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About "Inside The Clarion University Libraries"

The Clarion University Libraries newsletter is published weekly when classes are in session. Through *Inside*, we share information about our services and resources with the campus community. *Inside* is best viewed with Microsoft Outlook. However, you can read a PDF version of *Inside* online through the [Libraries' homepage](#).

Useful Workshops - Act Quickly!



Act quickly to take advantage of three workshops scheduled for this week.

Designed to help you save time and produce better results, these brief workshops (which are open to all) are held in Room 201 of the Carlson Library.

Please contact Karen Sheesman at 393-1841 or [email](#) Karen to reserve your spot!

Get Grade A Information

Today, March 22, 11:00 a.m.

Discover where to get *quality* information for your class assignments. Learn the basics of the University Libraries, Libraries' website, and databases.

Locating Sources *Not* In Your Library Collection & ILLiad

Wednesday, March 23, 11:00 a.m.

Have you done research but found that Carlson Library does not have enough source material? Have you discovered that the Library does not have the specific book or journal that you need? Are you finding it difficult to find books in the library on your topic?

This session teaches you how to search and find books from all over the world, then have those resources sent to you in just days. Don't be limited to just using items held at your local library.

PILOT

Search the Libraries' online catalog

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

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Dr. Terry Latour
Dean of Libraries

Avoiding Plagiarism

Thursday, March 24, 10:00 a.m.

Have your professors warned you not to plagiarize? Have you seen stories in the news about the consequences of plagiarism?

You definitely want to avoid it ... *but what exactly is plagiarism?* Attend this session to learn more about plagiarism and tips to avoid it.

Manage Research Work With RefWorks



[RefWorks](#) is an online research management, writing, and collaboration tool. It is designed to help researchers

easily gather, manage, store, and share all types of information. It even helps to conveniently generate citations and bibliographies from items imported into customizable folders.

RefWorks enables the user to create a personal database of citations. Citations are entered manually or (*even better*) imported from many online databases, such as EBSCOhost, Google Scholar, etc. Citations can be formatted in a variety of output styles including APA, MLA, and Chicago.

Write-n-Cite (a useful program within RefWorks) assists users composing scholarly papers. Proper citations (in-line, footnotes, or endnotes) and bibliographies are automatically generated from folders in the RefWorks database.

RefShare allows a user to share a folder of citations along with a persistent link to its source and a full-text version of the article (if one is available). The person receiving the share does not even need his or her own RefWorks account!

RefGrab-It can capture citations from any web page that has this information and can import it into RefWorks

You can find a link to RefWorks at the [Library Website](#), in the center column, under "Library Services." We also have a [RefWorks Guide](#) available in the righthand column of our Website, below the "Library Help" heading. Select the [LibGuides](#) link.

If you need help getting started, call or stop by the Library to speak with a reference librarian.

Computer Tip: In Loving Memory Of My USB Flash Drive



My USB Flash Drive died last week and as I mourn the loss of my first 2 GB drive, here are some reminders and suggestions for you to consider:

- Change the name of a USB drive to your name and/or phone number. You might get it returned more quickly and easily.
- Create a text document with your complete contact information. Name it something like:

~~If Found, Please Return To Joe College

The double tilde (~~) at the beginning of the document name, ensures that it is the very first item viewable when the USB drive is opened or "explored."

- Always backup your flash drive data on a computer!
- Using the "Eject" feature is always a good idea. If you pull a USB drive from the computer while a read or write operation is in progress, the entire drive will become corrupted (and unusable).
- Do **not** use disk intensive applications (compression programs, installers, databases) from your flash drive. They will constantly write to the drive, severely reducing its life expectancy. A flash drive's primary role is to copy files between computers. If you use it just for that, it should last you a very long time.

Cranial Candy: Devastation Of Japan



The offshore earthquake and resulting tsunami that struck Japan on March 11 have caused untold devastation, killing thousands, with thousands still missing, and hundreds of thousands left homeless. As if the problems directly caused by this disaster weren't enough, radiation leaks and possible nuclear meltdowns are adding to the disastrous complexities of the ongoing situation. In addition to obvious health risks associated with increased radiation levels, the malfunctioning nuclear reactors are contributing to an energy shortage throughout the area, leading to rolling blackouts.

Food and water shortages are reported in the northeast where the most widespread devastation occurred. Ensuing significant

aftershocks, with more predicted, are aggravating what are already extremely difficult circumstances. Due to the tremendous damage on the ground, many areas of the country are only accessible by air, further hampering humanitarian aid.

While there is no lack of shocking images of this disaster, the [New York Times site](#) offers striking before and after satellite photos of affected areas. If you are looking to help in some way, you might consider contacting [The Salvation Army](#) or [The Red Cross](#).

Something To Think About:



*We always talk
about working together...
perhaps crisis can give birth
to new evolution.*

--Yuka Saionji