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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](#).

Clarion Online/Distance Education Support



If you are a Clarion Online student or faculty member, you face unique challenges in gaining access to the information resources and services that you need to be successful. The University Libraries are committed to doing all that we can to address your needs.

We suggest that you watch the brief video, [Introduction To CU Libraries](#). This is an excellent introduction to our Virtual Library

Services. Please don't hesitate to contact us when you have questions.

Guides to our services and resources can be accessed through the [Libraries'](#) homepage. Click on the [For Clarion Online Students](#) link in the blue "Services" box, and you will find information on:

- Our toll-free phone number
- Ask-A-Librarian service
- Information available through our website
- How to search for a book, journal article, or other information source
- Links to guides and tutorials
- Getting books and journal articles from other libraries
- And much more.

When you need help with distance education-related library matters, contact the University Libraries using any of these:

- Toll free number: 866-272-5612 (press 5 for the Library).
- Go to the [Libraries'](#) homepage and
 - Click [Chat Live With a Librarian](#) link to connect with a reference librarian via computer - *in real time*
 - Click [Ask A Librarian](#) to send an e-mail that a reference librarian will usually answer in 24 hours – or less!

Library Home

[Your link to all of the Libraries' resources](#)

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EBSCO Discovery Service



Fast, simple, powerful – these are some of the adjectives used to describe EBSCO Discovery Service.

The [University Libraries'](#) webpage features a search box that combs through many of the information resources available through the Libraries – books, e-books, articles, video, indexing and abstracting databases, and much more.

If an item is available in electronic, full-text form, a link in the search results leads you straight to it.

If there is no electronic version, and we do not have the resources in our collections, links appear for you to request ...

- books through the E-ZBorrow Interlibrary borrowing service, and
- articles and other items through the ILLiad Interlibrary Loan service.

EBSCO Discovery's default setting is to search by keywords. If you would like to focus your inquiry by author or title, you can do that too. Other options include limits to resources that are electronic "Full Text," "Peer Reviewed" articles, and items available only in our local collections (not requiring Interlibrary Loan requests).

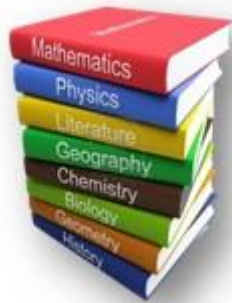
The "Catalog Only" option limits search results to books, videos, and other resources that were traditionally located through the Libraries' Online Catalog. Results include shelf locations and call numbers specific to Carlson and Suhr Libraries. Journal articles and database content are excluded from this type of search.

EBSCO Discovery Service searches a wide range of information resources and may produce unintended results beyond the scope of what you want. More sophisticated researchers with focused topics may find it useful to conduct searches in subject-oriented databases like *CINAHL*, *PsycARTICLES*, *Mergent's Financial Information Online*, and others.

If you have questions, or would like additional information, please contact a reference librarian.

- Call Carlson Library at 393-2490.
- Call Suhr Library (Venango College) at 814-393-1242 or 814-676-6591 extension 1242.
- Virtual Campus/Distance Education faculty and students may use the special toll-free number provided just for you, 866-272-5612 (press 5 for Library).
- You may also contact us through our [Ask a Librarian](#) Webpage.

Textbooks



Contrary to what you may have heard, Carlson and Suhr Libraries do *not* have copies of textbooks (print or electronic) for courses taught at the University. Textbooks are expensive and change frequently. Academic libraries seldom have traditional types of textbooks for those reasons.

Occasionally, a faculty member will place a print copy of a textbook “on reserve” in the library as a supplement to other course readings. You may check at the Circulation Desk to see if that is the case.

Academic libraries also do not request or lend textbooks through the Interlibrary Loan service for the same reasons. Few libraries have them and those that do will seldom lend them.

If a professor assigns a novel or other type of “regular” book as supplementary reading for a course, and you borrow it through Interlibrary Loan, please be aware that you usually cannot keep it for the entire semester. The lending library will probably want it back before then, and if you do not return it to the library, you may be liable for hefty fines.

We wish that we could help. However, the Libraries do not have the funds available to purchase or license copies of *all* the textbooks adopted for use, let alone a copy for everyone.

The S.W.A.T. Minion’s Tip: Just...No!



Never download a driver-updating utility.

These, like PC-cleaning programs, try to charge you money for a service you do not need.

They do this by scaring you with threats of blue screens and system problems. Don’t take the bait!

Cranial Candy: Word Of The Week ...



malapropos

PRONUNCIATION:

mal ap ruh PO

MEANING:

This word is French for "ill to the purpose." Something malapropos, or something done malapropos, is **done in an awkward, unhelpful, or inconvenient way.**

USAGE:

When "awkward" is too vague and "inappropriate" doesn't express the cringe-worthy timing you're describing, pick "malapropos." Just remember to spell it with that final "s," but don't say it.

Talk about a malapropos moment, or something done or said malapropos, such as a malapropos visit, a malapropos call, a malapropos remark or comment, or a malapropos response. You could also say that people are habitually malapropos or are malapropos by nature (heaven help them!)

Although we do not "repair" computers, the **S.W.A.T. Team** (**S**tudents **W**ho **A**ssist [with] **T**echnology) 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:



*It's easy to attack and destroy
an act of creation.*

*It's a lot more difficult
to perform one.*

~ Chuck Palahniuk