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The Dacus Digest

New Faces at Dacus

We have some new faculty and staff members at Dacus Library to introduce!



V. Emily Deinert is our new Audio/Visual Archivist and Reference Librarian.



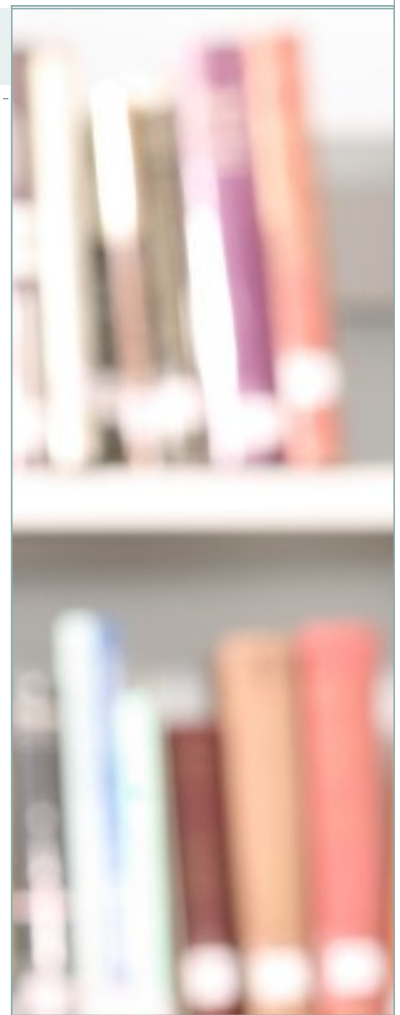
Regina Coleman is our new Library Technology Specialist.



Martha Smith is our new Acquisitions and Collections Librarian.



Hope Johnson is our new Outreach and Reference Librarian.



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Dacus & Dragons Event



DACUS & DRAGONS

Dacus Library held a Dungeons and Dragons themed event, in conjunction with the Department of Theatre and Dance's production of *She Kills Monsters*. The event was held during the first week of April.

On Tuesday, April 3, Gregory Bell, from the Department of History, led an interesting discussion about the influences of medieval culture and warfare on modern novels, movies, TV, and gaming.

On Wednesday, April 4, we held a scavenger hunt, where students hunted down D&D monster-themed bookmarks that were hiding throughout the library.

On Thursday, April 5, Christina Stiles, from the Department of English, gave a fascinating presentation about the history of Dungeons & Dragons and the fantasy literature that inspired its creators. Afterwards, students created their own D&D characters and learned how to play the game.

Students received raffle tickets for participating in the week's events, and eleven lucky ones won prizes. The event was well-attended and very fun. The Library's partnership with the Departments of Theatre, History, and English for this event was a terrific opportunity.



Photo by Hope Johnson

New Library Databases

We have purchased new databases. The following resources can be accessed from the [databases page](#) of the library website. If you're off-campus, make sure you have your library account password set up. For instructions, see [this guide](#).

- **Kanopy:**
a collection of films ranging from documentaries, indie and foreign films, classics, and newer blockbusters
- **Political Science Complete:**
includes full-text coverage of more than 700 journals, 330 books, and 47,000 conference papers covering political topics

- **World Politics Review:**
provides analysis of global trends; includes access to the EBSCOhost database, and also to the web-based platform: www.worldpoliticsreview.com
- [International Bibliography of Theater and Dance with Full Text \(EBSCO\)](#)
- [Bloomsbury Cultural History](#)
- [Bloomsbury Drama Online – Nick Hern Books](#)
- [Bloomsbury Drama Online – Critical Studies](#)
- [Bloomsbury Drama Online – Theatre Craft](#)

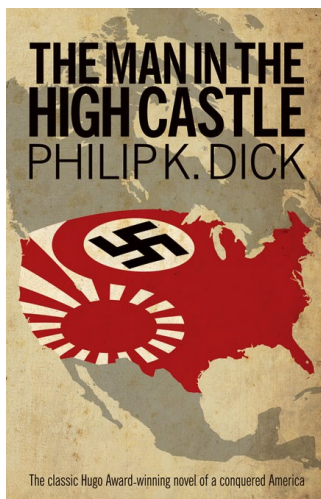
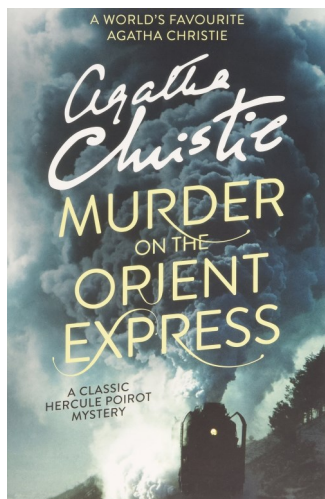
Summer Book Club

The library is going to host a book club this summer for all Winthrop faculty and staff!

We plan to read and discuss a total of four books throughout the summer. The first book will be Agatha Christie's *Murder on the Orient Express*. The second book will be Phil-

ip K. Dick's *The Man in the High Castle*.

More details will be forthcoming via the campus Daily Digest email and the Library's social media accounts. We're looking forward to a summer of lively book discussions and your participation!



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Dacus Library Summer Hours: (starting May 14)

Monday - Thursday:
8 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Friday:
8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Saturday: Closed

Sunday:
1 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Browsing Collection & Book Display Nook

The library's browsing collection has moved to the main floor, just outside the Mac Lab.

This area contains popular fiction, feature films on DVD, book displays, and a sitting area.



Photo by Hope Johnson

Book-A-Librarian Service

Dacus Library offers a reference service called Book-A-Librarian. It allows anyone with a Winthrop e-mail address to schedule an appointment with a librarian to receive help with research (searching our databases and online catalog) and citations, as well as assistance using computers and software.

Students may feel too rushed when asking in-depth questions at the reference desk, so a one-on-one appointment might allow us to help students who otherwise would not ask for help.

You can get to the [Book A Librarian page](#) from the library website homepage. Once there, you will see pictures of the librarians who are participating in this program. Click

on the librarian's name or picture to view his or her profile. Select the *Schedule an appointment with me* button to view each librarian's calendar of availability, and book an appointment by filling out a simple form online. The librarian will then confirm the appointment through e-mail and specify where to meet in the library.

We hope you encourage students to book appointments if you know that they are struggling with research or basic computer skills.

Feel free to promote this service to your students! If you would like to partner with a librarian to promote this service to a group of students, please contact me at johnsonhs@winthrop.edu

Pettus Archives Digital Commons Resources

Digital Commons offers the means to search all of Pettus Archives holdings by keyword, author, title, phrase, etc. Additionally, users may listen to oral history recordings, search newspapers such as *The Johnsonian*, or look at a timeline of Winthrop's history. Researchers may also look at a gallery of images relating to the All-American Girls Professional Baseball League, examine scanned images of Winthrop's Medieval Manuscript Collection, and peruse photographs of Winthrop's campus.

The Pettus Archives Digital Commons page also has the findings of a research project pertaining to Cryptology at Winthrop. In the fall of 1942, a class in cryptology, which is the study of codes and how to write and solve them, was proposed to the curriculum committee. This would be a class for seniors and those graduating before their senior year. The class began in the spring of 1943 with 34 enrollees and was taught by Dr. Ruth Stokes. It would continue to be taught until the spring of 1945. The project contains biographical information for 19 students and the instructor as well as two oral history interviews.



McBryde Dining Hall, 1918–1919



Above: Lib Mahon, 1940s



Left: Book of Hours, Office of the Dead, ca. 1480