



Library Connections

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Research Simplified: Updated CREDO and AI Tools in EBSCO

By Anne Schwelm, Director of the Library

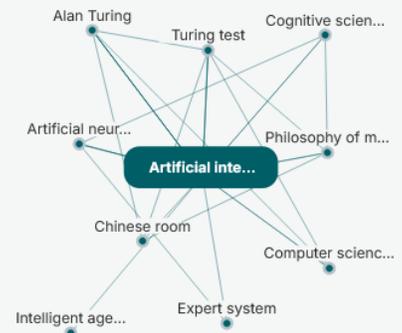
[Credo Reference's](#) home page has changed from the older "classic" look you may remember to an updated more visual interface. The new interface includes a "Research Quick Tips" slider and an Explore feature that lets you see research topics, subject categories, and key themes visually. Explore works with Credo's interactive Mind Map to show links between concepts — transforming search into discovery. The "Research Quick Tips" are short videos for point-of-need help — such as how to improve searches and find quality sources — without leaving the homepage.

EBSCO has introduced Natural Language Search and AI Insights. Natural Language Search allows queries in everyday language — like full questions or phrases — instead of relying solely on traditional keyword syntax. AI interprets your intent and matches it with EBSCO's subject indexing. The benefit: a more intuitive search experience, especially for complex research questions.

AI Insights provides concise, 2–5 point summaries of full-text articles so you can gauge relevance in seconds. Every summary is "grounded" in the source text and reviewed by librarians to ensure accuracy. The benefit: don't spend time skimming articles that aren't quite right but focus your time on identified high-value sources. Our most frequently used databases [Academic Search Complete](#), [PsycARTICLES](#), and [CINAHL Ultimate](#) as well as 39 others run on the EBSCO platform. The AI features are available on all the [EBSCO databases](#), including Eagle Search.

MIND MAP

Use our relationship map for discovery and a deeper understanding of the relationships between subjects and topics.



Natural language search

[Access now \(Online full text\)](#)

[Generate AI Insights](#)

Insights

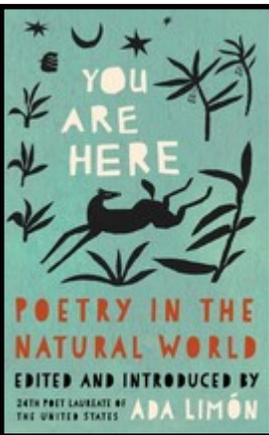
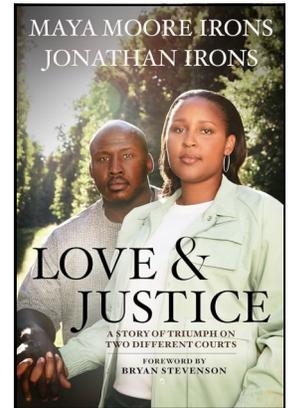
- The research reveals that the asymmetry in a dog's nervous system affects tail wagging behavior, providing insight into canine emotions.
- When a dog sees its owner, the tail wags more to the right, indicating a positive emotional response, while seeing a random human results in less pronounced but still right-sided wagging.
- In contrast, when a dog encounters a large, dominant, unfamiliar dog, the tail wags more to the left, suggesting caution or potential aggression.
- This asymmetry in tail wagging can serve as a subtle indicator of a dog's emotional state, helping humans to better understand canine behavior.

5 Out of 5 Librarians Recommend... Books We Suggest You Read For Valentine's Day!

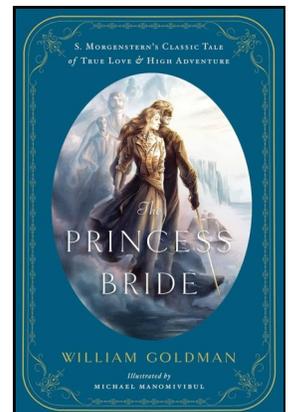
Our latest column titled "5 Out of 5 Librarians Recommend" is where we tell you about specific titles that we think you'd like to read. This issue, we'll be recommending books that would be perfect for Valentine's Day (not including our Mystery Date With A Book Picks, of course). Be sure to stop by the library when you get back to tell us what you thought!



