



Library News

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Online Journals Now Available Via

The Library now subscribes to SAGE Journals Online, a database providing access to 140,000+ full-text articles in more than 450 peer-reviewed journals covering business, humanities, science, technology and medicine, with particularly strong coverage of the social sciences. For most of these journals, coverage extends back to 1999.

SAGE Journals Online is a valuable database because nearly half of SAGE journals are core journals in their fields, according to *Journal Citation Reports*.

You may access SAGE Journals Online from on or off campus, and you can also sign up for email alerts for tables of contents notifications and announcements as well as keyword, author, and citation alerts.

To search SAGE Journals Online, please visit <http://www.niagara.edu/library/sage.html>.

New First Floor Group Study Room

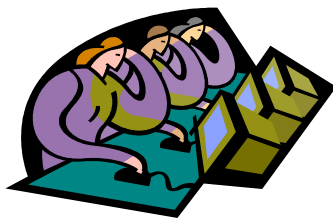
There is a new group study room the first floor! This spacious room has the following items:

- *Table and chairs for a group of 4-6 people
- *Dry erase white board
- *TV with local channels
- *Combination DVD/VCR



This room is located on the north side of the first floor. When you enter the Library, just walk towards the back wall, turn left and go towards the windows.

Coming Soon: New Computer Training Lab



The Library is in the process of creating a new Computer Training Lab on the basement level to the left behind the books beginning with call number JK.

The purpose of this new lab is for librarians to train classes on how to use Library databases to do research. However, when it is not being used for training purposes, the lab will be available for students to work individually.

The new Computer Training Lab will have 18 brand new desktop PCs with access to the internet, Microsoft Office and a networked black & white laser printer. The current Computer Training Lab located on the basement level to the right will become an open lab.

Staff News

- Congratulations to Acquisitions Department Technical Assistant **Helen Farallo** for being named the Fall 2007 recipient of the Niagara University Library Excellence in Customer Service Award!
- University at Buffalo graduate student **Melissa Miller** is our new Library Instruction Assistant. She is also working at our reference desk. Melissa is due to graduate with a Master of Library Science degree in May.
- Congratulations to Reference Librarian **Andy Bailey** for being nominated for the "2007 National Newspaper Award" for his research work on Toronto Star investigations.



Please see page 3 for more staff news!

USED BOOK SALE
@
THE LIBRARY!

Tuesday, May 13
Wednesday, May 14

10:00 am - 4:00 pm

GREAT DEALS!

NOTHING OVER
\$1.00!

Niagara University Library
Lewiston Road
Niagara University, NY 14109

Library Hours
716-286-8000

Circulation and Reserve
716-286-8020

Reference Assistance
716-286-8022

Book/Periodicals Purchasing
716-286-8007

Cataloging
716-286-8015

Director's Office
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Interlibrary Loan
716-286-8013

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Transforming Library Space: Planning for the Future

Niagara University Library is about to embark on a re-envisioning of its physical space. In a general sense, transforming the Library building is all about:

- **Comfort** (an aesthetically pleasing, welcoming environment with a variety of spaces supporting different learning styles and practices)
- **Collaboration** (a place where students work together)
- **Convenience** (a place where students can come not only for research help, but for help in the production aspect of their academic work)
- **Collections** (expanding electronic collections so the Library functions less like a warehouse and more like a gateway)



More specifically, Niagara University Library should become a facility where students can:

- Find space that suits their individual learning styles through a variety of different types of furniture and configurations
- Find quiet, comfortable places for study and contemplation as well as group spaces for collaborative work
- Find space that is customizable via flexible, movable furniture arrangements
- Create posters/presentations and other class work
- Socialize and relax in comfortable cafe-like setting where food and beverages are readily available
- Gain greater access to computers, technology-enabled study rooms for practicing PowerPoint presentations, TV's for viewing educational media, scanners and color printing/photocopying for creating posters and other class work
- Receive a variety of student support services in single location
- Gain access to materials that support intellectual growth but also provide entertainment



The best thing of all about a student-focused library facility is that the space will be designed to support the varied needs of students, which even for a single student, can vary throughout the day. A student could:

- Settle in with a cup of coffee in the morning while passing time between classes
- Meet with fellow students to work on a collaborative project in the afternoon
- Relax with a friend in the evening by playing a game of Scrabble or Yahtzee
- Wrap up the evening with a time of quiet study in a comfortable space designed for learning
- Leave with a DVD to watch over the weekend



The Library as "Academic Town Square" can be responsive to a variety of student needs and play a role in enhancing campus life.

This vision will be reviewed and revised over the next year as we continue to solicit your ideas through surveys and focus groups. However, please let us know now what you think about the vision described above by contacting David Schoen, Library Director, at schoen@niagara.edu.



Database News

The Library recently added **Nursing Journals @ Ovid**, a collection of 17 full-text nursing journals, to its collection. Available at: www.niagara.edu/library/ovid.html.

Due to low usage and budgetary reasons, the Library is no longer providing access to **Grove Art Online**. As an alternative, try **The Dictionary of Art**, a print resource located in the Reference Collection on the first floor at call number N31 .D5.

For similar reasons, the Library is no longer providing access to **Standard & Poor's NetAdvantage**, a business and financial database. Instead, please try **Mergent Online**, available at: www.niagara.edu/library/mergent.html.

Featured Database

CollegeSource
www.niagara.edu/library/collcat.html

CollegeSource is a database of more than 30,000 college catalogs. Its searching capabilities make it particularly useful for researching graduate schools. For example, if you click on "Search" and then select "Criteria Search," you can limit your results to graduate schools in a desired field of study. You can also limit by location, number of students, type of institution and tuition costs.

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 or fill out the online form located at www.niagara.edu/library/reqpass.html.



Book News

Did you know? Each month, the Library highlights a book in the **Monthly Book Spotlight**. This feature is published online at www.niagara.edu/library/spot.html.

The Library recently added the following reference books to its collection: **Encyclopedia of Business Ethics and Society** (Ref HF5387 .E53 2008) and **Encyclopedia of Catholicism** (Ref BX841 .F55 2007). Also, don't forget about these reference classics: **Guinness World Records** (Ref AG243 .G87), **World Almanac and Book of Facts** (Ref AY67 .N5 W7) and **Writer's Market** (Ref PNI61 .W8). These books are shelved in the Reference Collection on the first floor of the Library and do not circulate., but there are photocopiers nearby.

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).

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. Thank you!

More Staff News

- Reference/Interlibrary Loan Librarian **Samantha Gust** received a grant from the Western New York Library Resources Council to hold a web site usability workshop for area librarians. The workshop will take place on campus this August.

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.

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

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 requests for materials electronically on the Library web site via **ILLiad**: 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 **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 **three 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. Another is located on the basement level of the Library to the left. Each of these two group study rooms has a TV you can use to watch TV shows, DVDs or videos. The third group study room is on the first floor to the left. This room has a white board, TV with local channels and a combination DVD player/VCR. **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

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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