Recently the library introduced a new online circulation agreement. The link is found on the home page of the library website. The online form increases the ease in which library patrons can sign up for a library account. Once the form is filled out it is e-mailed to the Circulation Manager who then enters the patron’s 10-digit barcode (the number at the bottom of your NDC photo ID starting with 2) into the patron record. The form can be completed at any time and is an additional option for individuals not having easy access to a fax machine or scanner. A link to the printable PDF version of the form is still available on the library web site for persons wishing to fax or e-mail the completed form as before.

A separate form is available for online students who do not receive a Notre Dame photo ID and therefore are not assigned a barcode number by the Admissions Office. Once the Circulation Manager receives the completed circulation form, a barcode number is then assigned to the student. The number along with other library information is then e-mailed to the student and a letter with a clippable ID card containing the barcode number is mailed to them. Hybrid students taking a mixture of online and on campus classes will not be assigned a barcode number by the library and are expected to obtain a Notre Dame photo ID.
“His, Hers, and the Truth: Paintings of Realism”

A self-described “painter of portraits, people and life,” Judy Takács is a 1986 graduate of the Cleveland Institute of Art. She received her B.F.A. in illustration and portrait painting and studied art history, life drawing and painting in Florence, Italy. After a successful career in illustration and graphic design she took additional classes at the Valley Art Center and the Orange Art Center and shifted her focus from graphic design to her longtime passion: painting people. She has exhibited around Northeast Ohio, where she has won numerous awards at local juried art shows, such as Fairmont Center for the Arts in Novely, Ohio and Mayfield Civic Center in Mayfield Village, Ohio. The upcoming show will feature a selection of Takács’ “Human Situations” paintings. “A Complex Repose,” the painting used for the cover of her mother’s latest novel, The Condo, is an arresting image. Takács strives to paint people in their totality—in all of their strength and glory, as well as their frailties, pain and foibles, and with sensitivity and understanding. She hopes to convey a glimpse into the souls of her subjects, whether family members, commissioned portraits, or models portraying a concept she is exploring through her work.

A current project the Takács has embarked on is painting portraits of families in which one member is battling cancer or other life-threatening diseases. This came about when the father of a family was diagnosed with end stage lung cancer. She was commissioned to paint a family portrait and completed it in 51 days from the initial diagnosis to his death. The piece was proudly displayed at his funeral. Takács regards it as the most important piece she ever painted. The experience was so moving for her that she decided to make it one of the purposes of her painting to commemorate the courage of these families through her work and provide a lasting memorial of their loved one for the families left behind. However, sometimes the story has a happy ending. Some of her subjects have beaten the odds, for which she is immensely thankful.

Takács lives in Solon, Ohio with her husband and three sons in a custom-built house she designed. She loves painting in her spacious home studio and sometimes uses friends and family as subjects for her paintings, as well as models for imagined psychological scenarios designed to illuminate certain existential truths.

The exhibit is free and open to the public and may be viewed during library hours: Monday-Thursday 8 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday 1-10 p.m. For further information contact Karen Zoller at 216.373.5267 or kzoller@ndc.edu.
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NO WORRIES: LIBRARY INSTITUTES NEW CIRCULATION POLICY

This fall the library instituted a new circulation policy designed to make things a little more stress-free for students. All Clara Fritzsche Library books are now automatically checked out to students for the entire semester, eliminating the need to renew them every three weeks or else pay a .10 per day fine. This policy is already in force for faculty and staff and will save trees and streamline workflow since it eliminates a large portion of overdue notices from being printed on a daily basis. As a service to patrons, the library will continue to automatically renew OhioLINK books for all students, faculty and staff for up to four renewals of three weeks each. However, please remember to return all Notre Dame College Library, OhioLINK and Interlibrary loan books by the end of the fall semester (December 18, 2010). A $15.00 late fee will be assessed for each item not returned by December 22, 2010. We cannot extend loans into the next semester because it violates OhioLINK policy. It also monopolizes the book so that others needing it for the next semester cannot check it out, especially if only a limited number of copies are available in the OhioLINK system. If you need your books over the winter break (but not for the spring semester), contact the library at 216.373.5267 and we will adjust your due date.

Remember:
• Audiovisual materials (videos, DVDs, audiocassettes, etc.) ordered through OhioLINK can only be checked out for one week and cannot be renewed.
• Library materials can be returned any time the library is open by placing them in the silver book drop to the left of the main library entrance.
• To ensure that your books get checked in properly when returning books during business hours, place them into the slot at the left end of the circulation desk, not on top of the counter.

SPRING FORWARD

The library will begin accepting OhioLINK book requests for the spring 2011 semester on Friday, December 10, 2010. Use the book request form at the library circulation desk or e-mail requests to kzoller@ndc.edu. Please include author, title, edition and publication date for all items requested. This information can be found on the course syllabus or by looking up the course information on the NDC Virtual Bookstore site. Include ISBN and publisher if available. Please do not simply submit your course schedule without determining which books you need for each class. Because the volume of requests submitted makes the time-consuming task of looking up the correct bibliographic information for everyone’s books unfeasible, these requests will be returned to the patron for additional information. Likewise, the library cannot determine if an older edition of a book is acceptable. Sometimes an alternate edition is listed on the Virtual Bookstore site. If not, it is the responsibility of the student to ask the instructor if using an older edition is permitted. Sometimes an instructor will specify that the student purchase the book. This is particularly true if it is a lab book or workbook or a book that serves as a foundation for the student’s major. Again, this information may be found on the Virtual Bookstore site or the course syllabus.

The library will begin processing spring semester book requests on January 4, 2011 in the order in which they were received. However, if semester books are ordered too soon (more than two weeks before the start of the spring semester), they will exceed the four renewals allowed by OhioLINK well before the semester ends. At that point a .50 per day fee will be assessed on any overdue OhioLINK books in accordance with OhioLINK policy. If the books are still needed, the student will then have the option of reordering the books and returning the overdue copies when the replacement copies arrive (if available) or paying the fine.

Mystery Photo

If you can identify the whereabouts of the object pictured on the first page of this newsletter, send your answer to kzoller@ndc.edu. The first person to correctly identify the location will receive a $10.00 gift certificate to the Falcon Café.

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software applications. Students can also plan, tailor and track multiple job searches at the same time, while receiving expert advice and tips every step of the way.

The LearningExpress Library can be accessed from any web-enabled computer in the library, computer lab, office, or home provided the user has a valid library account. Like all other OhioLINK resources, it can be accessed at no charge by going to www.OhioLINK.edu or clicking on the OhioLINK icon on the Library home page of the Notre Dame College web site. Click on “Library Databases (articles and more) By Subject” located on the left side of the OhioLINK home page. This lists the 140 databases in OhioLINK by discipline. Scroll down and click on Learning Express Library. If you are logging in to the LearningExpress and Job & Career Accelerator for the first time, enter your barcode number (the 10-digit number on the bottom of your Notre Dame College picture ID starting with 2) as your Username. Create a password, enter your e-mail address, and click the “Register” button. Your Password must be at least 6 characters and should not include spaces.

Once you have set up your LearningExpress account, you are ready to take a test or access other the other useful resources it has to offer. If you are off-campus, first log in to OhioLINK using your name and barcode number. To connect to LearningExpress, access the database as described above. Go to “Returning User Login” and enter with your individual account Username and Password. A link to the Job & Career Accelerator can be found on the LearningExpress home page. Click on “more info.” Then click on “Please login to get started” which leads to the “Returning User Login” prompt. Proceed to log in using your Username and Password.