



Library News

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Library to Stay Open Longer on Saturdays

The Library will be staying open an hour later on Saturdays during the academic year--closing at 6pm rather than at 5 pm. This was in response to student surveys and focus groups where a strong preference for longer hours on Saturday was expressed.



Extending hours on Saturday follows on the heels of an extension of Library hours on Sundays during the Spring 2009 semester.

"The Library is busier than ever," says David Schoen, Library Director. "Last year, attendance exceeded 147,000, and we will continue to explore ways of increasing operating hours."

The Library will survey students one more time regarding extending operating hours. Please be on the lookout for a survey invitation via email during the Fall semester.

Library Greatly Expands Access to Scholarly Literature in the Humanities and Social Sciences

For the Fall 2009-Spring 2010 academic year, the Library has a trial subscription to **ProQuest Dissertations and Theses** and its **Humanities and Social Sciences Collection** subset.

The **Dissertations and Theses** database includes references to 2.4 million dissertations and theses from 1861 to the present. Dissertations published since July 1980 and Master's theses published since 1988 include abstracts.

The **Humanities and Social Sciences Collection** subset contains the full-text of more than one million dissertations and theses in the humanities and social sciences, including biblical studies, education, history and more.

These databases are available at library.niagara.edu/pqdt.html.

Staff News

- Reference Librarian **Andy Bailey** won a "2008 National Newspaper Award" for his research work on investigations for the *Toronto Star*.
- **Ellie Jones**, our spring 2009 Reference/Library Instruction Assistant, received the Niagara University Library Excellence in Customer Service Award. Ellie was recognized for her dedication and willingness to go beyond the call of duty.
- Congratulations to recent NU graduate **Elizabeth Michaels** for being the 2009 recipient 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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Need Help? Ask Us Now! Chat With a Librarian Online

Need help finding information? Have a question about our services? Now you can talk to a librarian online using our **Ask Us Now** chat help service whenever the Library is open (the Library's hours are located at library.niagara.edu/hrs.html).

- When a librarian is available to help you via chat, you will see this clickable icon throughout our web site:



If you don't get an immediate response, the librarian on duty may be busy helping others. Please be patient; someone will be with you soon.

- When a librarian is unavailable, or when the Library is closed, you will see this clickable icon throughout our web site:



Please leave a message; a librarian will get back to you as soon as possible.

We hope you will give our chat help service a try! Of course, you can always call us at 716-286-8022, email us at reflib@niagara.edu or stop in and visit us in person. Please contact Jonathan Coe, Coordinator of Public Services, at jcoe@niagara.edu or 716-286-8005 if you have any questions about this service.

Library Creates New Computing & Study Areas

The Library continues its efforts to improve computing and study spaces in the building.

- New furniture and 30 new computers are scheduled to be installed on the first floor in August.
- During the summer, a new study area was created on the second floor across from the Rare Book Room. It contains couches, tables, chairs and restaurant-style booths for group or individual study.
- A new space called the Teacher's Studio is also under development on the second floor. It is designed to provide materials for education majors in the creation of their lesson plans. However, other majors are welcome to use the space as a study room.



Database News

New Research Database - Westlaw Campus Research

The Library now provides access to Westlaw Campus Research (library.niagara.edu/westlaw.html) instead of Lexis/Nexis. It is available from on and off campus. We made this change because Westlaw is 25% less expensive than Lexis/Nexis, which is important in this belt-tightening time. Furthermore, most people think that legal searching is easier with Westlaw. It also has a huge number of news sources. You may access Westlaw at library.niagara.edu/westlaw.html.

Connecting to Research Databases From Off-Campus

Current NU students and employees may search most Library databases off campus by obtaining a list of user IDs and passwords (sometimes you will need to log in using your Niagara University username and password).

There are several ways to obtain this list. 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 library.niagara.edu/reqpass.html.

Library Collection News

- During the summer, we shifted the Recreational and Educational DVD collections to allow for continued growth. The recreational DVDs now begin on the wooden shelves against the front wall, while the educational DVDs are now located on the shelves behind the Recreational Book Collection. Please ask us for help if you can't find what you are looking for!
- You can see the Library's new books and DVDs by clicking the **New Titles** link in the Library Catalog (library.niagara.edu/catalog.html).
- Do you know of a book or DVD 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 library.niagara.edu/bksugg.html. Thank you!

Ongoing Used Book Sale

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!

Change in Color Printing Charges



Color printouts are now 25 cents per page.

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.

Did You Know?



You can search the NU Library Catalog (books, DVDs and other materials located in NU Library) and WorldCat (materials located in libraries around the world) from off-campus without a username or password.

NU Library Catalog:
library.niagara.edu/catalog.html

WorldCat:
www.worldcat.org

Library Services

Hours of Operation

Academic Year

Monday-Thursday	8 am to Midnight
Friday	8 am to 8 pm
Saturday	10 am to 6 pm
Sunday	11 am 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 (library.niagara.edu) 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**: library.niagara.edu/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 to the right 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 library.niagara.edu/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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