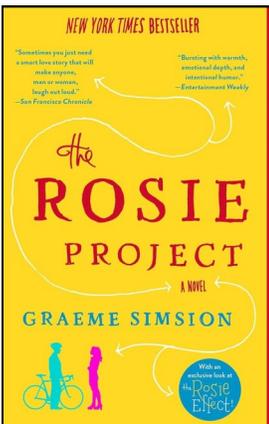
Anne Schwelm, Director of the Library: "[Gold](#) by Chris Cleave: A powerful story about two athletes who are friends and rivals. One chooses to have a family while the other dedicates herself to her sport. While training for the Olympics, they're tested to their limits. Second option is [Love & Justice : A Story of Triumph on Two Different Courts](#) — the inspirational memoir of former University of Connecticut and WNBA star Maya Moore and her husband, Jonathan. It recounts their story of obtaining justice for Jonathan who was imprisoned for a crime he did not commit. Includes a forward by Eastern alum Bryan Stevenson."



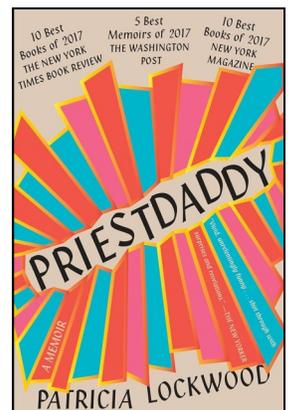
Caroline Coriell, Information Literacy Librarian: "During the colder months, I find it beneficial to focus on self care. I like to read poetry in my spare time, so, my recommendation is [You Are Here: Poetry in the Natural World](#), edited by Ada Limón, who is the current poet laureate for the United States, and a fantastic poet in her own right. A lot of mental health experts extoll the virtues of going outside and connecting with nature. I say 'not in this weather', and recommend this book. Close enough."



Chelsea Post, Systems Librarian: "Inconceivable! There's a book version of *The Princess Bride*, and it's available at Eastern? It most assuredly is, as you can now read [the illustrated version of S. Morgenstern's classic tale](#), specifically the 'good parts' version, which inspired the movie. This edition even includes the short story sequel which takes Buttercup and Westley's story in unexpected directions."



Kathy Hecht, Access Services Librarian: "Here are some romance-y books I'd recommend: [The Rosie Project](#) by Graeme Simsion. Description: Neurodivergent guy tries to find a date using a formula, finds love is not a formula he can control. Also, because I couldn't decide on one: [Priestdaddy](#) by Patricia Lockwood, the memoir of a daughter of a priest who grows up to be an unbeliever, but the love of her family and upbringing still shine through. Both of them can be accessed from the Free Library of Philadelphia through the Libby app."



Robyn Cunningham, Reference Librarian: "[Loveless](#) by Alice Oseman could be considered the opposite of a love story, but in quite a heartfelt way. As the main character Georgia begins college, she finds herself surrounded by love — the good and the bad of it all — as she tries to understand her aversion to it. I think this story is extra special because of the author, who identifies as asexual, as they sprinkle in their own experiences and feelings throughout this novel."



Tag us on [Instagram](#) with YOUR favorite Valentine's Day reads!





Ask Paisley the Library Cat!

Send your library-related questions to [reference1777@eastern.edu!](mailto:reference1777@eastern.edu)

Dear Paisley,

Question: How do you keep up with what is happening in the world?

Submitted by News-Conscious

Dear News-Conscious,

I can tailor my news through the World News Research Collection, one of the databases available through the library website. Go to the [library website](#), then to [Databases](#), then to [World News Research Collection](#).

Simply make an account so you can search local news or topics in world news. You can even create an alert for a favorite search like "Eastern University," or a particular event or person you want to know about. You can also refine and search just for local papers.

For example, for myself, I search for cat news around the world, and keep up on what's happening with my relatives around the world.

Sincerely, Paisley the Library Cat

Library Chat Services Upgraded!

