



Library News

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ILLiad: Making Interlibrary Loan Easier For You!

Requesting items via interlibrary loan is now easier thanks to **ILLiad**, the interlibrary loan management software program the Library recently purchased! All Niagara University students, faculty and staff can now create their own interlibrary loan accounts, track their requests, request renewals and more. Here are some of the benefits of using ILLiad:

- Access to your ILLiad account 24/7 from any web browser.
- Only entering your personal information ONCE when you register, not every time you submit a request. After you create your ILLiad account, you will access it using your username and password.
- Automatic email notification letting you know when your items have arrived.
- Articles and book chapters waiting for you in your ILLiad account in PDF format (unless you request a print copy).
- The ability to view a list of the books and media you have borrowed, see when they are due and request renewals.
- Being able to see the status of your outstanding requests.

ILLiad will also make our behind-the-scenes work easier and less dependent on paper, which will result in a more efficient and earth-friendly interlibrary loan process.

To get started with ILLiad, please visit www.niagara.edu/library/docdel.html. ILLiad is user-friendly, but Interlibrary Loan Librarian Samantha Gust will happily make “office calls” to faculty and staff upon request and will assist students as well.

If you have any questions about ILLiad or interlibrary loan, please contact Samantha by email at gust@niagara.edu or by phone at 716-286-8031.

Did You Know? The Library Lends Laptops!

Are all the computers in the labs taken? By presenting your NU ID card and a second form of identification (such as a driver's license), you can check out a laptop computer for use within the Library. Headphones and USB storage devices are also available for loan. The loan length for laptops and accessories is two hours. To borrow a laptop, just stop at the Circulation Desk!



Staff News

- We are sorry to report that Reference & Information Literacy Librarian **Kelly Waller** left the Library in August, and Reference Librarian **Michael Krajewski** departed in May. We thank them for their service and wish them well. We welcomed **Michelle Skiba**, our new part-time reference librarian, in October.
- Congratulations to Acquisitions Librarian **Charles Dabkowski** and Technical Assistant **Kris Schrader** for being named the Niagara University Employee of the Month in August and November 2007!
- Former Library Instruction Assistant **Jennifer Potter** and Technical Assistant **Eleanor Jacoby** were named the fall 2006 and spring 2007 recipients of the Niagara University Library Excellence in Customer Service Award. Congratulations!
- Reference/Interlibrary Loan Librarian **Samantha Gust** graduated from the Western New York Library Resources Council's inaugural Library Leadership Institute in May 2007.

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Faculty Publications on Display in the Library

The **Faculty Publications Display** near the front entrance features the many accomplished authors here at Niagara University. We are currently highlighting the work of:

Dr. Matt Jackson-McCabe

Matt Jackson-McCabe is Associate Professor and past Chair of Religious Studies at Niagara University. He received his B.A. in religion with an anthropology minor from Miami University (1989) and his M.A. and Ph.D in New Testament and early Christian literature from the University of Chicago (1992, 1998). He edited *Jewish Christianity Reconsidered: Rethinking Ancient Groups and Texts* (Fortress, 2007) and is the author of *Logos & Law in the Letter of James: The Law of Nature, the Law of Moses, & the Law of Freedom* (Brill, 2001). He has also published a variety of articles on early Christianity and ancient philosophy in journals such as *Phronesis* and *The Journal of Biblical Literature*.

Dr. Daniel Pinti

Daniel Pinti is Associate Professor and the University Honors Coordinator. His research interests include Chaucer, Dante and the reception history of his *Divine Comedy* as well as literature and theology. He received his B.A. in English from Kent State University (1986) and his M.A. and Ph.D in English from Ohio State University (1988, 1992). He edited *Writing After Chaucer: Essential Readings in Chaucer and the Fifteenth Century* (Garland, 1998) and has published articles in journals such as *Anglican Theological Review*, *Comparative Literature Studies* and *Chaucer Review*.

