



# The North Star



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## New at the Library:

**5th Floor Renovation:** Completion of the 5th floor renovation has been delayed, but should be completed in February. Moving back in to the floor will be a gradual process, with the new honors seminar room opening first, followed by the new study rooms and computers, oversize, curriculum, and children's books, the archives reading room, and the archives storage area.

**Database Update:** The monthly training has been canceled due to weather, but please watch starnet for a rescheduled date and join us in the library's first floor computer lab to learn about new databases (including Project Muse, SportDiscus, and Computers and Applied Sciences Complete) and basic and advanced search and retrieval methods. We will also provide time for you to get your questions answered too.

**New Staff:** Molly Wills begins work on February 1, 2011 as our new circulation supervisor. After her initial training we will be able to return the library to regular operating hours. Please take a moment to thank the hardworking librarians and staff who will continue to double up on work duties to provide as much service as possible in spite of continuing openings in a circulation technician and a library faculty position.

**Library Hours:** Regular library hours resume February 12th.

Saturday 10:00am-7:00pm  
 Sunday noon-midnight  
 Monday-Thursday 7:30am-midnight  
 Friday 7:30am-7:00pm.



## Evaluating Online Resources



We live in the information age where most everyone has access to the Internet and can post whatever information they would like for all to view. This is why it is very important that you evaluate all information for authority, reliability, and timeliness.

**Authority:** When evaluating authority you should ask the following questions: Who wrote/produced the information? What makes them an authority on the subject? It is important to know the author of any work whether it is an individual, group of individuals or corporation. If a body of work is presented with no

author you have to ask why? Is it because the information is false, inflammatory, or are there other reasons? When producing academic work a general rule of thumb is to not use sources which do not have authors. Once the author is known you can look at their credentials. Are they well known in the field? Do they hold degrees in the field? You should not trust an article written on bi-polar disorder written by professional athlete. The athlete may be somewhat more credible if they have the disorder, but not as credible as a degreed psychologist.

**Reliability:** You should review the website for accuracy and

trustworthiness. One test for accuracy is can the author prove what they saying? If the author includes a bibliography or works cited that shows where they got their information then it lends credit to their work. Another test for reliability is to find multiple sources that say the same thing. Lastly you should look at bias. If you are looking at product research that has been posted on a company website by the company that produces the product then there is obvious bias. The company is trying to sell the product. They are unlikely to post bad results and they are going to put a nice marketing spin on any results they do post.

## February Puzzle

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	9		5	6				2
8		1	3					
3					7	2	1	
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		2		4			7	

## Library Events:

Shortened Library Hours 1-11  
 Library Returns to Normal Hours 12

**QUESTIONS?  
 CALL US!  
 208-5068**

# FEBRUARY 2011 CALENDAR

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		1 CLOSED/weather	2 CLOSED/weather	3 CLOSED/weather	4 7:30am-6pm	5 10am-6pm
6 2pm-10pm	7 7:30am-10pm	8 7:30am-10pm	9 7:30am-10pm	10 7:30am-10pm	11 7:30am-10pm	12 10am-7pm
13 Noon-Midnight	14 7:30am-Midnight	15 7:30am-Midnight	16 7:30am-Midnight	17 7:30am-Midnight	18 7:30am-7pm	19 10am-7pm
20 Noon-Midnight	21 7:30am-Midnight	22 7:30am-Midnight	23 7:30am-Midnight	24 7:30am-Midnight	25 7:30am-7pm	26 10am-7pm
27 Noon-Midnight	28 7:30am-Midnight					



## Archives Reading Room

The archives reading room is closed for the renovation. Appointments to use the materials are required. To make an appointment call Christina Wolf at 208-5919.

E-mail Christina Wolf at [cwolf@okcu.edu](mailto:cwolf@okcu.edu) for research help.

## Music Listening Library

## Evaluating Online Resources Cont...

**Timeliness:** The webpage should be current. Look for a last updated date on the site/page. The exception is historical information. While you want to look at the most recent facts that have been discovered, this type of information may not be updated often.

It is important to remember that just because something is in print and not online does not mean it is a credible source. You can use these same tips for evaluating print resources as well.

A more in depth tutorial on evaluating all resources can be found on the library's website at

<http://www.okcu.edu/library/resource-eval.aspx>

By Elizabeth Jones



## New Books List-January

Seven hundred and forty-five new titles were added to the collection in December. Most new books are currently shelved on the new books display at the entrance of the Rapp reading room on the first floor.

Titles cover several subjects including media, religion, psychology, art, accounting, and more. For a full listing of new

titles in your subject area contact Elizabeth Jones at [ejones@okcu.edu](mailto:ejones@okcu.edu).

- *What is Happening to News: the Information Explosion and the Crisis in Journalism*
- *Molly Ivins: A Rebel Life*
- *Idea of Form: Rethinking Kant's Aesthetics*
- *Ego and the Flesh: An Introduction to Egoanalysis*
- *Kantian Ethics*
- *Theories of Mythology*
- *1 & 2 Peter*

- *American Grace: How Religion Divides and Unites Us*
- *Theory of Semiotics*
- *Sociology of News*
- *Federal Taxation in America: A Short History*
- *Family Farming: A New Economic Vision*
- *Dance Education Tips from the Trenches*
- *Human Family Tree (DVD)*
- *Evolution (DVD)*
- *Biological Psychology*

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### Regular Hours

Mon.	9am-7pm
Tues.	9am-1pm, 2pm-7pm
Wed.	9am-7pm
Thu.	9am-7pm
Fri.	9am-6pm
Saturday	Closed
Sunday	3pm-7pm

## DBL Trivia



Did you know the library has a book drop for quick and easy returns? It is built into the wall next to the front door. You can return music items here as well.

5	2	3	7	8	9	6	4	1
4	9	7	5	6	1	8	3	2
8	6	1	3	2	4	9	5	7
3	4	9	6	5	7	2	1	8
7	8	6	4	1	2	3	9	5
2	1	5	9	3	8	7	6	4
9	3	8	1	7	5	4	2	6
1	7	4	2	9	6	5	8	3
6	5	2	8	4	3	1	7	9