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A message from the Director:



In this E-Newsletter from the Billington Library, we have highlighted some of our new resources, accomplishments and ongoing activities. Our goal is to provide JCCC students, faculty, staff and the citizens of Johnson County with information about our extensive resources and services.

As strategic and renovation plans are being made for the future of the Billington Library, we are continually asking ourselves, "**What are the needs of you, the patron, and how can those best be met?**" Your comments and suggestions are vital to this process. As we begin a new semester, I invite you to drop a note in our suggestion box (located on the first floor of the library), send an email to me at mdaganaar@jccc.net or stop by my office to discuss how the library can better serve you. You can learn more about the Billington Library by visiting us online at www.library.jccc.net.

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Library Research (LIBR 125)

CRN# 11951 will be taught on campus 6-8 p.m. Thursdays from March 25, through May 13. If you are interested in taking this course as an on-line course, enroll in CRN# 12965. The online class runs simultaneously with the course taught on campus. For more information please contact Carol Campbell, LIB 229, ext. 3773.

Yes we do have tax forms!

Johnson County
Community College
12345 College Blvd.,
Overland Park, KS
66210

Telephone:
913 469-8500
Renew Book:
913 469-4484
<http://library.jccc.net>

Spring Hours
Monday-Thursday,
7:30 a.m. – 10 p.m.
Friday, 7:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Saturday, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Sunday, 1 p.m. – 5 p.m.
Phone: (913) 469-3871

Odd Thomas

Author: Dean Koontz

Book review by Rhea Reitmeyer, Library Aide Circulation
Johnson County Community College Billington Library

Looking for a book that will get the adrenaline flowing? Then *Odd Thomas* is the book you need to read. I have been a Dean Koontz fan for many years. I believe that the one thing that sets his stories apart from a lot of other writers is his ability to grab you from page one and not let go until the end. Just like all the other books I have read from this master of suspense, this story is full of heart-pounding excitement from start to finish. It makes you feel as though you are right there watching the story unfold.

The story focuses on a 20-year-old named Odd Thomas who is able to see and communicate with the deceased; those who have yet to pass on because of some unfinished work or ties to this world. He can see bodachs, which are evil spirits who linger where death or danger is sure to happen. When he sees the bodachs around a stranger, Bob Robertson, who comes to the diner where Odd works, he gets the feeling something terrible is going to happen. Even though he doesn't know what he is up against, with his sixth sense, Odd along with his girlfriend and the chief of police (both of whom happen to know of his paranormal powers), works to stop a tragedy from occurring in his small town.

Even if you have never read a novel or think you don't have the patience to sit down and actually read one, let me assure you that this book is worth reading. Why not check it out?



Rhea Reitmeyer

It's your library – check it out!

Song of the Library Staff

The Reference Librarian:

See the Reference Librarian and the joys that appertain to her;
Who shall estimate the contents and the area of the brain to her?
See the people seeking wisdom from the four winds ever blown to her,
For they know there is no knowledge known to mortals but is known to her,
See this flower of perfect knowledge, blooming like a lush geranium
All converging rays of wisdom focused just beneath her cranium:
She is stuffed with erudition as you'd stuff a leather cushion,
And wisdom is her specialty—it's marketing her mission.
How they throng to her, all empty, groveling in their insufficiency;
How they come to her, o'erflooded by the sea of her omniscience!
And they know she knows she knows things—while she drips her learned thesis
The percentage of illiteracy perceptibly decreases.
Ah, they know she knows she knows things, and her look is education;
And to look at her is culture, and to know her is salvation.

From *The Song of the Library Staff*, composed by Sam Walter Foss, Librarian, Somerville
Massachusetts Public Library and read by him at the 1906 Annual Meeting of the
American Library Association (ALA)

Click on the “Databases” button on the Billington Library home page. The list of research tools has a new look; the databases have been grouped by subjects to make identification of useful resources easier. An alphabetical index is also available. Let us know what you think!



Dr. Carlsen Visits with Library Staff



At 8 a.m. Tuesday, December 16, the quiet area of the 2nd floor library was a little less quiet. Since classes were no longer in session, we invited Dr. Carlsen to come over for coffee and conversation. Many of our staff members were able to take a break, have a glass of juice or a cup of coffee and visit with Dr. Carlsen, President of JCCC and Susan Lindahl, College & Community Relations Officer. Dr. Carlsen talked to us about the latest changes on campus, the expectations for growth, and about a recent trip he'd made to Cuba.



featuring



Carol Campbell, Professor and Reference Librarian at JCCC, has been granted a sabbatical, fall 2004 semester. During her sabbatical Carol plans to develop interactive online tutorial modules introducing students to library research. The tutorials will be posted on the Billington Library website and will help both on-campus and distance-

learning students acquire the information literacy skills that are necessary for academic success at JCCC and for many pursuits beyond the two-year program.



