



Library News

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More Computers in the Library!

The Library recently created a new computer lab that has 20 brand new desktop PCs. These computers have access to the internet, Microsoft Office and a networked black & white printer. This new lab is located on the basement level to the left behind the books beginning with call number JK.

The purpose of this new lab is for librarians to train students on how to use Library databases to do research. However, when it is not being used for training purposes, the lab will be available for students to work individually.



Please note: the computer lab that was previously used for training purposes is now an open lab where students may do research or work on papers, spreadsheets, presentations and other projects whenever the Library is open. This lab is located on the basement level to the right.

More Full-Text Articles Now Available in EBSCOhost and ProQuest



The Library recently upgraded its subscriptions to EBSCOhost and ProQuest multidisciplinary research databases. EBSCOhost's Academic Search Complete replaces Academic Search Premier, and ProQuest Central replaces its Research Library database.

Academic Search Complete provides full text for more than 5,990 publications, including more than 5,030 peer-reviewed journals. Coverage spans virtually every area of academic study. Access EBSCOhost here: www.niagara.edu/library/ebSCO.html.

ProQuest Central has more than 8,000 full-text titles. Over 160 subjects areas are covered, including business and economics, health and medical, news and world affairs, technology, social sciences and more. Access ProQuest here: www.niagara.edu/library/pquest.html.



New Student Group Study Space

As part of our continuing efforts to provide students with more group study space, the Rare Book Room is now available to students. This inviting and spacious room has the following:

- *Table and chairs for a group of 10 people
- *TV with local channels
- *Combination DVD player/VCR



The Rare Book Room is located on the second floor to the left. There are other group study rooms in the Library. For more information, please see **page four**.

Staff News

- Congratulations to Reference Librarian **Andy Bailey** for winning a "2007 National Newspaper Award" for his research work on investigations for the *Toronto Star*.
- **Samantha Gust**, Reference/Interlibrary Loan Librarian & Webmaster, was promoted from Assistant Librarian to Senior Assistant Librarian effective June 1.
- **Melissa Langridge (formerly Miller)** is our new Information Literacy Librarian. She graduated from the University at Buffalo in May with a Master of Library Science degree. Melissa previously worked as our Library Instruction Assistant. and also as a library school practicum student.
- Congratulations to recent NU graduates **Nichelle Desmond, Aaron Evans, Andrew Forrest, Carly Martell, David Mosher** and **Katie Tees** for being the 2008 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 at NU.

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Revamped Recreational Reading Collection

Looking for something to read for fun? We recently revamped our Recreational Reading Collection, which now consists of two components: current bestsellers (fiction and non-fiction) and a selection of romance and chick lit books. The bestsellers are chosen primarily from the New York Times and Booksense.com lists. The romance and chick lit novels are intended to represent the best books, new and old, in those genres. We will still acquire highly regarded contemporary fiction that does not reach bestseller status, but these books will be shelved in the General Collection. The Bestseller and Romance/Chick Lit Collections have signs and are located in the Recreational Reading Area. Just make two right turns after you enter the Library.



New to the Library: Graphic Novels!



The Library now has a small but growing collection of graphic novels that is located in the Recreational Reading Area.

Graphic novels are books that use the conventions of the comic book medium (artwork, dialogue and captions) to tell an extended story.

Reference Librarian and graphic novel expert Michael Lavin selected the books in this collection, which represent a sample of the best in genres like crime, drama, horror, romance, science fiction and, of course, superhero! We hope you enjoy this collection!

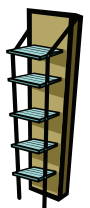
More New Books on Display

The Library is now putting a significant number of its newly-acquired books on display. The New Books shelf is now located in the Recreational Reading Area next to the Romance/Chick Lit Collection. Be sure to check them out the next time you visit the Library.

DVD Collection News

The Library has a special shelf where newly-acquired DVDs are displayed! Each new DVD arrival also has a sticker on the front of the case. This new shelf is located in front of the window in the DVD area. Recreational DVDs are arranged alphabetically by title and may be checked out for 7 days.

NEW ARRIVALS!



Educational DVDs are now located on the back wall of the DVD area. These DVDs are arranged by call number (subject) and may be checked out for 28 days.

Don't know where the DVD area is? Just make two right turns after you enter the Library!



Database News

ATLA Religion Database via EBSCOhost provides information on topics such as biblical studies, world religions, church history, and religion in social issues. It is not a full-text database, but it contains more than 1.6 million bibliographic records covering the research literature of religion in over 60 languages. It includes more than 537,000 article citations from more than 1,633, more than 225,000 essay citations from over 18,700 multi-author works, more than 494,000 book review citations. Coverage spans from 1949 to the present. Available at: www.niagara.edu/library/atla.html.

Gallup Brain is a searchable database of more than 70 years of public opinion since 1935. Try it out at www.niagara.edu/library/gallup.html.

EBSCOhost's **Points of View Reference Center** replaces Opposing Viewpoints Resource Center for searchable information on multiple opinions and sides on current issues. Check it out at www.niagara.edu/library/pov.html.

Philosopher's Index and **Social Work Abstracts** are now available via the EBSCOhost search interface. Visit www.niagara.edu/library/socabs.html and www.niagara.edu/library/philind.html to get started.



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

Did you know? 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: **Encyclopedia of Educational Psychology** (Ref LBI050.9 .E63 2008), **Encyclopedia of Social Work** (Ref HV12 .E53x 2008), **International Encyclopedia of the Social Sciences** (Ref H40 .A2 I5 2008) and **The Underground Railroad: An Encyclopedia of People, Places, and Operations** (Ref E450 .S65 2008). These books are shelved in the Reference Collection on the first floor of the Library and do not circulate, but there are photocopiers nearby.

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!

Did You Know?

Jennifer Potter is the Library's part-time Archivist. Since she typically only works one day per week, the best way to contact her is by sending her email at jpotter@niagara.edu.

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 requests for materials electronically on the Library web site via **ILLiad**: 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 **ILLiad**, 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 also **four 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 a PC and comfortable seating. The **Rare Book Room** is located on the second floor to the left. There are also group study rooms on the first floor and on the basement level 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 left. **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 on the basement level and 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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