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If You're Interested in Father Nelson Baker, Then This Conference Is For You!

Did you know that Father Nelson Baker, who has been named a Servant of God by the Vatican, the first step in canonization, attended Our Lady of Angels Seminary, which later became Niagara University, in the 1870s?



If you're interested in learning more about Father Baker, please consider attending **Conversations About Father Baker: Factoids and Puzzlers**, a conference that will take place Saturday, March 27 at Our Lady of Victory Basilica. The cost to attend this program is only **\$10.00** and includes coffee, juice and snacks. It is being sponsored by the Western New York Chapter of the Catholic Library Association.

For more information about this conference, please visit:
www.niagara.edu/library/wnycla/clacon.html

Or contact Library Director David Schoen: 716-286-8001 or schoen@niagara.edu.

Please note: the Library has the following books about Father Baker. They are located on the second floor and are called **Father Baker** (HV 885 .L3 A7) and **A Modern Apostle of Charity: Father Baker and His "Lady of Victory Charities"** (HV 885 .L3 G3).

Need Books? Pressed For Time? A LAP/INFOPASS Card May Help!



Canisius, St. Bonaventure and other colleges may be our archenemies when it comes to sports, but when it comes to books, many local college libraries open their collections to each other through the **Library Access Project (LAP)**, a program that allows cardholders to visit and check out books from most college libraries in the Buffalo/Niagara Falls area.

LAP can be particularly helpful when a participating library has a book you need that NU does not have and you don't have the time to wait for us to borrow it for you through interlibrary loan. Or maybe you live closer to another college and would prefer to use its library.

To apply for a LAP/INFOPASS card, please bring your NU ID card to the Reference Desk. Please note:

- To be issued a card, you must be creditworthy, so to speak (that is, you have a history returning books and paying your fines in a timely manner).
- You will be subject to the fine system of the library you borrow the books from, and you must return the books to them (we mention this because UB has a hefty fine system).

Staff News

- **Joe Umhauer**, Head Cataloger & Systems Librarian, was Niagara University's Employee of the month for December 2003. Congratulations!
- Part-Time Reference Librarian **Mary Ann Santangelo** became the third recipient of the Library's Excellence in Customer Service Award in December 2003. However, we are sorry to say that Mary Ann left the University at the end of the Fall 2003 semester. We wish her luck and thank her for her dedicated service.
- The Library welcomed new Part-Time Reference Librarian **Michelle Dubaj** in January 2004 and new Part-Time Evening Circulation Supervisor **Kathryn Horner** in September 2003.



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Circulation Dept. Manager to Retire in May



Gottfriede "Friedl" Fuerst, Circulation Department Coordinator, will retire from Niagara University effective May 7, 2004 after more than 27 years of service. Friedl worked as a technician in the Cataloging Department for several years before becoming the Circulation Department Coordinator, and she recalls that her first day of work at NU was ten days before the Blizzard of '77.

Friedl says, "I lived through a lot at NU" and notes that she was here when several major buildings were added to the campus, including the Castellani Art Museum, Dwyer Arena and the Kiernan Recreation Center. She fondly remembers spending her breaks watching the Buffalo Bills practice here on campus. Friedl also says she has especially enjoyed watching NU follow its mission and reach out to the community in recent years, calling it "a big improvement."

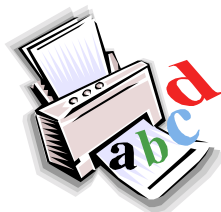
Friedl has been an important part of the Library and will be missed. We wish her the best of luck and thank her for her dedicated service.

Do You Need to Make Copies?

The Library has three new photocopiers located on the first floor near the Circulation Desk. Copies are still 10 cents per page, and some of the photocopiers can now deduct from money you have added to your NU ID card! If you are paying for your copies with cash, please remember to bring small bills or change. Unfortunately, the Library is unable to provide change for \$20 bills.



New Color Printing & Laminating Services!



Sometimes you need a color printout for a project. So, the Library recently installed a **color printer** near the Reference Desk on the first floor of the Library. Color printouts are 25 cents per page, and you may only print one color copy of a document. There is also a **laminator** in the same area. The cost is 10 cents per page, and you may laminate up to ten 8.5" x 11" pages. To use the color printer or laminator, just ask the Reference Librarian.

Need Info About a Country?

Looking for current information on Japan? Need a map of Antarctica? Thinking about flying to Spain and want to learn about their cultural etiquette? You can find all this and more in **CountryWatch**, a reference database that's one of the Library's best kept secrets!



You can obtain general information as well as economic, environmental, investment, political and social overviews for 192 countries. The social overview is a great resource for travelers because it features travel guides and information about a country's people, etiquette and health advisories. CountryWatch also has up-to-date news stories, statistics and a collection of thematic and political/physical maps. Available at: www.niagara.edu/library/cwatch.html



Database News

Academic Search Elite via EBSCOhost now has more than 2,000 full-text journals, which is an 11% increase from last year.
Available at: www.niagara.edu/library/ebsco.html

The Library's subscription to **ProQuest's PA Research II** has been upgraded to **ProQuest's Research Library**. This database includes more than 1,700 full-text journals and covers a wide range of subject areas such as business, education, literature and psychology.
Available at: www.niagara.edu/library/pquest.html

The Library and the Career Center have teamed up to purchase a subscription to **ReferenceUSA**, a database that contains information on more than 12 million U.S. businesses and 1 million Canadian businesses.
Available at: www.niagara.edu/library/refusa.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*.
- 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 books to its collection: **Encyclopedia of Islam and the Muslim World** (Ref BP40 .E525 2004), **ESPN Sports Almanac** (Ref GV561 .I5x 2004) and **Scribner Encyclopedia of American Lives: Sports Figures** (Ref GV697 .A1 S42 2002). These books are shelved in the Reference Collection on the first floor of the building.

Each month the Library publishes a list of new books added to the collection during the previous month. If you would like to be notified when the list is released each month, please enter your email address at www.niagara.edu/library/newbk.html.

There is an ongoing **Used Book Sale** in the Library. About 20 books are on sale at a time and are displayed on a table on the first floor. 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

- Part-Time Reference Librarian **Kathleen Delaney** is now also working as our Archivist until at least June 2004.
- Reference/Interlibrary Loan Librarian **Samantha Gust** was elected Chair of the Western New York Library Resources Council Resource Sharing Committee.
- The article "Current Trends vs. Traditional Models: Librarians' Views on the Methods of Library Instruction" by **Jonathan Coe**, Coordinator of Public Services, and Christopher Hollister, Information Literacy Librarian at the University at Buffalo, was published in *College & Undergraduate Libraries*, Vol. 10, No. 2.

Did You Know?

In December 2003, the Library collected 975 canned and boxed food items as part of its annual Fine Amnesty. The food was donated to local soup kitchens.

Comments?



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 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** 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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