



The BayLeaf

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History and Uses for the Bay leaf

Bay leaves, also known as Sweet Bay or Sweet Laurel, are some of the most commonly used herbs. Its history dates back to the legends of the Greek god Apollo, god of prophecy, healing and poetry. Apollo was madly in love with a nymph named Daphne, so the story goes. She wanted no part of his affections and turned herself into a bay tree (which were plentiful on the Greek isles) to hide from him. When he found out he declared the bay tree sacred and wore a wreath of its leaves on his head in her memory. In this same manner, crowns of bay leaves were given to victors in battle and sporting events in ancient Greece and Rome. Poets received the similar honor -- poets laureate -- an honor we still bestow today.

Bringing together other flavors, giving them depth, and adding richness is what bay leaves do best. Rarely will you find them as the main flavor in a dish. Add them to all manner of fish dishes, meats, vegetables, soups, stews, marinades, and sauces, even custards. Cuisines all over the world utilize bay leaves. Use them sparingly as they are very potent.

(<http://www.sallys-place.com/food/columns/gilbert/bayleaf.htm>)

There is now a link to the Magill's Medical Guide on the library homepage.

The on-line format is based on the five-volume print version which is also available in the Reference Collection at the Waycross College Library -- see Ref RC 41.M34 2008. The guide covers diseases, disorders, treatments, procedures, anatomy, biology, and issues in an A-Z format. You can access the guide from home using your Student Identification number.

Hours of Operation

MON-THUR
7:30am-8:30pm

FRIDAY
7:30am-5:00pm

SUN
2:00pm-6:00pm

Don't Forget - Get Your Library Card!

It's so easy! All you need is the Waycross College picture ID and we can get you ready to check out books in a few seconds. If you don't already have your picture ID, talk to Nancy Allen in Student Services.

What are you reading?

Americans in Paris:
a Literary Anthology
Adam Gopnik, editor

The Definitive Book
of Body Language
Alan Pease

Courting Your Career
Shawn Graham

World Cookbook
for Students
Jeanne Jacob

Watched any good movies lately?

Awake My soul:
the Story of the
Sacred Harp
(America's Oldest Music)

Letters from Iwo Jima
(A glimpse into the thoughts of
those who fought in WWII)

Spies, Lies and
Videotape
(Is Big Brother watching?)

Waycross College Library is participating with libraries around the globe, in the “September Project” by displaying pictures relating to our local heroes. Come see the display wall at the entrance to the library and see if you recognize any of the local heroes there!

The September Project is a grassroots effort to encourage public events in libraries on freedom, democracy, and citizenship on or around September 11. Various libraries around the world participate by organizing public and campus events such as library card registration, voter education programs, book discussions, panel discussions and film screenings.

Join us in celebrating our own local heroes!

Library Q&A

Q: What’s the password for Galileo this semester?

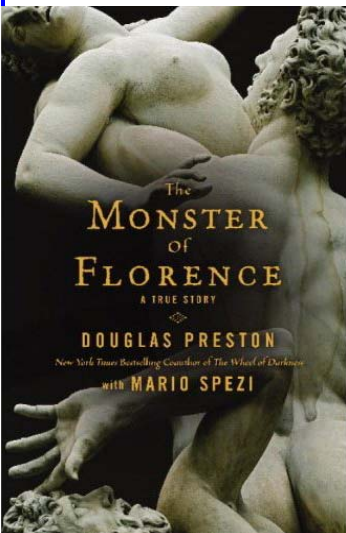
A: Go to the library online catalog. Click on the link that says **Get Galileo Password**. Enter your student ID number in the patron barcode slot, or enter your social security number. Type in your last name. Log on and follow the prompt to request a Galileo password. The password changes every semester.

Q: When are you getting Office 2007?

A: We have it! We will also be keeping Office 2003 for a while yet for those of you who don’t want to change. We also have books at the Circulation Desk for those who would like to learn

Book Review: The Monster of Florence

by Douglas Preston & Mario Spezi



The Monster of Florence is a first hand collaboration between an American thrill writer and an Italian journalist that investigates a serial killer’s activities in Florence, Italy. The killer starts taking the lives of young lovers parked on the back roads of Tuscany and retains “trophies” from his female victims. There are 7 double murders from 1968 until 1984 and terror reigns the region when the murders unexpectedly stop. The longer the investigation lasts, the more sensational the beliefs become. The police are at wits end and rely (rather unfortunately) on a woman whose main gift seems to be conspiracy theories. Suddenly, all of Italy is on a witch hunt and our authors are standing accused of these crimes and more!

This book is a nonfiction work but reads as easily as fiction. The writing is straightforward with little embellishment. Preston tells of his feelings throughout the story without drowning the reader in it. While the story in itself is rather grisly, he manages to keep the details almost clinical. There is no true conclusion to this story since the Monster has never been arrested for his crimes and the police are still on the hunt. You can find this book in the New Book section at the front of the library.

- Tricia Hope