



# Library News

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## The Library is Now Lending Laptops!

We've noticed that there aren't always enough computers available for you to use for research and projects, so we are piloting a **Laptop Lending Program**.

By presenting your NU Student ID card and a second form of identification (such as a driver's license) at the Circulation Desk, you can check out a laptop for use within the building. Headphones and USB storage devices are also available for loan. The loan length for laptops and accessories is two hours.

The Laptop Lending Program also takes advantage of wireless technology. The Internet is available via a wireless network throughout much of the building, and for areas not well-covered, you can plug directly into a network jack.

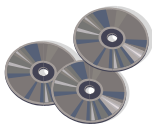
For more information, please contact **David Schoen**, Library Director, at **716-286-8001** or [schoen@niagara.edu](mailto:schoen@niagara.edu).



## Staff News

- **Kristine Kasbohm**, Information Literacy Librarian, left the Library in June 2006. She accepted the Information Literacy Coordinator position at Canisius College. Part-Time Evening Circulation Supervisor **Renee Johnson** and Part-Time Reference Librarian **Elizabeth Curry** have also left the Library. We thank them all for their dedicated service.
- The Library welcomed Part-Time Evening Circulation Supervisor **Rebecca Straub** and Part-Time Reference Librarian **Andrew Bailey** in the fall semester.
- **Jennifer Potter** is the new Library Instruction Assistant. She replaces **Andrew Aquino**, who recently graduated from the University at Buffalo.
- Circulation Dept. Coordinator **Debbie Farrell** became the eighth recipient of the Library's Excellence in Customer Service Award in Spring 2006.
- Reference/Interlibrary Loan Librarian **Samantha Gust** has been accepted into the Western New York Library Resources Council Library Leadership Institute.

## More Educational DVDs Added



To supplement your research needs, the Library has added more than 150 educational DVDs on a variety of subjects to its collection since January 2006. Some examples are:

- Bullying Prevention
- Coca-Cola: The History of an American Icon
- Counseling the Antisocial Client: Working With Resistance and Denial
- D-Day: The Total Story
- Global Warming: The Signs and the Science
- Great Ideas of Philosophy (a multi-DVD series)
- Inside 9/11
- Islam: Empire of Faith
- Learn Public Speaking
- Niagara: A History of the Falls
- Playing Hurt: Ethics and Sports Medicine
- Salem Witch Trials
- Superstar: The Life and Times of Andy Warhol
- Video Game Invasion
- Why Wal-Mart Works and Why That Makes Some People Crazy

Educational DVDs are shelved by call number and are located on the first floor of the Library between the Circulation and Reference Departments. The student loan period for educational DVDs is 28 days. If you prefer, you may view DVDs in the Library either in the Study Abroad Room on the second floor or in the Group Study Room on the basement level.

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## College of Business Offices in the Library

As you may know, starting this spring a new building for the College of Education is being built and Perboyre Hall, which contains the College of Business, is being renovated. From May 2006 through August 2007, the Library will house the College of Business offices while Perboyre is being renovated.

### Where in the Library will the College of Business offices be located?

- The College of Business main office is in a room built on the second floor.
- Faculty offices are located at the north end of the first floor and the south end of the basement level.

### What does this mean for you?

- While the College of Business resides in the Library, you will lose some study space.
- But at the same time, new furniture is being purchased this summer to improve existing study spaces. This is in addition to three recently renovated private study carrels that are now available at the south end of the first floor.
- Even more exciting, when the College of Business returns to Perboyre Hall:
  - \* More new furniture will be purchased to improve the study spaces on the basement level.
  - \* An additional large Group Study Room will be available to you.
  - \* One of the offices being vacated will be used as an Information Literacy Training Lab. This means that the existing computer lab on the basement level will always be available to you, whereas in the past it was reserved for instruction much of the semester.

So for a little inconvenience for a year, we will end up with more computers for you to use, an additional group study room and more comfortable furniture in several locations of the Library. If you have any questions, please contact David Schoen, the Library Director, at 716-286-8001 or [schoen@niagara.edu](mailto:schoen@niagara.edu).

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## Scan, Print in Color and Laminate in the Library!

We know that you often need to digitize print materials for use in PowerPoint presentations, to insert images into research papers, to send resumes electronically to employers, or to create online portfolios. To serve you better, the Library has installed a digitization workstation behind the Reference Desk. You will find:



- A fast computer connected to a scanner with a document feeder
- A color printer (10 cents per page)
- A laminator (10 cents per page)
- Software for creating and manipulating digital images, including:
  - \* Adobe Photoshop Elements
  - \* Adobe Acrobat (for creating PDFs)
  - \* Optical Character Recognition (OCR) software for converting images (such as a scan of a document) to editable text

Please see a Reference Librarian for more information on using the workstation.



## Database News

The Library is now providing access to **SciFinder Scholar**, the definitive and comprehensive tool for chemistry research. It includes references from over 9,500 currently published journals and patent information from more than 50 active patent issuing authorities, an online version of *Chemical Abstracts* and much more. **Please note:** this database is not accessible via a web browser. You will need to use it on one of two computers in the Library's Reference Department or in the Chemistry Library on the second floor of DePaul Hall.

The Library recently added **JSTOR: Language & Literature Collection** to its database collection. It includes the full text of 58 core literary criticism journals. Coverage dates vary by journal. Available at: [www.niagara.edu/library/jstor.html](http://www.niagara.edu/library/jstor.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*.
- **Stop by the Reference Desk** and ask for a password sheet.
- Call the Reference Desk at **716-286-8022**.
- Send an email request to [reflib@niagara.edu](mailto:reflib@niagara.edu). Please remember to include your name and student ID number in your message. You should receive a reply within 24 hours.
- Use the online form located at [www.niagara.edu/library/reqpass.html](http://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: **American Indian Religious Traditions: An Encyclopedia** (Ref E98 .R3 C755 2005), **Encyclopedia of African History** (Ref DT20 .E53 2005), **Encyclopedia of Christianity** (Ref BR95 .E47 2005), **Encyclopedia of Philosophy** (Ref B51 .E53 2006), **Encyclopedia of School Psychology** (Ref LB1027.55 .E523 2006) and **World Police Encyclopedia** (Ref HV7901 .W64 2006). These books are shelved in the Reference Collection on the first floor of the Library but do not circulate.

You can see the Library's **new books and DVDs** by clicking the **New Titles** link in the Library Catalog ([www.niagara.edu/library/catalog.html](http://www.niagara.edu/library/catalog.html)).

There is an ongoing **Used Book Sale** in the Library. About 20 books are on sale at a time and are displayed 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](http://www.niagara.edu/library/bksugg.html). Thank you!

## Did You Know?

There are now three **private study carrels** for students on the south end of the Library on the first floor (near books beginning with call number L).



The Library stays **open an hour later** Sunday-Thursday the week before finals as well as during finals week.

## Comments?



If you have a comment about the Library, please complete the **new form** on the Library's homepage. You may also write in the **Comment Book** or fill out a comment card and put it in the **Comment Box**. Both are located on the first floor near the Circulation Desk. Or, if you prefer, you may contact Library Director **David Schoen** directly at **716-286-8001** or [schoen@niagara.edu](mailto:schoen@niagara.edu).

## Library Blog



Check the Library's **blog** 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:

[nulibrary.blogspot.com](http://nulibrary.blogspot.com)

# 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](http://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](mailto: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](http://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 TV shows, 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](http://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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