



# Library News

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## Attention Business Students: Try Mergent Online!

The Library is offering access to **Mergent Online** for the next year (at that point we will evaluate whether to continue the subscription based on usage and the input that you can provide to us via the web site link below).



Mergent Online is one of the most comprehensive company databases available. You can obtain detailed information and financial data on American and International public companies.

Mergent's functionality allows you to:

- Research 15 years of detailed financial statements.
- Customize viewing an output to retrieve precisely the information you need.
- Export company reports and financials into software applications such as Microsoft Word or Excel.
- Compare financial ratios for your company to its industry.

Try Mergent Online at [www.niagara.edu/library/mergent.html](http://www.niagara.edu/library/mergent.html)

For a personalized demo, please contact David Schoen, the librarian subject specialist supporting the College of Business, at [schoen@niagara.edu](mailto:schoen@niagara.edu) or **716-286-8002**.

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## Faculty Publications on Display in the Library

The **Faculty Publications Display** near the front entrance features the many accomplished authors here at Niagara University. We are currently highlighting the work of:

### Dr. Kristine Augustyniak

Kristine Augustyniak has taught at Niagara University since 2000 and has served as Associate Professor and Director of the School Psychology Program since 2002. Her areas of expertise include counseling, psychological assessment and school psychology.

### Dr. Laurene Buckley

Laurene Buckley has been Director of the Castellani Art Museum since July 2002. She has extensive experience in her field, spending the last eight years at the helm of two major American art museums and working in the arts since 1985.

### Dr. Arpad Kelemen

Arpad Kelemen has been Assistant Professor at Niagara University since August 2003. He is a researcher in artificial intelligence with interests in areas including intelligent agents, bioinformatics and neural networks.

### Dr. Sean Q. Kelly

Sean Q. Kelly is Associate Professor of Political Science at Niagara University. His current research centers on the politics of appropriations in the contemporary Congress.

### Dr. John Stranges

John B. Stranges is University Professor at Niagara University and a recipient of NU's Medal of Honor. His most recent publication focused on the history of Niagara University.

## Staff News

- **Kelly Waller** is the Library's new Information Literacy Librarian. She most recently worked as a Reference Librarian at Genesee Community College in Batavia, NY. Kelly earned a Master of Library Science from the University at Buffalo in 2005 and a Bachelor of Science in Education from Buffalo State College in 1996.
- Congratulations to Circulation Coordinator **Debbie Farrell** for being named NU's Employee of the Month for February 2007!
- **Kathleen DeLaney**, Part-time Archivist and Reference Librarian, left the Library during the fall semester. We thank her for her dedicated service.
- The article "Undergraduate Students' Book Selection: A Study of Factors in the Decision-Making Process." by Library Director **David Schoen** and Tom Stieve was published in the November 2006 issue of the *Journal of Academic Librarianship*. Schoen also co-authored the article "Launching the Library Mystery Tour: A Library Component for the 'First-Year Experience'" with Kristine Kasbohm and Michelle Dubaj. It was published in Volume 13, Number 2 of *College & Undergraduate Libraries*.

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## Your Feedback = Changes in the Library

You probably received one or more surveys from the Library in the Fall. We hope you aren't "surveyed out!" Please know that your input was essential in the development of the Library's Long Range Plan to improve service. We asked students what services we should focus on for the future. The most common answers were:



- More online journals
- Group study space - but not at the expense of silent study space
- More computers
- Having access to equipment, like a laminator, to create posters/projects
- Being able to eat or drink in a cafe in the Library

The Library will be incorporating your input into its plan of service, which will be a multi-year process. However, we can let you know some things we have already started doing.

1. We have already begun providing access to more computers. In Fall 2006, the Library began lending eight laptops. Next year, a new computer training lab will open in the Library. This will free up computers for you to use in our existing training lab. Plus, when the new lap is not being used for training, it will be open to you. This will represent a big jump in the number of computers available to you.
2. About \$24,000 has already been budgeted for new furniture next year, which will result in the creation of improved study spaces.
3. In Spring 2006, the Library opened three small private study rooms on the first floor. In Fall 2006, the Library opened up the Rare Book Room on nights and weekends during the last two weeks of the semester. We will repeat this for the last two weeks of the spring semester as well.
4. A new large, group study room will open on the first floor in Fall 2007.
5. Aesthetics are an important part of our long range plan, and you may have noticed that our stairwell was repainted during intersession.

Our long range plan is not complete, but based upon your input, we already know that in addition to improving services and collections, we need to transform the building itself into a facility that better serves the needs of the modern college student. To view a summary of results from this survey, please visit:

[www.niagara.edu/library/summary.html](http://www.niagara.edu/library/summary.html)

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## Exploring World Religions: Library Display Case



During the next few months, the Library will be doing displays on different world religions. We think these displays will be more interesting with the inclusion of your thoughts and opinions, so please consider answering this question for us: **What do you think is the essence of your religion, or what does your religion mean to you?**

Your thoughts and opinions will be placed in the display case signed or unsigned - whichever you prefer. Please write them in the comment book near the display case in the front entrance or email them to Eleanor Jacoby at [jacoby@niagara.edu](mailto:jacoby@niagara.edu). If you have any questions or comments, please call Eleanor at 716-286-8013.



## Database News

**Grove Art Online** was updated to enlarge the broad coverage of women by adding nearly 120 new articles and essays on women artists and designers and over 120 new images of works by women, to include over 850 women artists.

Available at: [www.niagara.edu/library/grove.html](http://www.niagara.edu/library/grove.html)

The Library is conducting a trial of **Mergent Online**, an internet-based suite of information resources that enables in-depth business and financial research, for the next year. Please see the story on page one for more detailed information.

Available at: [www.niagara.edu/library/mergent.html](http://www.niagara.edu/library/mergent.html)

### Featured Database:

**Historical Statistics of the United States**  
[www.niagara.edu/library/histstat.html](http://www.niagara.edu/library/histstat.html)

This fully searchable and downloadable database of historical U.S. statistics is the standard source for the quantitative facts of American history. It covers topics like American Indians, crime, health, population, poverty and slavery. If you register for a free, personalized account, you can save data and create custom tables! If you would like a demo of this powerful database, please contact Jonathan Coe, the librarian subject specialist supporting the History Department, at [jcoe@niagara.edu](mailto:jcoe@niagara.edu) or 716-286-8005.

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](mailto:reflib@niagara.edu) or fill out the online form located at [www.niagara.edu/library/reqpass.html](http://www.niagara.edu/library/reqpass.html).



## Book News

The Library recently added the following reference books to its collection: **Assessing and Responding to Audit Risk in a Financial Statement Audit** (Ref HF5686 .A87x 2006), **Botany Illustrated: Introduction to Plants, Major Groups, Flowering Plant Families** (Ref QK45.2 .G57x 2006), **Encyclopedia of the Underground Railroad** (Ref E450. H855 2006), **Encyclopedia of African American History, 1619-1895** (Ref E185 .E545 2006) and **The Rainbow Never Fades: Niagara University 1856-2006** (LD391 I.N52 S77 2007). These books are shelved in the Reference Collection on the first floor of the Library but do not circulate.

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

## Did You Know?



Thanks to the generous NU community, the Library's November Bake Sale raised more than \$200 for the Lord's Day Dinner, which was started 17 years ago by Yvonne Davis. Yvonne and her many volunteers serve hundreds of Thanksgiving dinners to the needy and also deliver meals to elderly shut-ins in the area.

## 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](mailto: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](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 borrow a **laptop** or bring your own 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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