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Honors for Wendell Johnson!

Upcoming Events

- March 14: Pi Day!
- March 14 & 15: Alice Training
- March 21: Faculty Book Reception (3:30-5:00)
- April 1: Title IX Training Ends
- April 4: All-Library Meeting

Professor Wendell Johnson was recognized by the American Library Association, Reference and User Services Association for his for his recently published reference work, *End of Days: An Encyclopedia of the Apocalypse in World Religions*. His was one of only eleven reference titles to be honored as Outstanding Reference Sources published in 2017. The list was established in 1958 to recommend

outstanding reference publications for libraries.

More information about the list and recommended titles from this year, and previous years can be found at <http://www.ala.org/news/member-news/2018/02/reference-experts-announce-annual-outstanding-reference-sources-list-adults>.



Protect Yourself From Phishing Scams and Identity Theft During Tax Season! by Joe Thomas

Each year thousands of people are taken advantage of either via direct tax scamming or via identity theft used to file false tax returns. Each year for the past five years the IRS has reported double digit percentage increases in reports of tax fraud. In calendar year 2016 there was \$10.9 billion in confirmed fraudulent refunds! Below are some tips and resources to help you protect yourself (and your refund!) from scammers.

Tips:

The IRS will **NEVER** contact you via phone, E-mail, or social media without first mailing a written notice. If you are at all in doubt that

a phone call or E-mail you have received is legitimate you can always contact the IRS directly via phone at 800-829-1040. You can also report suspicious online or E-mail scams to phishing@irs.gov.

Follow normal best-practices for keeping yourself and information safe online:

- Do not click on links or open attachments in E-mails you were not expecting or when anything appears suspicious.
- Do not provide banking information to anyone via E-mail.
- Learn to recognize calls from scammers/thieves and report

them accordingly.

- Use a separate password for your banking information and tax filing information, if you choose to file online, than any other passwords for services you consume.

Some warning signs that you may be a victim of tax fraud include:

- More than one tax return has been filed using your SSN.
- You find out you owe additional tax or have a refund offset or collection actions taken against you.

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- IRS records indicate unexpected wages or other income from an employer you did not work for.
 - Contact one of the three major credit bureaus to place a “fraud alert” on your credit records. Equifax: <http://www.equifax.com>, Experian: www.experian.com, TransUnion: www.transunion.com
 - Contact your financial institutions and close any financial and/or credit accounts opened without your permission or tampered with by thieves.
- Steps to take if you suspect you’ve become a victim:
- File a complaint with the FTC at

Chili Cook-Off by Jenny Symonds

The FLA committee hosted what we hope will become an annual chili cook-off, on Thursday, February 22nd, in the staff lounge. We had nine competitors vying for the top three positions, Fred Barnhart, Joseph Reilly, Jennifer Symonds, Jim Millhorn, Ginger Prothero-Schwersenska, Karen Brint, Renee

Kerwin, Katja Marjetic, and Nancy Adams. Library staff and faculty were allowed samples of all nine chilies, and were able to vote for their favorite three. We had approximately 30 people come through to try the different chilies, all of which boasted a variety of secret ingredients, and all of which were delicious! In the end,

the coveted trophies were awarded to Nancy Adams, first place with the # 7 chili, Joseph Reilly, second place with the # 8 chili, and Fred Barnhart, third place with the # 4 chili. We thank everyone who participated in this event, and anticipate an even greater competition for next year!