JCCC Professor and Reference Librarian, Andrea Kempf is a regular reviewer for *Persimmon* and *Library Journal*. Her most recent review, *Cookbook Roundup*, was written for Persimmon go to the website http://www.persimmon-mag.com/winter2004cook_book_roundup.htm on recently published books on Asian cuisine.

249 online students responded to a survey asking them for feed back on the class(es) they enrolled in during the Fall 2003 semester. In answer to the question, "Which of the following on-campus resource centers did you use to help you complete assignments for this class?" 75 of the responders said that they used the JCCC Library.

Judi Vaughn, Professor and Reference Librarian here at the Billington Library remarked, "That is pretty good when you consider that most online classes do not have a research paper component!"



College of DuPage Series Teleconferences

On January 23, 2004 the Billington Library hosted the second teleconference in the College of DuPage series, Soaring to Excellence 2004. The topic was A Technology Toolkit: Survival Skills for Everyone.

This second teleconference offered up-to-the-minute information on computer and Internet skills that every librarian and library assistant needs. Donna Fryer provided an entertaining look at office technology, and gave practical information on online information retrieval, communicating electronically, and software programs you should know.

Ms. Fryer has been in the information industry for 15 years. After obtaining her stockbroker's license, she was recruited to help LexisNexis legal and accounting clients find information on finances, public records, businesses, taxes, and laws. She also helped produce video training material for LexisNexis' sales force and trained professionals on how to conduct efficient research. Donna has spoken before numerous groups on Web tools that can make life easier. The program outline included: harnessing email technology, organizing e-mail techniques, dealing with spam, privacy, etc., efficient search techniques on the Internet and where to find reliable software downloads.

The third teleconference in this series is scheduled for February 6, 2004 and will be on Web Filtering: Policies, Software, CIPA. If you are interested in attending, please contact Marsha Cousino, at ext. 3987 for further information.

EXPERIENCE YOU CAN COUNT ON

Part-time Employees:

Librarian	4 years
Aide Cataloging	3 years
Aide Periodicals	1 ½ years
Aide ILL	14 years
Aide Serials	1 year
Technician	5 years
Librarian	4 years
Aide Reference	5 years
Weekend Aide Periodicals/Public Service	1 ½ years
Aide Circulation	7 years
Aide Reference	3 years
Aide Circulation	1 ½ years
Aide Reference	6 months
Aide Circulation	3 months
Aide Periodicals/Public Service	6 years
Aide Circulation	6 months
Aide Periodicals/Public Service	8 months
Aide Periodicals/Public Service	17 years
Aide Periodicals/Public Service	4 months
Aide office of the Director	1 year
Weekend Aide Periodicals/Public Service	1 year
Librarian	30 years
Aide Acquisitions	2 years
Approximately 114 years	

Full-time Employees

Librarian	11 years
Librarian	8 years
Director	1 year
Library Assist. Books Cataloging	17 years
Library Assist. Serials Cataloging	15 years
Specialist	14 years
Librarian	6 months
Librarian	20 years
Admin. Assistant	17 years
Library Assist. Public Service	21 years
Librarian	25 years
Library Assist. Acquisitions	7 years
Librarian	7 years

Approximately 163 years

Technical Service Staff Meeting



Library Open House

As part of Spring Inservice on Thursday, January 15, the Billington Library hosted an open house for information on the following online resources: Newsbank, Lexis Nexis, Westlaw, Sorkins, Mergent Business Resource, E-Books, Grove Art & Music Literature Resource Center, Heritage Quest, Nursing.

If you were unable to attend, you may find the following information helpful:

Sorkins Online – This database offers brief profiles of businesses in the Kansas City, St. Louis, and Chicago metropolitan areas. This database covers a wide range of commercial enterprises from large corporate entities, local private companies, to small local proprietorships. Sorkins also lists government entities as well as nonprofit organizations. This database can only be accessed from Billington Library workstations.

Westlaw – This includes federal and state cases, statutes, and regulations as well as secondary sources such as American Jurisprudence (AmJur) and American Law Review (ALR). Full text coverage of periodicals and reference sources including the Wall Street Journal since 1984. Access from Billington Library workstations only.

