

Library News

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The Library Has DVDs — Make it a Movie Night!

The Library is in the process of building a Recreational DVD Collection. About 200 recent and “classic” DVDs are currently available for checkout. Examples of DVDs in this collection include **50 First Dates, Citizen Kane, Closer, Curb Your Enthusiasm, Finding Neverland, Hotel Rwanda, The Incredibles, Singin’ in the Rain** and **The Station Agent**.



Some things you should know about the Recreational DVD Collection:

- Recreational DVDs are arranged **alphabetically by title**.
- You may borrow **up to 3** recreational DVDs at a time.
- The loan period for recreational DVDs is **7 DAYS**.

Please note: to support your research needs, there are also some educational DVDs. Please talk to the Reference Librarian on duty for more information.

Read the Library’s Blog for the Latest News & Info

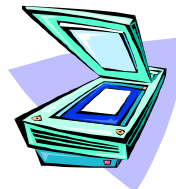


As part of an ongoing effort to better share information about the Library and its resources, the Library replaced its old “What’s New” web page with a **blog** (aka “weblog”) in February 2005. Check it for the latest Library news, useful web sites, helpful research tips, links to Library web pages and more! You can also read older entries at any time. Visit the blog at:

<http://nulibrary.blogspot.com>

Buffalo/Erie County Book From 1884 Digitized

With the support of a grant from the Western New York Library Resources Council, the Library digitized (scanned) **History of Buffalo and Erie County** -- a two-volume, 1,500 page book published in 1884. The two volumes cover the history of Buffalo and Erie County from 1620 to 1884.



The particular appeal of this book is its level of detail. It is a treasure trove of factual information -- names, dates, people, and places. It really gives the reader a feel for what Buffalo and Erie County were like in the 19th century. Check it out at:

<http://www.niagara.edu/library/buffhist/eriehome.html>

Staff News

- The Library said farewell to Asst. Circulation Dept. Coordinator **Shirley Melvin** in August and to Part-Time Reference Librarian **Tom Stieve** in March. We wish them well and thank them for their dedicated service.
- Congratulations to recently-graduated senior work study students **Jill Brehm, Maria Burke, Elizabeth Ligas, Sheena Pratts, Edward Reilly III, Raysa Rogers** and **Natalie Rose** for being named the 2004/05 recipients of the Excellence in Library Service award.
- The Library welcomed new Part-Time Evening Circulation Supervisor **Renee Johnson** in May.



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What are NU Library Patrons Reading for Fun?

The **Recreational Reading Collection** consists of more than 1,000 fiction and non-fiction books that might be fun to read in your spare time. According to circulation figures, these are the **25 most popular books** in this special collection:



1. RED DRAGON by Thomas Harris
2. THE FAR SIDE GALLERY by Gary Larson
3. TUESDAYS WITH MORRIE by Mitch Albom
4. PRETEND YOU DON'T SEE HER by Mary Higgins Clark
5. THE AMITYVILLE HORROR by Jay Anson
6. THE CLIENT by John Grisham
7. GIRL TALK by Julianna Baggott
8. THE NOTEBOOK by Nicholas Sparks
9. THE DA VINCI CODE by Dan Brown
10. BRIDGET JONES'S DIARY by Helen Fielding
11. MEMOIRS OF A GEISHA by Arthur Golden
12. THE WEDDING by Julie Garwood
13. THE CIDER HOUSE RULES by John Irving
14. WHAT LOOKS LIKE CRAZY ON AN ORDINARY DAY by Pearl Cleage
15. THE FIVE PEOPLE YOU MEET IN HEAVEN by Mitch Albom
16. THE LOVELY BONES by Alice Sebold
17. MOMMIE DEAREST by Christina Crawford
18. THE BRIDE by Julie Garwood
19. THE READER by Bernhard Schlink
20. MEMNOCH THE DEVIL by Anne Rice
21. GIRL INTERRUPTED by Susanna Kaysen
22. FLOATING DRAGON by Peter Straub
23. DREAMCATCHER by Stephen King
24. THE BOURNE IDENTITY by Robert Ludlum
25. CATCH-22 by Joseph Heller

There are many other Recreational Reading Books to choose from, so stop in and take a look! The Recreational Reading Collection is located on the first floor of the Library between the Circulation and Reference Departments.