By Kathy Hecht, Access Services Librarian

Accessing library help is easier and more convenient, now that some of our new chat services have come online. Chat live with library staff now has extended hours including some evenings and weekends. Access the chat box on the homepage of [Warner Library](#).

AskAway - Warner Library Chat

Name (blank=anonymous)

What year are you?

Your Question*

Start Chat



Ask Freddie, our AI Library Assistant!

Users can also chat with [Freddie](#), the new library AI assistant. Freddie is available 24/7 and has been trained to give basic library information and research help. Freddie can be accessed on the library homepage as well.

OUT OF THE BOX!

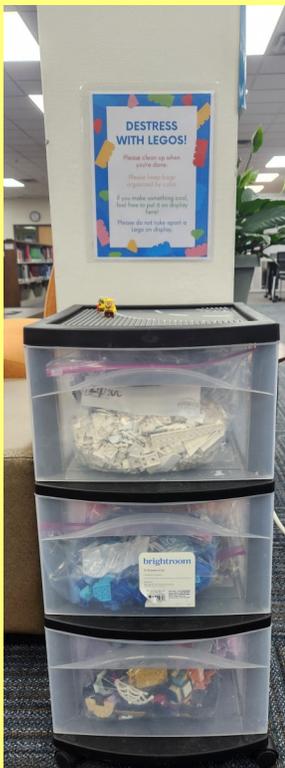


By Caroline Coriell, Information Literacy Librarian
(and starring her cat, Panda, in a box)

If you're joining us for the first time, welcome. Out Of The Box is our regularly scheduled feature where we respond to feedback left in the suggestion box. This is a slightly older request, and perhaps not as relevant in the winter months; however, someone asked that we ban scooters in the library.

We are an academic building, and if we are to limit someone's access or impose some sort of disciplinary measure, we need to follow the procedure set forth in the [code of conduct](#) (see 'Personal Transportation Devices' and 'Formal Disciplinary Procedures'). That also means, we have to see any infringement that might happen. So, if someone is engaging in behavior that is potentially harmful to themselves or others, or is disruptive and distracting to library activities, tell a librarian.

We're very grateful for student feedback and suggestions. We'd like to make sure we're hearing from a variety of students, and not everyone reads (or knows about) the newsletter or the suggestion box. I am trying to start a Student Advisory Council, where we can hear directly from students and you can provide feedback to us. If you think this sounds interesting, [you can sign up here](#).



**Lego station
added to main
floor! Build
something cool
with the provided
Legos and
display it atop
the shelves!**

**Please keep it
neat and tidy so
all can enjoy.**

Upcoming library event:



Artist: Lauren Brigham, *Inklings*, Fall 1978

**Mark your calendars:
Mythological Madness begins on
March 9...**

THE HEALTH & WELLNESS CENTER, WARNER LIBRARY & NURSING DEPARTMENT PRESENTS

FREE BLOOD PRESSURE & VITAL SIGNS CHECKS



When: Wednesday, Friday 18th 2026
9am-12pm

Where: HHC Warner Atrium

Who: Students, Faculty & Staff

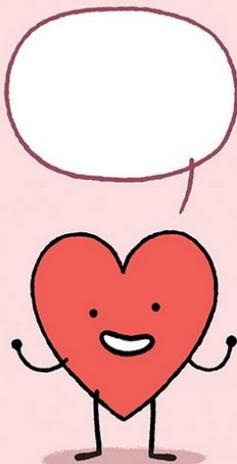
Warner Library's annual

MYSTERY DATE WITH A BOOK

February 2 - 15, 2026

COME PICK UP A WRAPPED-UP BOOK AT THE LIBRARY!

A PERSONALISED
VALENTINE'S CARD
FOR BIBLIOPHILES



CHOOSE A MESSAGE FOR YOUR CARD

I LOVE YOU
MORE THAN
MY BOOKS!

I LOVE YOU
AS MUCH AS
MY BOOKS!

I LOVE YOU
ALMOST AS MUCH
AS MY BOOKS!

I LOVE YOU!
NO MORE
QUESTIONS!

I LOVE
BOOKS!

Here's a
library-
themed
comic for
you...
Enjoy!

Cartoon by Tom Gauld,
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