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We publish *INSIDE The CU Libraries* weekly, when classes are in session. Here we share information about our services and resources with the campus community. Current and back issues are available online through the NEWS link on the [Libraries' homepage](#).

Faculty Tenure & Promotion Recognition Reception



We invite you to join the President, Provost, and colleagues from the campus community in recognizing faculty who were tenured or promoted effective with the fall semester.

They will be recognized for their achievements and honored with the selection of a book or other information resource added to the Libraries.

Please join us for the program and reception:

**Wednesday, November 4
3:30 p.m.**

Carlson Library Center for Academic Excellence / Level A

Complete The Survey For A Chance To Win!



The University Libraries are conducting an online survey that will help assess and improve our services.

- Go to Libraries' [homepage](#) (www.clarion.edu/libraries)
- Click the "Take the SURVEY Now" link
- All Clarion University students, faculty, and staff should complete this important survey.
- It takes only five minutes to complete.
- Provide your CU email address at the completion of the survey to enter a drawing to win* a prize.

We are giving away:

- One (1) \$200 Wal-Mart gift card
- One (1) \$100 Wal-Mart gift card
- One (1) \$50 Wal-Mart gift card
- Six (6) \$25 Wal-Mart gift cards

**University Libraries' faculty and staff are not eligible to win prizes.*

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Your link to all of the Libraries' resources

PILOT

Search the Libraries' online catalog

Databases A-Z

Search the Libraries' extensive collection of electronic journals and e-books

Contact Us

Dr. Terry Latour
Dean of Libraries

What Is *Literature Resource Center*?



Literature Resource Center an online resource rich in biographical, bibliographical, and critical information about authors and literature. Included are:

- *Contemporary Authors Online*, offering biographical coverage of more than 130,000 writers from all time periods, writing in all genres (fiction, nonfiction, poetry, drama, history, journalism, and more).
- *Contemporary Literary Criticism*, featuring more than 13,000 bio-critical essays on authors and their works written by academic scholars.
- Various other criticism series
- *Dictionary of Literary Biography*
- *Encyclopedia of Literature*
- A wealth of other resources.

Literature Resource Center is available through the [Libraries Homepage](#). In the "Research" block, click on the [Databases A-Z](#) link, then scroll down the alphabetical list or use the link to jump to the "L" section of databases.

If you have questions or need assistance, stop by the Libraries or call Carlson Library at 393-2490, Suhr Library at 676-6591, or Clarion Online distance education students may call toll-free at 866-272-5612 (press 5 for Library). Our Chat and other online services are available at the [Ask a Librarian! / LibAnswers!](#) link on our Website.

The S.W.A.T. Minion's Tip: USB 2.0 -vs- USB 3.0



New computers have been coming with USB 3.0 ports for years...but just how much faster is USB 3.0? Will you see a big speed improvement if you upgrade your old USB 2.0 flash drives?

USB 3.0 devices are backwards compatible with USB 2.0 ports. They'll function normally, but only at USB 2.0 speeds. The only downside is that USB 3.0 devices are still a bit more expensive.

USB is a standard and defines maximum "signaling speeds" for communicating across a USB port. The USB 2.0 standard offers a theoretical maximum signaling rate of 480 *megabits* per second, while USB 3.0 defines a maximum rate of 5 *gigabits* per second. In other words, USB 3.0 is theoretically more than ten times faster than USB 2.0.

If the comparison ended here, upgrading would be a no brainer. Who wouldn't want their USB drives to be ten times faster?

In reality, this standard just defines the maximum transmission rate of data through a USB port. Devices will have other bottlenecks. For example, USB drives will be limited by the speed of their flash memory.



If you are not sure whether you have USB 3.0 ports, just look at the USB ports themselves — USB 3.0 ports are generally colored blue inside. Many computers have both USB 2.0 and USB 3.0 ports. In the photo, the port on the left is USB 2.0, and the port on the right is USB 3.0.

Never mind the theory, let's look at how USB 3.0 flash drives actually perform in the real world.

There are quite a few benchmarks out there, but Tom's Hardware's 2013 test of USB 3.0 thumb drives is particularly recent and comprehensive. What is really interesting about the test results is the huge variation in speeds. The worst USB 3.0 drive was faster than the USB 2.0 drives, but only by a tiny bit. The best USB 3.0 drive was over 28 times faster.

Cranial Candy: Word Of The Week



salacious

PRONUNCIATION:

(suh-LAY-shuhs)

MEANING:

adjective: 1. Obscene. 2. Lustful.

ETYMOLOGY:

From Latin *salax* (lustful, fond of leaping), from *salire* (to leap). Ultimately from the Indo-European root *sel-* (to jump), which also gave us *salient*, *sally*, *sautssail*, *assault*, *exult*, *insult*, *result*, *somersault*, *resile*, *desultory*, and *saltant*. Earliest documented use: 1661.

USAGE:

“Billed as a salacious ‘kick and tell’, early indications [of the book *Lucky Jack*] suggest an anodyne lack of revelation.”

Lucky Jack; *Sunday Times* (London, UK); Jul 24, 2005.

Although we do not “*repair*” computers, the **S.W.A.T. Team** (Students **Who Assist** [with] **Technology**) on Level A of Carlson Library is always happy to help. Having an issue? Let us take a *swat* at it!

Something To Think About



*A man who has never gone to school
may steal from a freight car;
but if he has a university education,
he may steal the whole railroad.*

*~Theodore Roosevelt
26th US president (27 Oct 1858-1919)*