



Library News

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New Additions to Library

We have recently added an “Islamic Culture” section to the Northwest Suburban College library, thanks to the generous donations of Dr. Khalid Sami. Dr. Sami donated several volumes from his personal collection on Islamic culture. The collection includes books on sacred literature, as well as on the history, art, and culture of the Islamic world. These ti-

ties can be searched in the [catalog](#) by location, using the terms, “Islamic culture.” This new section includes several editions of the Qur’an in Arabic and English, books on Islamic art, as well as a beautiful edition of the famous medieval poem, *Gulistan*, in Farsi.

Thank you, Dr. Sami, for your generosity in

making this important contribution to our library. Our students, faculty, and staff appreciate having these valuable texts available for us to use.



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Interlibrary Loan Network

Students, faculty, and staff, do not forget that Northwest Suburban College belongs to ILLINET, a network of public and academic libraries throughout Illinois who share resources. Through our membership in this network, we can request both books and journal

articles from participating libraries. If you need an item that we do not have, let me know and I can request it from a participating library. Journal articles are normally emailed directly via email and books are delivered by van. Journal articles do not have to be returned and usually, books can be kept

for an entire term, meaning quarters or semesters. Delivery and return of materials is free of charge. If you have any requests, simply contact me at:

mbyrne@nwsc.edu, and I will submit the required forms.



“I would definitely like to continue my education further and start my nursing career.” - recent NWSC graduate, Hiba Noor Muhammad

Recent Graduate Speaks about Rewarding Career

Hiba Noor - Muhammad is a 2019 graduate of the Northwest Suburban College Medical Assistant program. I recently had the opportunity to interview Hiba about her current position as a Registered Medical Assistant at the North Shore Kellogg Cancer Center in Glenbrook, Illinois. Hiba’s job duties include obtaining the vitals of patients, drawing blood samples, and situating patients in their rooms. Her work environment is a positive one where there is opportunity for growth. Hiba plans on furthering her education by obtaining a nursing degree. She finds great satisfaction in helping others as she provides essential care to her patients.

Hiba stated that the current COVID-19 virus has effected all

aspects of her work. Extra care is taken to protect the staff and patients. Unfortunately, visitors are not allowed due to the virus, which is especially difficult for patients suffering from cancer.

Hiba stated that the courses she took, as well as her externship at Northwest Suburban College helped her to both pass the RMA exam, as well as to learn the skills she uses on her job every day. One of the most important skills is to listen carefully to the patient in order to learn the patient’s symptoms and concerns, and to convey these to the physicians and nurses. Her externship also provided opportunities to learn patient care, to perform treatments, educate patients, and to assist physicians with

medical procedures.

Hiba’s advice to current students includes taking good notes in class and while reading, as well as to take the RMA exam soon after graduation, when the material is fresh and can be more easily remembered.

Congratulations, Hiba, on your success and we wish you all the best in continuing to advance your education and career!

Hiba’s testimony is a great example of Northwest Suburban College’s role in providing a pathway to a successful career in the healthcare fields, as well as serving as a stepping stone to continuing education and career advancement.

COVID-19 Resources

The general public has received much information on COVID-19, which seems to rapidly change, as new developments occur and new studies emerge. For that reason, it is best to keep up with the most current and most authoritative information available. The following links will take you to various articles posted on the National Institutes of Health, Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control, and the Cook County Public Health Department web sites. All of these sites are frequently updated. You can also subscribe to the NIH site in order to receive updates. To open these links, click on the highlighted title and the “control” key at the same time.

[Recent study of infected hospital workers shows long periods of immunity](#)

This recent study is promising in that healthcare workers who had COVID-19 are immune from re-infection for at least six months. Those who tested positive again were asymptomatic.

[Information on vaccines and clinical trials](#)

This article contains information about how vaccines work, how to join a clinical trial, and how you can help others if you have recovered from COVID-19.

[Information on the vaccines, including distribution and FAQs](#)

This site provides comprehensive information on the different types of vaccines, their benefits, possible side effects, and distribution.

[Cook County Public Health Department](#)

This site plots the occurrence of COVID-19 infections and deaths in Cook County and suburban Cook County. The Department attempts to update the data every 48 hours.



Sources for Free, Full Text Resources

Many libraries have closed their doors to normal operations during the pandemic. There are many full text materials freely available via the Internet. These include books for children and adolescents. Use the sites below to tap into a wealth of resources you can use from the comfort of your home.

[Project Gutenberg](#)

Project Gutenberg contains more than 60,000 full text books. These books are in the public domain and many are classic literature titles. The “Bookshelves” feature allows the user to limit by subject, genre, and age group. Books can be downloaded to Dropbox, Google Drive, or the Cloud.

[Hathi Trust Digital Library](#)

The Hathi Trust Digital Library is the result of the collaborative efforts of academic and research libraries throughout the world. Full text books and documents can be read and downloaded for free.

[Google Books](#)

The Google Books site is a good place to check for full text books. The collection includes the full text of many classic literature titles in the public domain. Some titles are available in their entirety and can be downloaded, while others offer a “preview.” Some of the previews are quite substantial. An option, “Get this book in print” allows the user to search WorldCat, to locate a title in a nearby library.

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[Internet Archive](#)

The Internet Archive is a collection of books, movies, television programs, audio files, as well as an archive of the Internet. Library collections include both public and academic, as well as libraries outside of the United States. Users can create an account for free and download or borrow ebooks, documents, and programs.