

# Library News

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## Major Upgrade to Library's ScienceDirect Subscription



In January 2006 the Library took a big leap forward in its ability to support journal research in the sciences by increasing access to the number of journals available via **ScienceDirect** from 250 to more to more than 1,500 in three collections:

- **Social and Behavioral Sciences:** 360 peer reviewed journals
- **Health & Life Sciences:** 890 peer reviewed journals
- **Physical Sciences:** 650 peer reviewed journals

Full-text articles are available back to 2001. A useful feature is your ability to set up a profile where you can be notified when a new issue of a journal you are tracking is published or when articles on a topic you specify are added to the database. ScienceDirect is produced by Elsevier, a world-leading publisher of scientific, technical and medical information. Check it out at [www.niagara.edu/library/scidir.html](http://www.niagara.edu/library/scidir.html).

## What are NU Library Patrons Watching for Fun?

The **Recreational DVD Collection** consists of more than 300 DVDs that might be fun to watch in your spare time. According to recent circulation figures, these are the **15 most popular DVDs** in this special collection:

1. NAPOLEON DYNAMITE
2. GARDEN STATE
3. THE INCREDIBLES
4. LOST IN TRANSLATION
5. SPANGLISH
6. CLOSER
7. OPEN WATER
8. TRAFFIC
9. HOTEL RWANDA
10. THE VIRGIN SUICIDES
11. MONTY PYTHON AND THE HOLY GRAIL
12. IN GOOD COMPANY
13. LADDER 49
14. COLLATERAL
15. MEAN GIRLS



There are many other Recreational DVDs to choose from, so stop in and take a look! The Recreational DVD Collection is located on the first floor of the Library between the Circulation and Reference Departments. **Please note:** to support your research needs, there are also some educational DVDs on the shelf next to the recreational DVDs.

## Staff News

- **Deborah Boltz** is the new Asst. Circulation Department Coordinator. She began working in the Library as an Evening Circulation Supervisor in January 2002.
- The Library welcomed new Part-Time Reference Librarian **Elizabeth Curry** and Part-Time Reference Intern **Andrew Aquino** in the fall semester.
- Acquisitions Librarian **Charles Dabkowski** became the seventh recipient of the Library's Excellent in Customer Service Award in Fall 2005. Congrats!
- Congratulations to Cataloging Dept. Technician **Eleanor Jacoby** for being named Niagara University's Employee of the Month for October 2005.



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## Faculty Publications on Display in the Library

The next time you are in the Library, please look for the **Faculty Publications Display** near the front entrance. The purpose of this new display is to feature the many accomplished authors here at Niagara University. During the spring semester, we are highlighting the work of four NU faculty:

### Abdiweli Ali

Dr. Ali received an M.A. in Public Administration in 1999 from the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University and a PhD from George Mason University in 2000. He currently serves as Assistant Professor of Economics at Niagara University. Dr. Ali is widely published and in the last year alone has published six articles in **leading economics journals**.

### Laurence Boxer

Dr. Boxer is Professor and past Chair of Computer and Information Sciences at Niagara University and Research Professor of Computer Science and Engineering at the University of Buffalo. He has 30 research publications in refereed journals and is coauthor of **Algorithms Sequential & Parallel**, an innovative highly-regarded textbook for the study of computer algorithms.

### Thomas Chambers

Dr. Chambers received his PhD from the College of William and Mary and is currently Assistant Professor of History at Niagara University. A review in the journal *American Studies* stated that Dr. Chambers' book, **Drinking the Waters: Creating an American Leisure Class at Nineteenth Century Mineral Springs** is "an interesting and thought-provoking read, and one that challenges us to think about elite American culture in the antebellum period." A review in *Leisure Sciences* stated that "Chambers' thorough familiarity with the subject becomes evident early and often, fueling the story with credibility and power."

### Andrew Jenks

Dr. Jenks received his PhD from Stanford University in 2002 and is currently Assistant Professor of History at Niagara University. His book, **Russia in a Box: Art and Identity in an Age of Revolution**, was published by the University of Northern Illinois Press in 2005. In a review of the book, *The Times Literary Supplement* stated that Dr. Jenks describes his subject with "cogency, intelligence, and humor" and that his "beautifully illustrated book has significant things to say about the functioning of Soviet nationalism." Dr. Jenks is currently researching the life and times of cosmonaut Yuri Gagarin to write a political and cultural history of the post-Stalin era.

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## Watch TV in the Library!



You can now watch television in the Library's two 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. The TVs are also equipped with DVD and VCR players.

One group study room is the **Study Abroad Room**, located on the second floor to the right. The other group study room is located on the basement level of the Library to the left.



## Database News

The Library recently added **Business Source Premier via EBSCOhost** to its database collection. It provides full text for nearly 8,200 serials, including full text for more than 1,100 peer-reviewed business publications. Available at: [www.niagara.edu/library/ebsco.html](http://www.niagara.edu/library/ebsco.html).

**Ebrary**, the Library's electronic book collection, recently added more than 2,000 full-text, online books to its collection, bringing the total to more than 25,000 titles from many of the leading academic and professional book publishers! Try it out at: [www.niagara.edu/library/ebrary.html](http://www.niagara.edu/library/ebrary.html)

**Gale Virtual Reference Library** is a collection of online reference books selected by the Library. We currently have access to these religion/philosophy titles: **Encyclopedia of Philosophy, Encyclopedia of Religion, New Catholic Encyclopedia, New Catholic Encyclopedia Jubilee** and **Worldmark Encyclopedia of Religious Practices**. Available at: [www.niagara.edu/library/gale.html](http://www.niagara.edu/library/gale.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](mailto: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](http://www.niagara.edu/library/reqpass.html). You should receive a reply within 24 hours.



## Book News

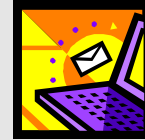
The Library recently added the following reference books to its collection: **Consumer Reports Buying Guide Issue** (Ref TX335 .A1 C6 2006), **Encyclopedia of Black Studies** (Ref E185 .E554 2005), **Encyclopedia of Earth Science** (Ref QE 5 .K85 2005) and **The Time Almanac** (Ref AY64 .I55 2006). These books are shelved in the Reference Collection on the first floor of the Library but do not circulate.

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](http://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 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](http://www.niagara.edu/library/bksugg.html). Thank you!

## Did You Know?



When the Library is open, **reference librarians will respond to email questions within two hours!**

## Comments?



If you have a comment about the Library, please write it 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. You may also contact Library Director **David Schoen** at **716-286-8001** or [schoen@niagara.edu](mailto:schoen@niagara.edu).

## 2005 Fine Amnesty



Thank you to everyone who participated in the **2005 Fine Amnesty Program**. More than **\$280** was raised and will be donated to the Catholic Library Association to help rebuild church, parish, and synagogue libraries damaged by Hurricane Katrina.

## Library Blog



Check the Library's **blog** for the latest Library news, useful web sites, helpful research tips, links to Library web pages and more! You can also read older entries at any time. Visit the blog at:

[nulibrary.blogspot.com](http://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](http://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](mailto: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](http://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. 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 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 bring your **laptop** to the Library and connect to the wireless campus network.

## 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](http://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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