Welcome back!

The Parker Library staff would like to wish new and returning students good luck during the spring semester. Whether it is help finding resources for a paper, formatting a spreadsheet in Excel, or using the printers, we are here to answer your questions. Let us know how we can help — we can’t wait to get to know you better!

What’s New?

Shakespeare in America, James Shapiro [822.33 S527]
“Like Shakespeare’s own plays, this anthology is full of enthralling stories and weird coincidences, and it’s a treasure.” — Meryl Streep

The Rules of Photography and When to Break Them, Haje Jan Kamps [771 K15r]
“An inspirational way for new photographers to master their craft.” — From back cover

Tahrir Suite: Poems, Matthew Shenoda [811.6 S546t]
 “[poems] ... for a fragmented world full of people in search of a home.” — Adrian Matejka, author of The Big Smoke

A New Year, A New You

Whether your New Year’s Resolution is to exercise more or spend less, to manage stress or volunteer in your community, to quit a bad habit or start traveling more, the books at Parker Library have you covered to help you stay on track!

- Manage Your Day-to-Day: Build Your Routine, Find Your Focus, and Sharpen Your Creative Mind edited by Jocelyn K. Glei [153.4 M266]
- Stress Test: A Quick Guide to Finding and Improving Your Stress Quotient by Tom Whiteman [155.9042 W594s]
- The Seven Habits of Highly Effective People by Stephen R. Covey [158 C873s]
- The Cure for Money Madness: Break Your Bad Money Habits, Live Without Financial Stress – and Make More Money! by Spencer D. Sherman [332.024 S553c]
- Making Things Happen: How to Be an Effective Volunteer by Joan Wolfe [366.0068 W855m]
- Healing Through Exercise: Scientifically Proven Ways to Prevent and Overcome Illness and Lengthen Your Life by Jörg Blech [615.82 B646h]
- I’ll Quit Tomorrow: A Practical Guide to Alcoholism Treatment by Vernon E. Johnson [616.861 J69l]
- The Geek’s Guide to Dating by Eric Smith [817.6 S646g]
- Tripping over Europe: Expert Advice on Making Travel Easy by Eugene J. Wittry [914 W832t]

What is the Wolverine Reading?

In honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day, the Wolverine is reading A Testament of Hope: The Essential Writings and Speeches of Martin Luther King Jr. [323.11 T342]! Let’s hope that Dr. King’s words inspire him to actively create positive change in his community.
**Our Mission Statement**

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

**Spotlight on the Staff**

**Lindsay Townsend, Library Associate**

What is your favorite thing about the Parker Library?
The students—they always seem cheerful and happy to be in the library.

What’s your favorite book (or books)?
My all time favorite book would be *I Capture the Castle* by Dodie Smith. It is about family who lives in a crumbling castle with very little money. The story examines the tragedy, comedy, and ordinariness of their lives through the youngest daughter Cassandra’s point of view. Cassandra hopes to be a writer, and we see her growth in this as her family’s situation changes, she falls in love, breaks her heart, and ultimately decides what she wants most from life. I also really like Kate Atkinson’s works, *Harry Potter*, Michael Bond’s Paddington stories, *The Perks of Being a Wallflower*, and *Refractions* by Makoto Fujimura.

Are you binge-watching anything right now?
*Sherlock.*

What are some of your hobbies and interests?
I like to cook, write, draw, and make linocut prints—check out James Albon, Taeeun Yoo, or Andrea Lauren’s work if you’re interested to see what linocut printmaking looks like.

What’s your favorite word? What’s your least favorite word?
My least favorite word is *pustule*—it just sounds gross. My favorite word is *toast*. It has a crisp but also warm sound.

Tell us two truths and a lie.
I’ve been to the cathedral where Richard the Lionheart’s heart is buried. I have a golden retriever puppy named Sophie. I’ve been to a ghost town in Idaho.

**Did You Know?**

A selection of books for a number of different courses at Wesley are available on reserve at the circulation desk on the library’s first floor! Ask your professors whether they have texts on reserve.

**People in the Library**

“The library is good for studying and getting papers done. People without laptops have a viable resource to get work done.”

- Abraham Jaward

“I come to the library to use the computers for my school work, to print, and sit in the ARC. The only way to succeed is to work hard and not quit.”

- Josette Smith

**Questions or Comments about Our Newsletter?**

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We want to hear from you!