



Library News

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Library Computer Lab Upgraded



During the summer, the Library upgraded its Computer Lab. There are 15 PCs, all with Windows XP, Microsoft Office and Internet access. Eleven of these computers have DVD/CD-R drives. The Computer Lab is located on the basement level of the Library to the right.

Attention Parents With Young Children!

We know you have busy lives and that you sometimes need to bring your kids to the Library with you. In response to this growing trend, the Library now has some toys and coloring books to help keep your young children occupied while you study. There is also a **Children's Literature Collection** of more than 600 books located on the first floor of the Library at the front of the Current Journals display area.





Check Out the College Life Books at the Library



The Library now has a **College Success Collection** that consists of books that provide practical advice on college life topics like study skills, money management and job hunting. This special collection is located on the first floor of the Library near the stairwell.

Did You Know?

The Library is now selling **3.5" disks** for **25 cents** each and **CD-Rs with jewel cases** for **\$1.00** each. If you would like to purchase a disk or CD-R, please stop at the Circulation Desk.

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The Library provides access to several **Databases Suitable for Children** that elementary and middle school students will be able to use and understand. These databases can also be useful to teachers doing lesson planning. For more information, please visit: www.niagara.edu/library/childinf.html.

Staff News

- **Kathy Urso**, Acquisitions Dept. Office Coordinator, became the second recipient of the Library's Excellence in Customer Service Award in June 2003. Congratulations!
- The Library welcomed new Part-Time Reference Librarian **Kathleen Delaney** in August 2003.
- Congratulations to recently-graduated senior work study students **Stephanie Douglas, Crystal Garrett, Nicole Hewitt, Rory Scott** and **Renee Serphillips** for being named the 2002/03 recipients of the Excellence in Library Service Award.

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Current Journals Display Area Renovated



As part of an effort to make the Library more comfortable, the Library renovated the Current Journals display area over the summer. Located on the first floor of the building, this area now has new chairs, tables, a sofa and carpeting.

Office of Academic Support Installs Video Magnifier in Library

The Office of Academic Support has installed an **Aladdin Video Magnifier** in the Library. It is designed for use by people who have visual impairments which make it difficult or impossible for them to read printed materials.

Utilizing the easy-to-use picture control selector, the Magnifier can display printed materials in high-contrast black text on a white background or white text on a black background. The white text on black or negative image is ideal for glare reduction. This system also features an extremely large depth of field for viewing three-dimensional objects and a smooth, non-glare reading table which permits reading heavy books.



The Magnifier is located behind the Reference Desk.

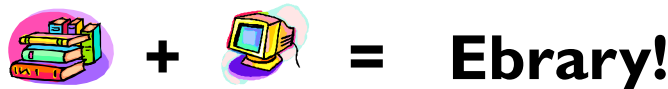
Read Books Online With Ebrary!

To keep pace with the growing number of students who are relying on the Internet to conduct research, the Library is continuing its subscription to **Ebrary's Academic Complete**, an online searchable database of more than 15,000 full text books from over 150 leading academic, professional and trade publishers.

Ebrary's collection of books is a great help to the many students who are doing research from their homes or dorms at all times of the day. Faculty should be pleased with these students' bibliographies since most of Ebrary's content comes from academic publishers.

Ebrary uses PDF technology, which maintains the original appearance of the books. It employs a browser plug-in that has to be run once, but then allows users to view books and take advantage of advanced features. For example, a user can create an account that allows him or her to save books and return to them later. Account holders can even highlight passages to read at another time!

Ebrary can be searched by visiting www.niagara.edu/library/ebrary.html. Off-campus users will need a password, which they can obtain from the Library (**to learn how, please see "Database News" on page 3.**) On-campus users will be connected automatically.





Database News

New York State is now providing the Library with access to the following databases: **Custom Newspapers** (full-text articles from a collection of 150 newspapers, both national and international,) **Informe (Revistas en Español)** (full-text magazine articles in Spanish), **National Newspaper Index** (indexing of America's top five newspapers from 1977 to the present) and **New York State Newspapers** (full-text articles from 10 newspapers). Available at: www.niagara.edu/library/cusnews.html, www.niagara.edu/library/informe.html, www.niagara.edu/library/nni.html and www.niagara.edu/library/nynews.html.

The Library is now providing access to **Encyclopedia Britannica Online**, which has thousands of entries, articles and illustrations. This powerful reference tool includes the complete **Encyclopedia Britannica, Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary and Thesaurus, Britannica Student Encyclopedia, Britannica Book of the Year** and an Internet directory with links to web sites selected, rated and reviewed by Britannica editors. Available at: www.niagara.edu/library/brit.html.

Due to a substantial price increase, the Western New York Library Resources Council is no longer providing the Library with access to **Opposing Viewpoints Resource Center**. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

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 book sets to its collection: **Dictionary of American History** (Ref E174 .D52 2003), **Encyclopedia of Food and Culture** (Ref GT2850 .E53 2003), **Encyclopedia of Population** (Ref HB871 .E538 2003), **Encyclopedia of Science and Religion** (Ref BL240.3 .E43 2003) and **Religions of the World : a Comprehensive Encyclopedia of Beliefs and Practices** (Ref BL80.3 .R45 2002). These sets are shelved in the Reference Collection on the first floor of the building.

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

- **Jonathan Coe**, Coordinator of Public Services, and Christopher Hollister, Information Literacy Librarian at the University at Buffalo, co-authored the article "Current Trends vs. Traditional Models: Librarians' Views on the Methods of Library Instruction." It has been accepted for publication in the journal *College & Undergraduate Libraries*.
- Head Cataloger/Systems Librarian **Joe Umhauer** was elected to the Buffalo Freenet Executive Board.
- Library Director **David Schoen** was elected Vice-President of the WNY Chapter of the Catholic Library Association.

You Asked For It!

Based upon a patron's comment, the Library strengthened its Recreational Reading Collection by adding more contemporary novels by African-American authors like Connie Briscoe, Bebe Moore Campbell, Eric Jerome Dickey and Terry McMillan.



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 Online Book 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. **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. Please go to the Reference Desk and talk to a Reference Librarian to initiate this process.

Computer Training Lab

The Library maintains a **Computer Training Lab** on the basement level of the building to the right. It is used to **train students how to use Library databases to do research**. But 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. The Lab is equipped with a networked printer.

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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