

Averett Library News

"Knowledge is of two kinds. We know a subject ourselves, or we know where we can find information upon it." -- Samuel Johnson, 1709-1784.

START Seminar Reveals Sources

200 Freshmen attend START Week classes

Freshmen participating in START week, August 15-19, were sleuthing in the library as they practiced research skills and learned about library collections and services. New and returning students can find important information on library web pages (<http://www.averett.edu/library/main.html>), including fall hours, circulation policies, and how to access electronic resources from off-campus or contact the Reference Desk. Welcome, Class of 2009!

Library Welcomes Writing and Learning Centers

Pending completion of the Student Center, Blount Library is host for the Averett Learning and Writing Centers. Dr. Steve Hecox (shecox@averett.edu; 791-7248) offers Writing Center services to traditional students from his office in Room 313. Larry Compton (lcompton@averett.edu), director of the Center for Academic Excellence, coordinates peer tutoring and general academic support from Room 302. Rosalind Warfield-Brown (rosalindwarfield.brown@averett.edu) continues to serve GPS students through IDS courses and the Online Writing Lab (OWL) on Blackboard.

GPS Dives into OpenURL's



While traditional students took a break from classes, GPS students and faculty were first to experience the convenience of "linking out" from citations to full text articles with ArticleLinker/Find it at Averett! The service works with all library databases that comply with the NISO OpenURL standard. Averett people made 3,781 OpenURL queries from May through July. When ArticleLinker does not find full text at Averett, it will populate an Interlibrary Loan form with the article citation. You can then validate the form with your AU ID number and expect to receive the article in 2-4 days.

New OED and Oxford Reference Online

The [Oxford English Dictionary](#) (OED) is a current and historical dictionary of words from across the English speaking world. With support from the Virtual Library of Virginia, our subscription was recently upgraded from a static version of the 2nd edition (1989) to the dynamic web version, which adds over 1,000 new entries with each quarterly update. You can use the OED to learn the meaning, etymology, and pronunciation of over half a million words, and see them illustrated in quotations from historical and recent publications. The OED differs from other English language dictionaries in that it traces changes in the sense of a word over time, based on evidence from quotations that are presented in chronological order.

Averett has also upgraded its subscription to [Oxford Reference Online](#), which now includes the Oxford Dictionary of Quotations, 36,000 bibliographies, 50,000 in depth articles from the *Oxford Companions* series, and 1,400 external web links. Students and faculty will find this database useful for ready reference information in all subject areas, including humanities, social sciences, and sciences from astronomy to zoology.



*Edward Fisher
Petit Manan, Acadia National Park*

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Edward Fisher. Narragausus Lighthouse, Acadia National Park

“Scenes from Maine” by Edward Fisher

Watercolors by Averett Biology Professor, Dr. Edward Fisher are on display in Blount Library through October 31.

Dr. Fisher is a man of many talents. He has a lifelong interest in art, nature, and the biological sciences. Fisher experiments with many types of art, including landscapes, portraits, and sculpture such as woodcarvings of animals. He varies his canvases from acrylics, to oil sticks, to color pencils, and to watercolor.

Last winter, Dr. Fisher painted over 50 watercolor landscapes of the shores of Acadia National Park in Maine. The landscapes displayed here are based on memories and photographs from ten years of exploring the Maine coast with Averett biology students.

Edward Fisher's original works are available for a minimum donation of \$50 to the Averett University endowment. Proceeds will be divided evenly among the Russell Brachman Scholarship Fund, Biology Fund, the Averett Student Center, and the Curtis Bishop Library Fund, earmarked for purchase of art books. We encourage donors to give generously in support of the Averett University endowment. View the online exhibit at: <http://web.averett.edu/library/exhibits.html>.

Sources for Literature and Criticism


[Oxford Reference Online](#), the [Literature Resource Center](#), and many print books in the Reference Collection are good places to look for overviews of literature and literary criticism, including author biographies, bibliographies, definitions of literary terms and genres. We have links to these and other sources on the “English” subject guide under [Find by Subject](#) on the library web.

Reference sources are only the beginning. Once you know something about the subject, we recommend

searching in the [Averett Library Catalog](#) for the most important person or idea in your topic. For example, you can search for “shakespeare” as an author and see a list of all the works of Shakespeare we have in the library. To retrieve books *about* Shakespeare, change the search index to “Subject.” For specific works and books about them, search by keywords, such as “shakespeare hamlet.”

The Averett library has about 143,000 book titles, including over 43,000 electronic books. If you encounter an electronic book while you are off campus, you will be prompted to log in to your personal netLibrary account to read the book. You can set up an account from the netLibrary “[Create Account](#)” link on [Databases A-Z](#).

To expand your search to other library collections, search the [WorldCat](#) database. In addition to millions of books, it has links to academic resources on the web.

For articles about your topic, [InfoTrac Expanded Academic ASAP](#) is a good place to start. InfoTrac indexes articles in thousands of journals and provides abstracts so you can decide whether an article will be useful. More than half of the articles indexed are available in full text on the InfoTrac database. You can also link out to full text articles in other databases by clicking on  at the bottom of the full record screen.

For advanced students looking for literary works in English from the middle ages to the present, with links to criticism in depth, we recommend [Literature Online](#). [Literature Resource Center](#) is also a good source for literary critical works on English and American Literature.


For a comprehensive search, the [MLA International Bibliography](#) is your best choice for citations to books and articles about English, American, European, and world literatures.

