“You do not really leave a library; if you do what it wants you to do, then you are taking it with you.” — Elie Wiesel

From the Director

Think with me for a moment about what you have at your fingertips. By using the device through which you accessed this newsletter and going through the Bryan College web page you have instantaneous access to:

- 19,519 streaming videos
- 37,140 periodical titles
- 104,128 streaming audio titles
- 318,362 ebook titles

That's a total of 479,145 items in your hands, right now, 24/7. Add to that, the 66,313 physical items that we have on the shelf, and your Bryan College Library makes available well over half a million items to the Bryan community, and our “community patrons” as well. Our interlibrary loan connections draw from a database of 2,280,255,804 holdings in 482 languages in 16,912 libraries worldwide. In short, the days of the small library in the small institution are gone.

Does this mean that you can assume we have instant access to everything? No. But give us a little time and we can help you find information on anything on which information exists. Think big questions and then come to find out what is known about them at your Bryan College Library! — Dr. Fitsimmons

Database of the Month

Academic Search Premier

As many of you have probably already noticed during your research, the BCL has dropped its subscription to ProQuest. As an alternative we have subscribed to Academic Search Premier (ASP). ASP is an EBSCO database that provides scholarly resources and full-text access to academic journals in a wide range of disciplines.

You can access ASP through the library’s website or by clicking here for a quick link.

Happening in the Library this Month

Book Sale, ends Oct. 14th — The library’s book sale is still happening! New books are being added regularly. The last week of the book sale, Oct. 10th-14th, there will be special discount sales for each day of the week. If you’re waiting for the price to go down on a book you’ve had your eye on, it may be gone soon! Be on the lookout for an email announcing each day of the discount sales!

Homecoming, Oct. 7th-9th — The library will be open on Saturday the 9th from 9am to noon. A special display will be set up in the library featuring books written by past and current Bryan professors as well as a selection of yearbooks and photo albums.

Fall Break, Oct. 17th-21st — The library will be open Monday—Thursday from 8am-5pm. The library will be closed the Saturday and Sunday before fall break as well as the Saturday after. Normal hours will resume on Sunday, Oct. 23rd.