Two TVs & DVD/VCR Players Available in Library

There are now two TVs and DVD/VCR players available in the Library that you may use to watch DVDs or videos. You will find them in the **Study Abroad Room** located on the second floor to the right and in the **Group Study Room** located on the basement level to the left.

Library Purchases Color Laser Printer

The Library recently replaced its ink jet color printer with a faster and better quality color laser printer. Printouts are now only 10 cents per page. You may only print one color copy of each document. If you would like to make color printouts, please visit the Reference Desk on the first floor and talk to the Reference Librarian on duty.



Database News

Thanks to special funding from the NU Office of the Academic Vice-President, the Library is now providing on and off-campus access to **Catholic Periodical and Literature Index via EBSCOhost** (covers all aspects of the Catholic faith and lifestyle) and **Grove Art Online** (a comprehensive online reference resource for all aspects of the visual arts worldwide from prehistory to the present day). Available at: www.niagara.edu/library/ebsco.html and www.niagara.edu/library/grove.html.

The Library is also providing on and off-campus access to **Encyclopedia of Religion** (the second edition of this highly-regarded resource), **New Catholic Encyclopedia** (scholarly presentation of persons and subjects related to Catholicism and the humanities) and **New Catholic Encyclopedia Jubilee** (focuses on the pontificate of John Paul II). Available at: www.niagara.edu/library/encyrel.html, www.niagara.edu/library/newcath.html and www.niagara.edu/library/newcathsup.html.

Current NU students and employees may search most Library databases off campus by obtaining a user ID and password. There are several ways to do this. Choose the method that works best for you:

- If you are a student, **log into your myNU account**. The *Trouble logging in* link will tell you how to determine your first-time user name and password. After you login, click the *Resources* tab at the top of the page. Then look for the *Library* category. There you will see a link to *Passwords For Off-Campus Access to Library Databases*.
- Or **stop by the Reference Desk** and ask for a password sheet.
- Or call the Reference Desk at **716-286-8022**.
- Or send an email request to reflib@niagara.edu. Please remember to include your name and student ID number in your message. You should receive a reply within 24 hours.
- Or use the online form located at www.niagara.edu/library/reqpass.html. You should receive a reply within 24 hours.



Book News

The Library recently added the following reference books to its collection: **Africana: the Encyclopedia of the African and African American Experience** (Ref DT14 .A37435 2005), **Eerdmans Commentary on the Bible** (Ref BS 491.3 .E37 2003), **Encyclopedia of American Foreign Policy** (Ref E183.7 .H28 2004), **Encyclopedia of Ireland** (Ref DA 906 .E52 2003b) and **Oxford Encyclopedia of Food and Drink in America** (Ref TX 349 .E45 2004). These books are shelved in the Reference Collection on the first floor of the Library but do not circulate.

Each month the Library publishes a list of new books added to the collection during the previous month. If you would like to be notified when the list is released each month, please enter your email address at www.niagara.edu/library/newbk.html.

There is an ongoing **Used Book Sale** in the Library. About 20 books are on sale at a time and are displayed on a table near the front entrance. Be sure to check it regularly!

Do you know of a book that you think the Library should acquire? Please tell us about it! If it is suitable for the collection, we will order it. Just complete the online form located at www.niagara.edu/library/bksugg.html. Thank you!

More Staff News

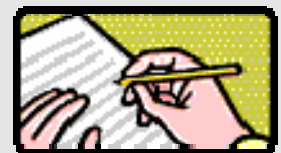
- Library Technician **Kris Schrader** became the sixth recipient of the Library's Excellent in Customer Service Award in Spring 2005. Congrats!
- Reference/ILL Librarian **Samantha Gust** was named Niagara University's Employee of the Month for June 2005. Congratulations!

