



CURRENTS

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WCCC Library Newsletter

2014

Note from the Editor:

Welcome to our very first issue of CURRENTS, a newsletter proudly brought to you by the staff of the WCCC Library. Our hope is that CURRENTS will keep you in touch with the library and our valuable resources.

Each issue highlights new releases, gives tips on using our databases, plus little snippets of information that you might find interesting, hilarious or even shocking!

The next issue of CURRENTS will be available at the start of the Fall semester. If you have comments or ideas for this newsletter, drop us a note. We'd love to hear from you.

DATABASE OF THE MONTH:



Research topic:
"earthquakes"

Guess how many returns for a basic search

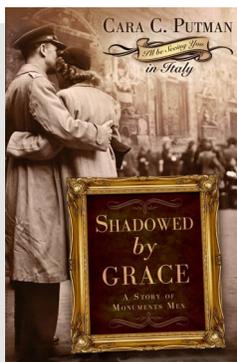
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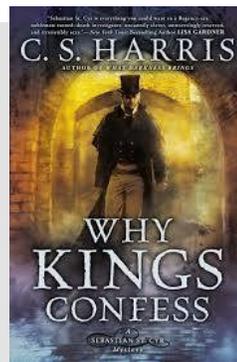
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BEST NEW RELEASES OF THE MONTH!

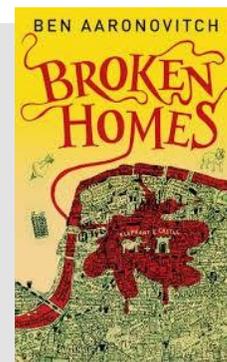
Fiction



Shadowed By Grace by Cara C. Putnam. A dramatic story inspired by the Monuments Men of World War II.

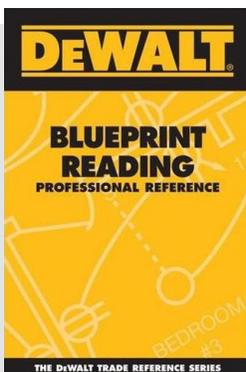


Why Kings Confess: A Sebastian St. Cyr Mystery by C.S. Harris. A gruesome murder draws St. Cyr and his pregnant wife into a decades-old mystery.

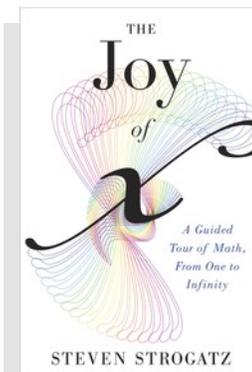


Broken Homes by Ben Aaronovitch.. A cross between CSI and Harry Potter for mystery fans!

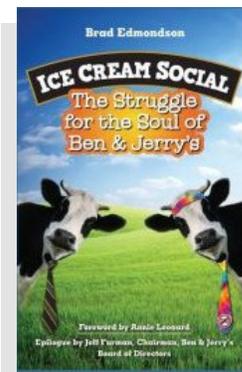
Non-Fiction



DeWalt Blueprint Reading: Professional Reference



The Joy of X: A Guided Tour of Math, From One to Infinity by Steven Strogatz



Ice Cream Social: The Struggle for the Soul of Ben & Jerry's by Brad Edmondson

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HOT TOPICS IN THE NEWS

Whither Great Britain?

Question: What important vote is all of Great Britain waiting to hear the outcome of this year?

Answer: On Thursday, Sept. 18, Scotland is going to vote on whether or not to stay a part of Great Britain!

I decided to see what library resources we could dig up on Scotland, Great Britain, or their relations. Here's a small sampling of what I found:

Books:

The Birth of Britain by Winston S. Churchill, DA 16 .C47 1956 vol. 1

The Splendour of Scotland by H.V. Morton, DA 867 .M67 1977

Lady Clare Macdonald's Scotland: the Best of Scottish Food and Drink, TX 713.3 M3 1990

Articles from Ebscohost:

"Going it Alone" by Sanjoy Sen (March 2014). The article discusses the implications of the possible separation of Scotland from Great Britain on the oil, gas and chemical industries. Other topics discussed include offshore oil and gas production from the UK Continental Shelf (UKCS), the maritime boundaries separating Scottish and English law, and external pressures if Scotland takes control of oil.

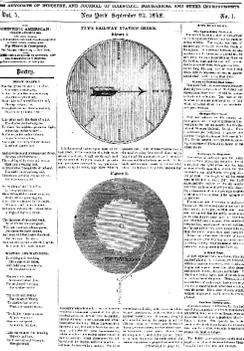
"Roots of the Thistle" by Dauvit Broun (March 2014). The article looks at Scottish conceptions of sovereignty and independence during the Middle Ages. According to the author, Scottish rulers did not consider themselves to be equals to the king of England until the 13th century. It is suggested, however, that conceptions of Scottish independence developed from the previously-held notion that Scottish rulers should be able to govern without interference from other monarchs.

"Licence to Kilt" by Ian Sclater (June 1999). Reports the history and fortunes of the kilt, a famous garment in Scotland.



FEATURED PERIODICAL

Scientific American



Sept. 23 1848 issue

I would like to start our special section by looking at the oldest continuously published magazine in the U.S.:

Scientific American!

The first issue was published August 28, 1845. To put that into context, that year James K. Polk was president, the first sewing machine was invented, and the republic of Texas was annexed to the United States of America

In this feature we will take a closer look at some of the interesting magazines that grace our shelves.

In this age of the internet and digital content, traditional magazines are beginning to struggle to maintain readership. That being said, people who love the low-tech simplicity of a nice glossy magazine are still in the majority. So, without further ado, I

(becoming the 28th state). The American Civil War didn't start until 16 years later!

The magazine features a mix of articles written by scientists (Albert Einstein was once a contributor), with additional news features on the latest developments in science, medicine, and technology.

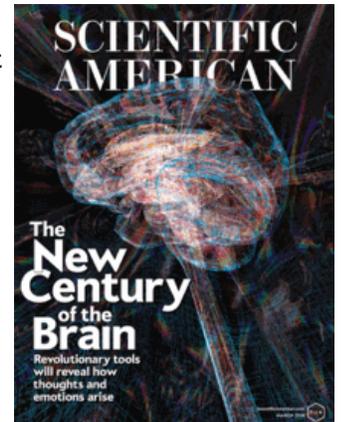
Here are some interesting articles that can be found in recent issues available in our Reading Room:

"Machines That Change Shape" (May 2014)

"An Off Switch for Cancer" (May 2014)

"The Benefits of Video Games (Really)" (Feb 2014)

"Why Good Thoughts Block Better Ones" (March 2014)



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