Books of knowledge
With the addition of the Juvenile Fiction section in the library, Early Childhood Education (ECE) students will find new resources to ignite their creative minds. In the ECE program of study, these students have varied past experiences working with children. Finding enriching ways to teach children about the world around them is a central focus for several of the child development courses. Angela Wilson Riggs, ECE Program Coordinator, suggests to her students that children’s literature can help teach social and basic skills in all cognitive domains and provide cultural awareness to children of various ages. Children’s books dealing with grief, divorce, separation anxiety, and other social issues could also be used to open up the lines of communication with young children experiencing these real-life situations. “We don’t just read a children’s book, there is a point in it,” stated Crystal Maupin, “What you learn you’ll need and what you need you’ll learn,” added student LaShonna Kiphart.

Community resources and current research findings in the field of child development are critical tools used to prepare our young children for the future. Children’s literature is another tool used to meet the needs of the children. Sara Wade, Library Assistant, and Ms. Riggs have teamed up to build a collection of children’s literature covering topics dealing with social issues, skill-based books, Newbery and Caldecott Medal Award Winners, and classic selections. The new Juvenile Fiction section now has 587 books. Ms. Riggs has graciously shared many of the books from her collection, accumulated when she taught early childhood education.

The Sullivan University Library is a tremendous resource. At Sullivan, great pride is taken in the library collection containing thousands of worthy resources for students, faculty and staff. Charles Brown, University Librarian, works with faculty and staff to continually add and update the collection.

Microsoft evening classes are here! This past quarter saw the launch of the first evening (versus just weekend) classes for students pursuing the Microsoft Network Engineer (MNE) certification. With a strong 20+ student enrollment, the biggest challenge was finding space and equipment to hold the classes. Newly completed, the new classroom building next to The Bakery had an available classroom, and Sullivan University purchased 25 new Dell Latitude laptop computers for the students to use. This is the first time a technically advanced program has been taught using laptops and a wireless network. Due to the strong demand for the weekend schedule, additional classes are under discussion.

For more information, contact Dean Blevins, Microsoft Coordinator at dblevins@sullivan.edu, or call 456-6505.

Thanks to Sullivan’s Microsoft program, graduate now has a successful career

When Ryan Deal started the Microsoft Network Engineer (MNE) program at Sullivan, he was fresh out of college with a Bachelor of Science degree. He had bounced from job to job, doing everything from typing tables to working as a video camera man. Finding jobs was tough, and Ryan ended up as a substitute teacher in one of Louisville’s inner city schools.

Choose Sullivan for better future
Ryan picked Sullivan to get the education he needed to find a good job with a future. Enrolling in the Microsoft Network Engineer (MNE) program gave him the strong foundation he needed. Ryan studied hard, took his certification tests, attained the CompTIA A+ and Network+, and continued through his MCP, MCSA and MCSE.

Now his future as a career
He landed a job with Win.NET, one of Kentucky’s premier Internet Service Providers where he is responsible for all of Win.NET’s Microsoft infrastructure, DSL and T-1 provisioning and installation. Sullivan University gave him what he needed to succeed!

Effort pays off for weekend students determined to succeed!

It’s always amazing to see the dedication of Sullivan’s weekend Culinary and Professional Baking students. A story like this one though, is the reason that these students continue to succeed!

Susanne Ebacher has just finished her fourth quarter in the evening and weekend program at Sullivan. A former teacher, Susanne has a Bachelor’s degree in education and has also worked in restaurants since she was 17. The more she taught, the more she realized that the kitchen was where she belonged.

Susanne had returned to work in the kitchen with Aramark P&G in Cincinnati, Ohio when she first enrolled in the weekend Culinary and Professional Baking. P&G offered to pay for all of her education, if she would transfer to the local community college there. She said, “No,” and continued to travel 428 miles every weekend to work toward her degree at Sullivan.

This summer she made the choice to move to Louisville and switch to the day school degree in Baking & Pastry Arts. Her talent, new sharper, was not to be lost by Aramark. Susanne’s employer has offered her a position in the Louisville area, and they are going to work around her schedule.

Susanne had all the support she needed to make this bold move. “This would have been a rough transition if it wasn’t for a few people. The support of my weekend students and the support of my weekend faculty. These people have supported me and showed me the way.”

Financial Planning office is energized
Charlene Geiser, Director of Financial Planning, stated, “Increasing student enrollments caused us to expand the number of personnel to package their financial aid; we were beginning to step all over each other.”

The Financial Planning space was significantly increased, making room for more privacy when meeting with students and families.

More changes ahead!
The Graduate Employment Services (GES) office will be completely remodeled this fall with improved heating and air conditioning, fresh paint, new carpet, and new furniture. According to Sherry Klein, Director of the GES department, “This remodeling will help us better serve our graduates as they move from Sullivan to employment.”