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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.

Savvy Researcher Series

Join librarians in Carlson Library this semester for an 8-week series of 30-minute workshops that will help you improve your research skills. Series topics include:

- Zotero
- Google Like A Librarian
- How To Read A Scholarly Article
- MLA And APA Basics
- Understanding Key Words And Searching
- Avoiding Plagiarism
- Searching In JSTOR
- Using WorldCat.



Join us Tuesday, February 26 1:00 p.m. Carlson Library room 201

How to Read a Scholarly Article

The series begins with a session focusing upon understanding the parts of a scholarly, peer-reviewed article and tips on how to get the most out of reading the article. Before you leave the session, the librarian will assist you in locating a journal in your major - or area of interest - so that you can continue practicing the skills on your own.

Libraries' newsletter

Library Home

Your link to all of the Libraries' resources

PILOT

Search the Libraries' online catalog

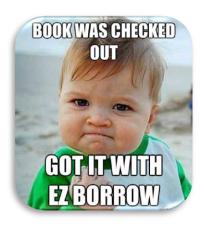
Databases A-Z

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

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Dr. Terry Latour Dean of Libraries

If We Don't Have It...We'll Get It!



Can't find the information you need in the library or among our many databases? Let us know and we will do all that we can to get it.

If it's a book that you are looking for and it's not in our collection, check out <u>E-ZBorrow</u>, an interlibrary borrowing service for books. You can find it under the "Library Services" column on the <u>Libraries</u> home page. E-Z Borrow searches the catalogs of more than 50 other libraries, including those of large research libraries such as Pitt, Penn State,

and Carnegie Mellon. Requested titles often arrive at Clarion University Libraries within five days and you will receive an e-mail alerting you that the book is ready to pick up at the library.

Students: Your E-Z Borrow Patron Login is 9 + your Clarion ID number. Click here for help determining your Clarion ID number.

Faculty and Staff: Your E-Z Borrow Patron Login is a series of leading zeroes followed by your employee ID number. (Use enough zeroes to create a nine-digit number.) Your employee ID number can be found on your pay stub.

If you can't find "it" through E-Z Borrow (or if it is an article or other type of item), please use our regular InterLibrary Loan borrowing service that uses ILLiad software to facilitate the process. ILLiad permits users to create a profile that eliminates repeated entry of routine information. It also allows the user to track requests throughout the entire process. When the item arrives, you are notified via email. If the item is an article or book chapter that has been scanned, you are provided with a Web link to view, print, or save the item for up to 30 days.

To use E-Z Borrow and ILLiad InterLibrary Loan and borrowing services, you must know your Clarion iPortal Login and Password as well as your Student or Employee ID Number. Tutorials on both of these services are available at the <u>Libraries</u>' Website. For more information or assistance, please contact: Ginger McGiffin at 814-393-2481

Library Tip: Textbooks

No Textbooks

Contrary to what you may have heard, Carlson and Suhr Libraries don't have copies of textbooks (print or electronic) adopted for courses taught at the University. As you know, textbooks are expensive and change frequently.

Academic libraries seldom have traditional 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's the case.

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

If a professor assigns a "regular" (non-textbook) book as supplementary reading for a course and you borrow it through Interlibrary Loan, please be aware that you usually can't keep it for the entire semester. The lending library will probably want it back before the end of the semester and if you don't return it to the library you may be liable for hefty fines.

We wish that we could help. However, the libraries don't have the funds available to purchase or license copies of all the textbooks adopted for use, let alone a copy for everyone.

Tuning Up Your Finances



Dr. Paul R. Woodburne, Associate Professor in the Department of Economics at Clarion University has been at Clarion for fifteen years and has extensive experience teaching personal money management and consumer economics.

He was the director of the Center for Economic Education for seven years, and is currently

writing a textbook in consumer economics. His presentation, "Tuning Up Your Finances," will focus on keeping family finances in order by looking at important saving and spending issues. The discussion will be relevant to anyone – young or old – who is interested in improving their overall financial position.

Tuesday February 26
6:00 to 8:00 p.m.
Clarion Free Library
644 Main Street
Call (814) 226-7172
or stop by for more information

Refreshments will be provided

Please mark your calendars for the next talk in our series: *Ideas to help you keep your resolutions,* presented by Jeanne Slattery on March 26 (Tuesday) 6 PM at the Clarion Free Library

This presentation is part of a Community Fellows project funded by Clarion University and undertaken with the Clarion Free Library.