Rare Book Room Available For Group Study By Appointment

Attention students: if your study group occasionally needs a room to meet in, the Rare Book Room on the second floor of the Library is available by appointment. Arrangements to use this room can be made with the Library Director's office. Please contact Lisa Jackson, Library Secretary, at 716-286-8001 or ljackson@niagara.edu to check availability and to make an appointment. **Please note:** the table in the Rare Book Room comfortably seats 10 people.



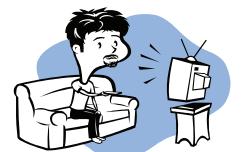
Library Staff Members Dress Down for Charity



Last spring, some of the Library staff began dressing down on Fridays for a yet-to-be-determined charity. Participants in this optional program pay \$1 per week to be able to dress casually on Fridays. A charity will be selected soon, and a December donation is planned. For more information about our program, please contact Samantha Gust at 716-286-8031 or gust@niagara.edu.

Watch TV and Movies in the Library!

Did you know that you can watch television and movies in two of the Library's group study rooms? More than 100 channels are available: the kinds of channels you are used to watching for entertainment as well as some Spanish and French language channels for students in the Modern Languages Department. You can find the TVs in the **Study Abroad Room** on the second floor of the Library to the right and in the group study room on the basement level to the left. These two rooms also have a DVD and VCR.





Database News

Due to low usage and budgetary reasons, the Library is no longer providing access to **ebrary**, an electronic book collection, or **Westlaw Campus**, a legal information database. However, you can still obtain legal information from **Lexis/Nexis**, available at: www.niagara.edu/library/ltrial.html

Featured Databases

JSTOR

www.niagara.edu/library/jstor.html

This database includes the complete runs of many core scholarly journals in the humanities and social sciences, some as far back as the 1800s. You can retrieve high-resolution, scanned images of journal issues and pages as they were originally designed, printed, and illustrated. The Library provides access to four collections: Arts and Sciences I, Arts and Sciences II, Arts and Sciences Complement and Language & Literature. Please note that JSTOR is not a current issues database. There is a gap, typically from 1 to 5 years, between the most recently published journal issue and the back issues available in JSTOR.

The New York Times (Historical) www.niagara.edu/library/nythist.html

This database offers full-text and full-image articles beginning with the first issue of **The New York Times** in 1851. You can access news, editorials, letters to the editor, obituaries, birth and marriage announcements, historical photos, stock photos and advertisements.

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: **log into your myNU account**, **stop by the Reference Desk**, call the Reference Desk at **716-286-8022**, send an email request to reflib@niagara.edu or fill out the online form located at www.niagara.edu/library/reqpass.html.



Book News

Each month, the Library highlights a book in the **Monthly Book Spotlight**. This feature is published online at www.niagara.edu/library/spot.html.

The Library recently added the following reference books to its collection: **A Dictionary of Psychology** (Ref BF31 .C65 2006), **Encyclopedia of American Education** (Ref LB17 .U54 2007), **Hawley's Condensed Chemical Dictionary** (Ref QD5 .C5x 2007) and **Encyclopedia of Pakistan** (Ref DS376.8 .E53 2006). These books are shelved in the Reference Collection on the first floor of the Library and 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).

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. Thank you!

More Staff News

- Congratulations to recent NU graduates **Katie Boyle**, **Stacey Howard** and **Ryan Morris** for being the 2007 recipients of the Excellence in Library Service Award. This award is presented to senior work-study students who have demonstrated quality service to patrons and dedication to their job continuously during their entire academic experience here at NU.



Comments?

If you have a comment about the Library, please complete the **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.



Library Blog: "What's NU at the Library?"

Check the Library's **blog** for the latest Library news, useful web sites, helpful research tips, links to Library web pages and more!

Keep an eye out for contests, and feel free to comment on any post. You can also read older posts at any time. Visit the blog at:

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) 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** on the second floor of the Library to the right with tables, comfortable chairs and study carrels. There are **three 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. Another is located on the basement level of the Library to the left. Each of these two group study rooms has a **TV you can use to watch TV shows, DVDs or videos**. The third group study room is on the first floor to the left. This room has a TV, DVD player and VCR but no TV channels. **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 borrow a **laptop** or bring your own to the Library and connect to the wireless campus network.

Access to Databases From Outside the Library

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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