

## THE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

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The Library of Congress is divided into two buildings: the Main Building and the Annex. The Main Building contains books and the Annex stores newspapers and periodicals. As for location, the buildings are behind the Capital with the Main Building first and the Annex second.

To reach the Main Reading Room in the Main Building, one walks through the first floor entrance. Directly ahead there are double doors; these doors lead to the Main Reading Room. In this room there are desks arranged in a circular pattern around the main desk. Beyond the main desk is the card catalog, this catalog extends into three additional rooms. In the third room there are zerox machines.

After one locates the desired books or periodicals in the card catalog, one fills out request forms which are in small boxes on the tables in the card catalog rooms. These forms want the book number, volume or date, author, title, your name and address, and your desk number. After the slips are completed, place them in the assigned area at the main desk. It will take about one hour for the first book to be delivered to your desk by a library attendant.

Since the Main Building houses only books, if newspapers or periodicals are desired, go to the Jefferson Reading Room on the fifth floor of the Annex. The desks in this room are arranged in rows and divided into smoking and non-smoking areas. The desks are also numbered. The request

slips for the Jefferson Reading Room can be found in the Local History and Genealogy Room. This room adjoins the Jefferson Reading Room. These slips want the same information as the Main Reading Room request slips. Deposit the completed slips at the main desk and wait for approximately one hour.

If one has either problems in locating titles in the card catalog or questions, there are reference librarians to aid you. The reference librarians for the Main Reading Room are found in alcoves four and five. These alcoves are on either side of the small hall between the Main Reading Room and the rest of the card catalog. In the Jefferson Reading Room the reference librarians are located on the right side of the Local History and Genealogy Room.

For basic information about the Library of Congress consult the pamphlet displayed in alcoves four and five. The pamphlet is entitled Information for Readers: Library of Congress. This pamphlet explains all the policies of the Library and contains floor plans of both reading rooms.

One should also be prepared to have briefcases and/or knapsacks searched. However, the guards are quite polite and one should have no trouble.

If you should ever use the Library of Congress, good luck and happy hunting.



## HISTORY NEWSLETTER

This issue of Clio marks the advent of Phi Alpha Theta as a contributing member of the Western Connecticut State College literary scene. Clio is offered as a vehicle of expression for all students, including alumni, and faculty of Wesconn, and is designed to include articles on all areas and aspects of History.

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The second edition of Clio will be a special retrospective issue commemorating the tenth anniversary of the assassination of President Kennedy. Short essays are needed for this issue. It need only be three or four typewritten pages, and a book on the Kennedy years will be offered as a prize for the best essay. It should touch on where you were when you first heard about the assassination, what your reactions were, and how you feel about Kennedy now, ten years later. Please submit your essay to Gary Kozak, Box 825, by December 1.

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Phi Alpha Theta is the International History Honor Society. The campus chapter, Sigma Eta, will be accepting letters of application two weeks into the spring semester. Requirements for initiation into Phi Alpha Theta are a 3.1 cumulative average in two thirds of all other courses.

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During this semester, history students and faculty have met in two open forums to explore ways of improving the history program at Wesconn. A good deal of the discussion centered on possible revision of the history curriculum. At the last meeting three committees were set up to explore the idea of mini-courses, the history major's requirements, and the possibility of "Group D" revision. If you are interested in serving on any of these committees, please contact Doctor Janick.

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For the spring semester, a visiting historian will offer History 201 - Colonial History. Doctor John Ifkovic, a graduate of Fordham University, will teach this course on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 8:15 to 9:30. Doctor Ifkovic has a M.A.T. from Yale University and a Ph.D. from the University of Virginia, where he studied under Merrill Peterson, the Jefferson biographer. His special area of interest is early American history.

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