What Are You Reading?



When: Tuesday, March 19 at 6PM

Where: Clarion Free Library, 644 Main Street,

Clarion, PA 16214

What: Join us for munchies and a casual conversation about *The Outpost: An Untold Story of American Valor* by Jake Tapper

On February 11, 2013 former Army Staff Sgt. Clinton Romesha received the Medal of Honor for his actions in Afghanistan. Romesha is the fourth living recipient to be awarded the Medal of Honor for actions in Iraq or Afghanistan. The staff sergeant helped repel an enemy attack of some 300 fighters who outnumbered the defenders of Combat Outpost Keating in Nuristan Province, Afghanistan.

The Outpost is a book about that battle.

If you plan to attend, please contact mharhai@clarion.edu or sign up at the Clarion Free Library 226-7172 (to help us plan our food/beverage order).

Everyone is welcome. Feel free to invite others who may be interested in the topic. Copies of the book are available to borrow from the Clarion Free Library and Clarion University Carlson Library.

Other upcoming events include:

February 26 (Tuesday) – **Tuning Up Your Finances**. Did you make a New Year's resolution to take charge of your money? – Join us for the first in a series about ways to keep our resolutions. Speaker: Paul Woodburne

March 14 (Thursday) – **Book discussion**. *Wild* by Cheryl Strayed

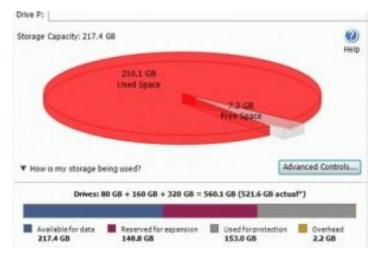
March 26 (Tuesday) – **Ideas To Help You Keep Your Resolutions**. Is your New Year's resolution slipping a bit? This presentation will share professional advice on why our best intentions can fail and provide ideas to increase our chances for success. Come get motivated! Speaker: Jeanne Slattery

All events are part of a Community Fellows project funded by Clarion University and undertaken with the Clarion Free Library.

Computer Tip: Running Out Of Memory?

A full hard drive can cause all kinds of problems for your machine,

including but not limited to a slow computer and, ultimately, hard drive failure.



There are a number of possible reasons for this.

1) It's just FULL.



You just have too much stuff on your drive. One solution is to move personal files onto a removable hard drive.

2) You've got a virus.



Nasty bugs are everywhere these days, created by people with more computer knowledge than common sense. One variation of these things fills your hard drive with junk. Disk clean-up doesn't really help, because the thing can fill your hard drive as fast as you can empty it. Some of these files are also listed as essential files, and so wouldn't be deleted by clean-up. The best solution to this is to make sure that you have a good, reputable anti-virus program on your computer. Not something that you downloaded from a pop-up that says "YOUR COMPUTER HAS A VIRUS! CLICK HERE TO FIX IT!"

3) Your hard drive is failing

It happens to the best of us. We get old, and things don't work like they're supposed to. The average life for a hard drive these days is seven or eight years, but if you take care of your computer like you're supposed to, it could last more than ten. When a hard drive starts failing, it can throw off all kinds of incorrect and erroneous messages, including telling you it's full when it's not. One clue to this is if your computer wants to do a disk check every time that you boot up. If that's the case, then you probably have multiple failed sectors on your disk and it's time to replace it. If it's more than five years old and nothing above works for you, you may consider replacing it anyway.

Cranial Candy: Chronicling America



From an historical perspective, newspapers offer up fascinating primary source material in many ways. What did they consider worth reporting about? What did they shuffle to the innermost

pages? How was the paper organized? The answers provide interesting cultural clues and facts about time gone by.

The bulk of the papers on the site that have been digitized span the time from 1836 to 1922. When you land on the main page, you'll automatically be on the right page to search through them or you can choose to browse them by clicking on the papers that are displayed. If you don't like one of the three being shown, use the arrows to either side to select from a different set of three.

Your other browsing option is to click the button that reads "US Newspaper Directory, 1690-Present." This will whisk you away to a search engine that you can use to search for keywords or titles in those papers, or you can use the alphabetical menu to select by the letter.

This site is an amazing resource! Check it out at: http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/

Something To Think About:



The most damaging phrase in the language is:

It's always been done that way.

~Grace Hopper