Did You Know?



You can call the Reference Desk for help during all the hours the Library is open -- 95 hours per week during the school year! **Call us at 716-286-8022.**

Comments?



If you have a comment about the Library, please write it in the **Comment Book**, located on the first floor near the Circulation Desk. You may also contact Library Director **David Schoen** at **716-286-8001** or schoen@niagara.edu.

Library Services

Hours of Operation

School Year

Monday-Thursday	8 am to Midnight
Friday	8 am to 8 pm
Saturday	10 am to 5 pm
Sunday	Noon to Midnight

Summer

Monday-Thursday	8 am to 9 pm
Friday	8 am to 4 pm
Saturday	10 am to 4 pm
Sunday	Closed

Visit the Library web site (www.niagara.edu/library) or call **716-286-8000** for exceptions to these hours during exam week, breaks, and holidays.

Reference Assistance

Reference Librarians are on duty during all the hours the Library is open to help you find information. The Reference Department also offers a **Reference Assistance by Appointment** program, which is designed to provide you with the undivided attention and assistance of a Reference Librarian. You may also ask questions via email at reflib@niagara.edu or by phone at **716-286-8022**.

Circulation Services

By presenting a valid Niagara University ID card, students of the University may **borrow and keep out up to 25 Library books**. The loan period is 28 days, and books may be **renewed one time** either in person, or by phoning the Circulation Desk at **716-286-8020**, or electronically via the **"My Account" module** of the Library Catalog. Overdue fines are **20 cents per book, per day**. The fee for a lost book is a **minimum of \$50.00** (expensive books can be more).

Interlibrary Loan and Document Delivery

If the Library **does not own an item you need**, we can almost always obtain it for you from another Library. This is called **Interlibrary Loan**. Please remember to start your research early enough so that you can take advantage of this service. If you wish to **obtain an article from a journal, magazine, or newspaper that the Library owns**, we will photocopy the article for you and send it to you. This is called **Document Delivery**. You can submit your request for materials electronically on the Library web site: www.niagara.edu/library/docdel.html

Borrowing Books From Other Libraries

There are two ways to obtain a book that Niagara University Library does not own. You can use the Library's Interlibrary Loan System, or you can make use of the **Library Access Project**, which will allow you to go to and check out books from other college libraries in Western New York. You can get a special card to do this at Niagara University Library's Reference Desk. It is called a **LAP** or **INFOPASS** card and will allow you to check out books from most of the college libraries in Western New York.

Study Rooms and Vending Machines

There is a **silent study room** located on the second floor of the Library to the right with tables, comfortable chairs and study carrels. There are **two group study rooms**. One is the **Study Abroad Room**, located on the second floor to the right. This room features a collection of materials on studying, living and traveling abroad as well as comfortable seating. The other **group study room** is located on the basement level of the Library to the left. Each group study room has a **TV you can use to watch DVDs or videos**. **Vending machines** are located on the second floor to the left.

Fax Service

The Library can send or receive your **personal faxes up to 10 pages** in length.

Computers

The Library maintains a **Computer Training Lab** on the basement level of the building to the right. **When it is not being used for training purposes**, the room is available for **students to work individually** using Library databases, the Internet, or Microsoft Office. There are additional computers in the Reference Department. **Black & white and color printers** are available. You can also bring your **laptop** to the Library and connect to the wireless campus network.

Access to Databases From Outside the Library

In an attempt to make your research easier and more convenient, the Library provides **remote access** through the World Wide Web to most of its database subscriptions. Please see www.niagara.edu/library/onlres.html. Most of the databases do not require a password if you are connecting from anywhere on campus. If you are **connecting from home** via your own Internet Service Provider, you will need to obtain **passwords** from a Reference Librarian.

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