Literature Resource Center – Covers more than 120,000 novelists, poets, essayists, journalists, and other writers, with in-depth coverage of 2,500 of the most-studied authors from every age and literary discipline. Includes author biographies, literary essays, overviews, plots, and critical essays, etc. selections are chosen from a wide variety of sources. Available on and off campus with current JCCC ID.

Custom Newspapers – A full text database of over 160 U.S. newspapers and English language foreign papers. Available on and off campus with current JCCC ID.

ProQuest Nursing Journals – 400+ full text nursing journals. Available through KAN-ED.

HeritageQuest – A genealogy database including entire U.S. Federal Census 1790-1930 and much more. Available through KAN-ED.

Services

Reference Assistance



ADA Instructions

Instructions for using the software and scanner at the ADA stations



are posted at the desk. If you are in need of assistance, the reference librarian will be happy to help you.

LAPTOPS

Eight laptops are now available to our JCCC students and patrons for use in the Billington

Library. The laptops are configured to work with the library wireless network for Internet access and for printing and are equipped



with word processing and other MS Office software. These laptops can be checked out from the Periodicals/Reserve desk.



McNaughton Collection

Non-fiction

Healing and Hope by Betty Ford. (Six women from the Betty Ford Center share their powerful journeys of addiction and recovery)

In Search of America by Peter Jennings and Tod Brewster. (Photographic essay)

The Sewing Circles of Herat by Christina Lamb. (A personal voyage through Afghanistan)

Hope Dies Last by Studs Terkel. (Keeping the faith in difficult times)

Biography/Autobiography

A Long Strange Trip by Dennis McNally. (The inside history of the Grateful Dead)

Blind Faith by Dennis Love and Stacy Brown. (The miraculous journey of Lula Hardaway, Stevie Wonder's mother; an authorized biography)

Lucky Man by Michael J. Fox. (A memoir)

W.C. Fields by James Curtis. (A biography)

Fiction/Historical fiction

Holly by Jude Deveraux. (Yuletide tale)

Chesapeake Blue by Nora Roberts.

Rape, a Love Story by Joyce Carol Oates.

Voyage of the Jerle Shannara by Terry Brooks. (Fantasy)

Babylon Rising by Tim F. LaHaye. (Futuristic)

The Janson Directive by Robert Ludlum.

The Kiss by Danielle Steel.

Nights in Rodanthe by Nicholas Sparks.

Crabwalk by Günter Grass.

Stone Heart by Diane Glancy. (A novel of Sacajawea)

Dune, the Butlerian Jihad by Brian Herbert and Kevin J. Anderson. (Science fiction)

Their Wildest Dreams by Peter Abrahams. (Set on the Mexican border)

McNaughton Collection located on 2nd floor - Near Circulation

Library Catalog Offers New Feature

Due to a recently completed authority control project, the Billington Library Catalog now provides enhanced author and subject search functionality. Authority control uses *see* and *see also* references to point library users to correct subject terms or names. Authority control also provides related terms and suggested search techniques.

