 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 Library’s homepage, OR go to http://pitcat.pit.edu & search for the database as a title or keyword. I’ve included a link in PITCat to all of the databases.

**Academic OneFile:** any subject – many full-text journal articles

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

**ebrary:** full-text ebooks on any subject. Each book & the ebrary database are included in PITCat.

**Encyclopedia Britannica Online:** any subject. This is the full-text of the encyclopedia plus limited full-text journal articles & other related resources.

**Ferguson’s Career Guidance Center:** comprehensive full-text career resources

**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)

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

**OmniFile Full Text Mega (EBSCOhost):** any subjects – many full-text journal articles

All electronic resources can be accessed in Media & Center City. Instructions & training are available from Lynea & Jessica 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 are available for the databases.

Faculty: Tell us your suggestions for authoritative resources available via the internet for inclusion in PITCat. Then refer your students to the name & tell them they can locate it through http://pitcat.pit.edu.

Remember to pick up a copy of the Library’s Free Internet Resources & Databases for Research guide that lists a wide variety of librarian-recommended, free, authoritative websites. It’s small, easy-to-carry with you & we’ll be updating it on a regular basis as we add links to PITCat for additional free website resources that we discover or that the faculty recommends to us.

**Library Trivia Answer**

Rachel Carson’s book, The Silent Spring became a cornerstone of the modern environmental protection movement. If you are interested in reading it, P.I.T. Library’s copy is shelved at: QH 545 .P4 C38 2002.
**Current and Upcoming Displays!**

As was already mentioned, this month our displays celebrate National Nurse’s Week all month long with special displays of nursing memorabilia in the cabinet & nursing related resources from our collection on the open shelving. Unless we get a different idea, we’ll probably be putting out some summer reading ideas next month.

The resources in the display are from the P.I.T. collection & most can be checked out – though not the archives. Just ask Lynea or Jessica for assistance. If you have suggestions for future display topics, feel free to drop Lynea an email: landerman@pit.edu.

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**MORE WORDS OF WISDOM**

“Don’t ever dare to take your college as a matter of course, because, like democracy and freedom, many people you’ll never know have broken their hearts to get it for you.” ~ Alice Drue Miller

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**MORE WORDS OF WISDOM**

"Knowledge comes from learning. Wisdom comes from living." ~ Douglas McMurtrie

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**Current Textbook Information for Faculty**

If you would like to have a copy of the current textbook for your class on RESERVE in the Library & available in the Student Resource Center, **YOU** must obtain extra desk/review copies when you request your own desk copy. Since faculty members select the textbooks, you are aware of when the textbook or the edition changes.

The additional copies should then be dropped off to either the Library or the SRC so that we can add them to the collection of resources that we have available to the students. One copy should go to the Library & one to the SRC, but if you don’t have time to drop them off at both offices you can drop both copies off at one office & we’ll trade with each other. In the Library, any current textbooks will then be placed on RESERVE so that they are available for use in the Library. When you drop a book off, please be sure to tell us which class is using it.

If you intend to provide these copies to us, please get them to us ASAP! We’d like to have them ready for use at the beginning of the semester, so the sooner we get them the better. Just to minimize frustration, please give us at least 24 hours before you tell a student that you provided a copy of the book to the Library. (Like you, we need some prep time.) Remember, each time the textbook changes (either the overall textbook or the edition) you’ll need to request a new copy for the Library & the SRC as well as yourself.

Thanks for your support & participation.

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**MORE WORDS OF WISDOM**

“Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things that you didn’t do than by the ones you did do. So throw off the bowlines. Sail away from the safe harbor. Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover.” ~ Mark Twain

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**MORE WORDS OF WISDOM**

“Never let the fear of the other person’s opinion stand between you and your decisions.” ~ Eleanor Roosevelt

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**MORE WORDS OF WISDOM**

“...and where the mind is without fear and the heart is free.” ~ Ralph Waldo Emerson

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**MORE WORDS OF WISDOM**

"The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams." ~ Eleanor Roosevelt
P.I.T. Library

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