

Mission Statement:
The library at the University of Wisconsin-Superior serves as a gateway to the world of information and knowledge. Through information literacy, the library becomes an active participant in the teaching and scholarly activities of UW-Superior by supporting the University's liberal arts mission and encouraging learning and the development of life-span critical thinking skills.

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Library Renovation and Grand Opening

The Jim Dan Hill Library opened on July 15, 1968. The architect was Dobberman and Helske, Superior, with Hedenberg Construction Company, of Duluth serving as general contractor. The building cost \$1.9M to complete. It was formally dedicated on June 6, 1969. The main floor and second floor were used for the Library's collections and services. The lower level was used for non-library purposes.

Planning for the renovation of the Jim Dan Hill Library began in 1997 with Library Director Bob Carmack. The primary purposes of the project were to provide a security envelope to allow full and flexible use of all three floors of the building; to update the infrastructure to accommodate current technology and achieve energy efficiency; and to improve the library's physical layout for efficient and future instructional support

efforts. Approval for the renovation along with state and gift funding were secured in 2006.



Second Floor Fireplace

River Architects, La-Crosse, were chosen for the \$7.8M project and Johnson Wilson, Duluth, served as general contractors. Work began in the summer of 2008. The renovated Library reopened on August 26, 2009. The renovation turned the 1968 building into an information and research center for the 21st century with expanded study seating and more study rooms; wireless access throughout the building; expanded space for special collections; and two-story glass walls on the north and south sides to bring in natural light to

reduce energy needed for lighting.

In 2004, I prepared a draft of our program statement for the Library renovation:

"We have a vision of a very busy and active Library with a welcoming atmosphere; a gateway to information and knowledge where students continue their journey as life-long learners; an intellectual center for the campus.

"Part of the Library's mission is to provide a nurturing environment where the UW-Superior community can pursue individual educational and career goals within the liberal arts tradition. This means library faculty and staff working with instructors and students to access, use and evaluate information (that is information literacy), including information onsite in a variety of formats adequate to support the programs offered; comfortable tables, chairs and lounge furniture along with

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Canteen area located on the second floor.

the latest technologies; and places for students to study on their own or to work in groups based on current and emerging instructional methods incorporating group work and technology use."

Early reviews from students and faculty indicate we've achieved our vision. A faculty member said, "I knew it was going to be renovated but I didn't expect this." Students have commented that it isn't a dungeon upstairs anymore and

they couldn't wait to study in the Library all the time. Another student reported that her friends were talking on Facebook about how much they liked the renovated library. One student had written, "My GPA would have been higher if we'd had a library like this a couple of years ago." And there have been lots of "wow" and mouths falling open and staying open as the tour of the building continued.

If you have already seen the beautiful renovated library, please stop in soon. We invite you all to celebrate at the Library's Grand Opening on Saturday, Oct. 10, 2009 at 5 pm. There will be a short program followed by tours and refreshments.

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Books on CD Now Available in the Library

Do you need a break from reading textbooks or listening to professors lecture? Stop by the JDH Library and check out our revolving collection of popular fiction and nonfiction. Located on the first floor by the fire-

place is a large assortment of contemporary book and CD titles. You can find the most recent tales by authors such as Steven King, Michael Connelly, Danielle Steel, Jodi Picoult and Nicholas Sparks, plus many, many more. Find out what Mark Bittman is cooking in his kitchen, what words of wisdom Warren Buffett has, true tales of modern-day pirates and hear Nelson Mandela's favorite African folktales. Grab a book and give yourself a break!

and CD, circulate for 2 weeks. New titles are frequently added, so visit the collection often to see what is new. Or you can check in our catalog by doing a keyword search on McNaughton and 2009 for a list of the most recently added titles. And if you don't see your favorite author...please let us know by putting a suggestion in the suggestion box at the Public Service Desk.

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Books on CD are available in the Library's Browsing Room.



All of the titles in this collection, both book

The Reference Corner: New Databases for Fall 2009



Facts on File World Atlas:

The *World Atlas* database combines an extensive collection of more than 1,500 clear, printable, full-color original maps with a wealth of current statistical information in one interactive resource. *World Atlas's* maps are available as PDF files, are current, quickly and easily accessed. Information includes: World Maps, Regional Geographic Maps, Regional Thematic Maps, Country Profiles, U.S. State Profiles, Canadian Province and Territory Profiles, News Articles, Comparison / Ranking Tool, and gazetteer.



Facts on File Ferguson's Career Guidance Center:

This comprehensive career research database is broken down into three main sections: Jobs, Skills, and Resources. The Jobs section, organized into 16 Career Clusters created by the Department of Education, contains information on more than 3,300 jobs and 94 industries. The Skills section provides advice on applying for a job, acing an interview, behaving professionally in the work environment, and more—with more than 90 sample résumés and cover letters included. The Resources section includes more than 54,000 en-

tries on scholarships, internships, and more, divided into easily browsable categories with searchable records.

New Print Resources:

MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers. 7th Edition. 2009. The library owns three copies, with one cataloged for the Reference Desk, call number Ref Desk LB2369 .G53 2009, one available at the Circulation Desk, Reserve call number 200B and one copy available for check out, LB2369 .G53 2009.

Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association. 6th ed. 2010. The library owns three copies. Two are on Reserve at the Library Circulation Desk, with the call number 201B. One is held at the Reference Desk. Ref Desk BF76.7 .P83 2010

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Need some help finding a book? Looking for journal articles? Need help researching a paper?

Ask at the Reference Desk, which is located on the 1st Floor of the Library!

Or email us: askref@uwsuper.edu

Or give us a call: 715-394-8341
or 1-877-2321727

We're here Monday - Friday from 8 am to 4:30 pm.

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Study Rooms & Laptops are Available in the Library



Large Study Room on the First Floor



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Check out our Library, Research, and Course Guides. Here you'll find information help you cite your sources, research particular topics, and how to use the Library.

Study Rooms: The Jim Dan Hill Library now has 13 study rooms available for student use. Students may reserve a study room using our new online reservation system. Follow the "Reserve a Study Room Online" link on the Library's homepage. There is a tutorial on how to reserve a room and the username and password needed to login is available on this page. Students need to present their UWS ID to the Library's Public Services Desk in order to check out a study room key. Study rooms may be used for two hours at a time. Study rooms come equipped with a whiteboard, tv, dvd, vcr,

tables, and chairs. These rooms are great for group work! You may also check out a laptop at the Public Services Desk in the Library.

Laptops: JDH Library has several laptops for students to checkout and use in the Library. Full sized laptops and netbooks are available for student use. Please present your UWS ID to an employee at the Library's Public Services Desk. Laptops may be checked out for an entire day. Wireless internet is available throughout the Library.

Check out a study room and a laptop today!