

THE PARKER PULSE

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Newsletter Contest Winner

Congratulations to Dr. Jack Turner, English professor! Dr. Turner's idea for "The Parker Pulse" was selected by the library staff from a pool of other creative (and even similar) names. Dr. Turner won a ten dollar gift card to Barnes and Noble. Other contestants won prizes through random selection. Two students, Kenny Ciccoli and Tia Turner, also received prizes for participating as well as a staff member, Carole Carpenter. The library staff thanks all contestants for helping us come up with a name for our new publication.

Changes in the Library- Research Help Desk



Parker Library Director, Jessica Olin, assisting student, Cydnie Flowers

Blast from The Past



A Graphophone from the 1890's

This item from Wesley College's Archives puts our school's age in perspective. This is a Graphophone, an invention for mechanical recording and sound reproduction. The Graphophone was patented in 1886 (9 years after Wesley was founded) by Alexander Graham Bell. The design is an improved version of the phonograph created by Thomas Edison. This artifact is still in prime condition and in the original box, despite originating from the 19th century. How Wesley came upon this item and why it was so well maintained is a mystery.

Parker Library is offering a new service, Drop-In Research Help. From 1-4 p.m. Monday through Thursday a librarian or graduate student will be ready to help at the Research Help Desk, which is located in the front of the library. This service provides students with individualized assistance in locating sources, navigating electronic resources, and finding other materials. Cydnie Flowers has used the desk multiple times and says "it's great to have this service available, especially with my research assistant work." Don't forget that while this service only runs from 1-4 Mon-Thurs., students can get research assistance at any time by just asking Jessica, Martha, or Alex.

NEW BOOK LIST

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*The Emperor's
Children-*

Claire Messud

F M585E

The Gentle Axe-

R.N. Morris F M877G

Moon Pies and

Movie Stars-

Amy Wallen

F W197M

Going Broke- Stuart

Vyse 339.47 V998G

Free Lunch- David

Cay Johnston

338.97302 J72F

The Omnivores

Dilemma- Michael

Pollan 394.12 P771O

Musicophilia- Oliver

Sacks 781.11 S121M

Stephen King's

Gothic- John Sears

813.54 S439S

All the Presidents'

Words- Carol

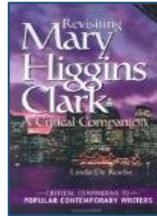
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“The Robert Parker Library at Wesley College supports the academic and research success of our students, faculty, and staff, in the liberal arts tradition.”

-Robert H. Parker Library Mission Statement

Featured Wesley Author- Linda De Roche



“One of the most popular and prolific writers of our day, Mary Higgins Clark continues to write bestselling, award-winning novels of mystery and suspense, attracting new fans worldwide and thrilling dedicated readers who followed her career for nearly three decades. This revised *Critical Companion* offers an expanded discussion of the forms and conventions of suspense writing...Close critical readings delve deeper into these otherwise entertaining works to uncover psychological, feminist, and sociopolitical interpretations.”

(Book Description: *Revisiting Mary Higgins Clark: A Critical Companion*. Greenwood Publishing Group, Inc., 2003). Can be found on the 2nd floor of the library: 813.54 C594 YD.

Therapy Dogs!

Finals can be a major source of stress that is why Parker Library is hosting its second year of therapy dogs. This is in cooperation with the Study Jam events, which occur the week before finals! Look for flyers at the end of the semester for more information.



A friendly canine hug to combat stress

Meet the Staff- Martha Boyd



Martha dancing with a friend

Where were you before Wesley College?

I have worked at a number of other types of libraries: The Environmental Protection Agency library, the Kent County library, and the archives at Hagley Museum and Library.

How long have you been at Wesley?

This is my 11th year at Wesley, and my 9th as a full time librarian.

What is your favorite thing about working at Parker Library?

I enjoy working one-on-one with the students. I love that “aha moment” when my instruction helps a student to understand a concept or find the resource they are hunting for.

What’s your favorite book(s)?

I would say that, rather than a favorite book, I have a favorite genre. I love to read mysteries, everything from cozies with clever titles to gritty police procedurals.

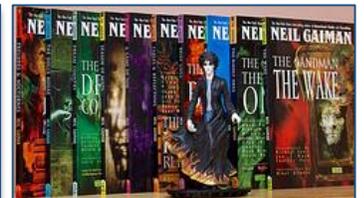
Hobbies/interests?

In my spare time I enjoy singing, theater (both on stage and in the audience), and traveling with my family.

Anything else you want to share?

I am here to help students, faculty and staff to find the resources they need for their research. Please stop by my office, call, or email me if there is anything I can do to help you.

Comic Con Corner



Sandman graphic novel series

Yearning for more than just words on a page? Perhaps action, violence, artwork, and terrible puns? Comics and graphic novels are a lesser known part of Parker Library’s collection. Wesley’s library offers a selection of interesting graphic novels in our stacks and new book section. Featured is the graphic novel series *Sandman*, a dark tale about dreams and nightmares. Delaware Library Consortium can also help you find that traditional Batman or Spiderman comic you are looking among many other literary comics. Just go to the [online catalog](#) and switch the library tab from Wesley to ALL to search multiple libraires in Delaware for your favorite comics.



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