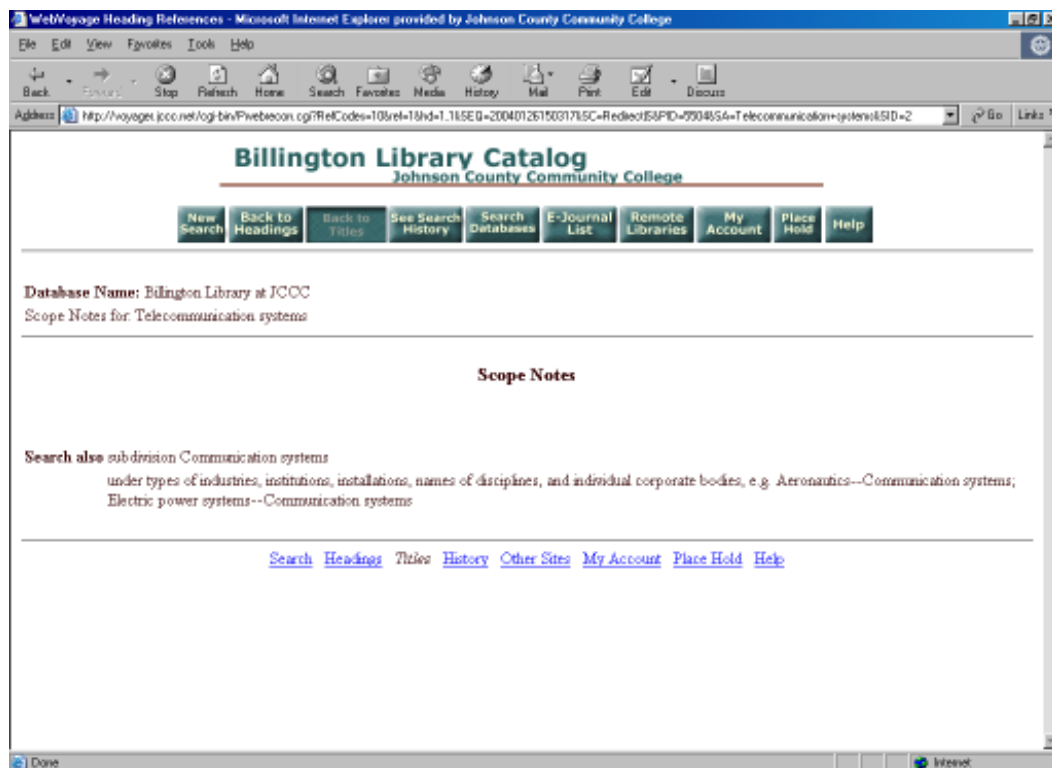
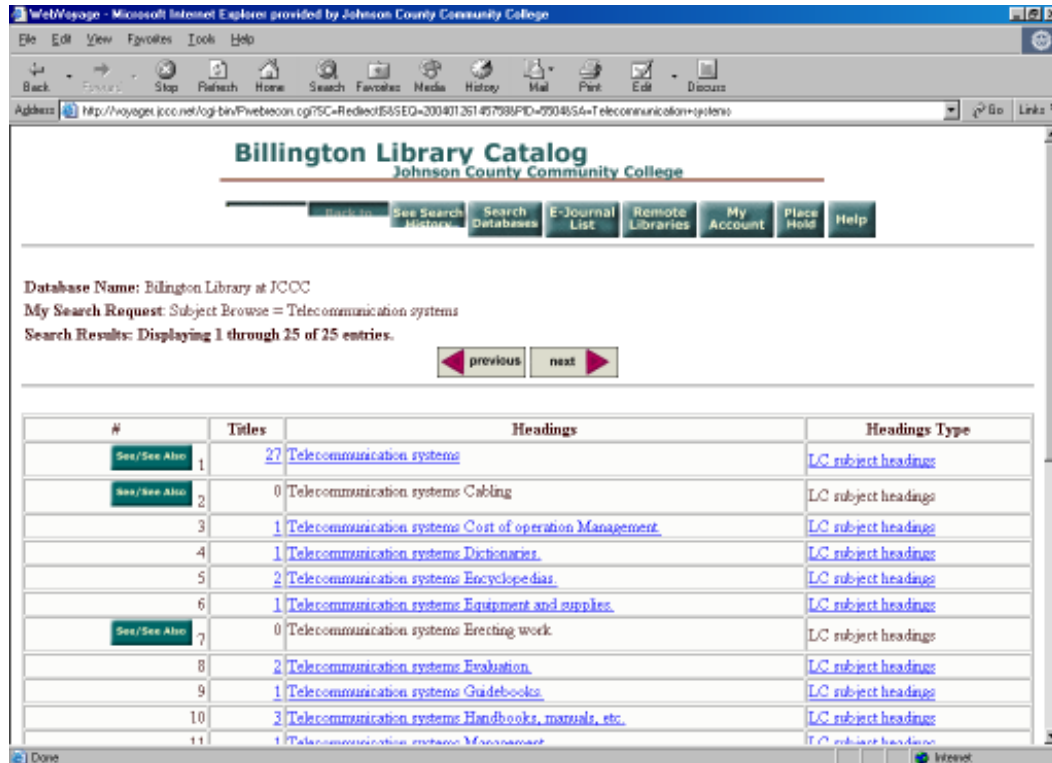
Previously, the subject search “communication systems” resulted in zero titles. Now, when conducting the same subject search, the user will observe a new *See / See A/so* button in the far left column.



When the user clicks on the *See / See A/so* button, he/she will see an additional screen with a link to the correct subject heading.



Clicking the link will take the user to that subject, where he/she may then browse those titles in the library's collection. The user will also note another *See / See Also* button to the left of the subject heading. In this example, clicking the button provides the user with a suggested alternate search technique.



The JCCC library faculty and staff continually seek ways to enhance services to JCCC library users. We are very pleased to offer this newest improvement in the library catalog.