We recommend that you consider all relevant article citations. Using the Article Linker, you can link out to full text or request Interlibrary Loans of books and articles. With the exception of doctoral dissertations, the Averett library can acquire just about any book or article for Averett students and faculty in 2-7 days.

For additional sources, including [Granger's World of Poetry](#) and [World Shakespeare Bibliography](#), see the “Find by Subject” link for [English](#).

WorldCat and ILL Expand Access

By searching first in the Averett Library Catalog and then in the WorldCat database, you can expand your book search to include millions of titles held by libraries around the world. When you locate a book you want to read,

simply click on  / Find it at Averett in the WorldCat record screen. If the book is not in the Averett library, select "Interlibrary Loan form," add your Averett ID number and name, then submit the form. In most cases, you will receive a message from the library in 4-7 days that the book is ready for you to check out. We ship interlibrary loan books to GPS students taking classes outside of Danville.

We recommend that you use "Find it at Averett" and Interlibrary Loan requests in your article searches as well. Limiting a search to full text in the current database limits the scope of your results, and possibly the quality and authority of your paper or presentation.

Find it at Averett! in Google Scholar

Google Scholar, a search engine for peer reviewed and frequently cited scholarly sources, has partnered with academic libraries to offer OpenURL access to full text journals and interlibrary loans. This is the same ArticleLinker service described above for subscription databases.

Click on [Google Scholar](#) from Averett Library Databases, A-Z. If you are off campus, you will be prompted to log in as if you were using an Averett database, after which you can link directly to Averett subscription sources cited by Google Scholar. Look for the "Find it at Averett" link near the top of a Google Scholar citation, or "Averett Access" near the bottom of a citation. Sources that are free to the public will not display these links.

For books cited in Google Scholar, click on the "Search Libraries" link, then look for Averett holdings.

To see Averett subscriptions along with those of Duke, UNC-Chapel Hill or other schools, select additional libraries under "Scholar Preferences." Note that unless you are enrolled or employed at those institutions, you will not be able to access their subscriptions remotely.

You can also select Averett under "Scholar Preferences" when you access Google Scholar from <http://scholar.google.com>, rather than the link recommended above. If you are on our Danville campus network, access to Averett subscriptions is automatically authenticated.

McNaughton Best Sellers

Are you ready to curl up with a good mystery, sports biography, or recent title from the New York Times Book Review? The library maintains a dynamic collection of best selling fiction and nonfiction. These volumes circulate to students, faculty, and staff for three weeks, with one

renewal. You can browse the "McNaughton Collection" in the lobby of Blount Library, or in the library catalog under the subjects [Current fiction](#) or [Current nonfiction](#).

Gift Book Baskets!

Visitors and members of the Averett community can support the library, and possibly win a decorative basket of books, in the library's Gift Book Basket Raffle. Themes range from cookbooks to mysteries to children's literature. Purchase your ticket at the Circulation Desk (791-5690).

Volunteers Keep Library Humming

Work Study students play a vital role in library operations from September through April. However, summer is a time when funding for student employment is generally not available. Circulation coordinator, Mrs. Linda Lemery responded to this challenge by launching a program that enables young volunteers to master workplace skills while developing their own unique talents and knowledge of academic libraries. Students from a local high school assisted library staff with the many developmental and operational tasks that facilitate dynamic, year round programs for GPS and traditional students. Volunteers organized periodicals, created spreadsheets and graphs for environmental monitoring, shelved books by Library of Congress Classification, installed computer peripherals, and helped us design new work flows. We are grateful for their contributions. Mrs. Lemery plans to expand the program in Summer 2006 to include community volunteers of all ages.

Library Welcomes Friends

For many years, Averett has welcomed Danville area residents to read books and access electronic resources in Blount Library. We provide book borrowing privileges to library associates, including Averett alumni, clergy, local educators and, most recently, International Baccalaureate students at the Galileo Magnet High School.

To expand and enhance the library's community outreach program, Averett University invites you to become a Friend of the Library. Friends are Averett Alumni and supporters who make an annual contribution to the Averett Library Friends Fund, receive a library card, and have a voice in planning for the library's future.

With library friends and associates in mind, Averett librarians will develop a community web page for news and financial sources, and offer research seminars during semester breaks. Seminars require a modest tuition fee. Contributions are fully deductible and will be dedicated to enhancing library collections and services.

To become a Friend of the Averett Library, please print or detach the form below and bring or send it to the library. Want to learn more? Contact Elaine Day, Library Director (791-5696; elaine.day@averett.edu) or Linda Lemery, Circulation Coordinator (791-5693, llemery@averett.edu).

Yes, I want to become a Friend of the Averett Library and make an annual contribution for collections and services.

Name:

Home Address:

Home Phone:

Email address:

Work address:

Work phone:

2005 Averett Library Friends donation enclosed: ___ \$25.00 ___ \$50.00 ___ \$100.00 other \$ _____

___ Please ask Institutional Advancement to contact me. I want to make an additional contribution to Averett endowment funds and receive an Edward Fisher landscape painting.

MISSION: The library supports your curriculum, research and reading interests with books, articles, databases, media, consultations and instruction by library faculty. The library is open seven days a week during fall and springs semesters, and Sunday - Friday during summer sessions and semester breaks. Our web site (<http://www.averett.edu/library>) is your gateway to academic sources. While serving Averett students and faculty as our primary clientele, the library also reaches out to the local community, providing educational and cultural resources to alumni, educators, clergy, gifted high school students, and the general public.

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