Welcome from the Director

Welcome back to USF for the 2010-2011 academic year! The USF Library continues to offer the same great services you’ve come to expect over the years with a few new additions! Look for an expanded special education-focused curriculum room in the lower level. The juvenile collection has been moved just outside LG-1 in order to make room for this exciting new collaboration between the library and the College of Education. Our popular “POP LIT” section has been updated with over 50 news books since the spring term. Look for all the bestsellers there. We have a completely new library web site that is redesigned and organized to help you find research material and assistance faster than ever. Last but not least, look for Sage Premier—our newest database of over 500 full-text titles in the social sciences, business and medicine.

If you have suggestions for titles or services, please do not hesitate to call or email me. Our excellent library staff is also available via email, phone, chat and in-person to provide specialized subject support for your research projects. The library staff and I hope you have a thought-provoking and productive year!

Yours in service,

Terry Cottrell, Library Director

Unveiling Our New Web Page

http://library.stfrancis.edu

As you begin working on assignments and visiting the library web page, you will notice that our site has been redesigned. The same excellent online resources are there and have been organized into an easier to navigate and access format. For assistance or any questions you may have about the new web page, please contact the reference desk. We always look forward to hearing your comments and improving our resources to best meet your needs.
Does Research Have You Puzzled? Reference Librarians are Here to Assist You

With an extensive and continuously expanding collection of books, journals, online databases, AV materials, computers and much more, we know that walking into the library can be a daunting experience. That is why a reference librarian is available to assist you every hour the library is open. Our goal is to teach you the skills you need to select resources for your assignments, share tips for researching and locating the best information available and giving you a foundation for finding answers to your inquiries that will not only be beneficial during your time at USF but in your career life as well. The library is designed with our students and faculty at the core. Whether you are a new student or a returning one, we are happy to provide clear, step-by-step instructions on how to use our resources.

A Reference Librarian is available:
- In person at the reference desk located on the library’s main floor
- By phone: 1-800-726-6500 or 815-740-5041
- By email: refdesk@stfrancis.edu
- By Chat on the library web site
- By text: 309-222-7740 Code: STF

We look forward to working with you this semester!

LibGuides: A New Tool that will Make Research Easier than Ever!

Designed and created by USF’s reference librarians, LibGuides is an excellent place to get started with your research. Each LibGuide is organized by subject and provides links to resources, most of which are readily available online. Find the LibGuide that best matches your topic and you will be provided with subject specific online databases to search for full text journal articles, lists of books that are available at the USF Library and ebooks available from NetLibrary, reputable web sites and much more.

Your Online Library
http://library.stfrancis.edu

- Contact a reference librarian via email or Chat.
- Find full text journal articles online using an Online Database. If you have a citation and want to see if the full text is available online, you can search for the journal title on Citation Linker.
- Find books and DVDs by using USF’s Online Catalog: BernieCat. To search 70 other academic libraries in Illinois and interlibrary loan materials free of charge select to search ‘All I-Share Libraries’.
- Read ebooks on NetLibrary and BernieCat (search SpringerLink).
- Access your course reserves. Your password is your instructor’s last name.
- Renew your books (USF owned or an interlibrary loan from I-Share).
- If an article is not available via an online database or a book is not available via I-Share, use ILLiad to interlibrary loan the material free of charge.
- Activate your library card to borrow library materials and register for interlibrary loan services.
- Have a comment or suggestion? Submit a message to the reference desk.
Spotlight on a Student Worker: Sara Boehm

Hometown: Crystal Lake, IL
Year/Major: Junior/Social Work
Career goal: I’m not 100% positive, but I do want to work somewhere within the geriatric field.
Favorite movie: Definitely 80s horror films and sci-fi flicks. Cheap laughs are the best kinds of laughs.
Favorite band: Either Alkaline Trio or Tiger Army but Slayer is a classic.
Favorite quote: "Shadow and light are two sides of the same coin. One cannot exist without the other."
Favorite hobbies: I love videogames and computer games! But I’m always working either at the library or at Jewel so I have no time for doing much else.
Job duties as a student worker in the library: I do a lot with the archives. I get to see all the school’s artifacts. I type, document and search for data and people; I sort things, write a lot, make documents ready and safe for storage, find pictures, do things Linnea (the archives librarian) doesn’t want to do, print and scan things, make labels and have developed an immense disliking for Staples.

What is the most important thing you’ve learned at USF: Even if you really don’t enjoy doing something like giving speeches or presentations, if you make it about something you love or find funny it won’t be so bad. I’ve given speeches on myself, ghosts, hot dogs, drug abuse, tattoos and old people. All things I love or would enjoy talking about. Be who you are.

What advice would you give to new students: Treat quarters like gold! And, yes, signing up for a 9am class was a bad idea. But don’t change who you are for someone else. Who are they to judge and say what “normal” really is?

What is a little known fact about you: I have about 20 hours of tattoo work on me.

Where in the Library?....

With a book collection that tops 125,000 volumes, thousands of DVDs and CDs, hundreds of current print journals with thousands of back issues, the USF Library is your place for extensive research. Materials are located on three levels:

Lower Level:
- General stacks, call numbers 000-399
- Curriculum Lab (Education majors)

Main Level:
- Audiovisual materials
- Circulation and reference desks
- Computers
- Health science collection
- Periodicals and newspapers
- Reference books
- Reserve materials (behind circulation desk)
- Pop Lit Collection

Upper Level:
- General stacks, call numbers 400-999
- Archives and John L. Raymond (JLR) Collection
New Book Features University of St. Francis History
By Linnea Knapp, Archives Librarian

The history of USF is chronicled in a new book titled “University of St. Francis,” which shares the history of the university and provides a unique pictorial history. The 128-page book details the university’s beginnings and its evolution into the vibrant community that it is today.

The story of the University of St. Francis began in 1920 when the seeds were planted for Assisi Junior College. The school’s evolution continued when, as the College of St. Francis, it awarded Bachelor degrees in 1930, became co-educational in 1970, and attained University status in 1998. The University owes its existence to the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Francis of Mary Immaculate, founded by Mother Alfred Moes in 1865, with Mother Thomasine Fryewska serving as the first president of the institution. Throughout the years the school has continued growing, adding buildings, programs, and students, but has remained rooted in its Franciscan identity of respect, service, integrity and compassion.

It is available to purchase at the USF Barnes & Noble bookstore as well as online at various book retailers.

Pop Lit + You = Happy Reading!

Our Pop Lit Collection is comprised of bestselling, current nonfiction and fiction titles and is located to your right when you walk through the library doors. In the midst of tackling Shakespeare or figuring out how to use SPSS, take a break with a Pop Lit book for some downtime. The collection rotates so the library is always receiving new books. You can use BernieCat to search the collection or stop in the library and browse for a fun, new read. It’s our little “public library within the library.” Here is a sampling of new selections for September:

- **Gingerbread Cookie Murder** – This exciting mystery by Joanne Fluke includes dead bodies, missing persons, and, of course, lots of spilled cookies.
- **Ghost in Trouble** – The ghost of a former detective is delighted to find out she can continue her sleuthing in the afterlife. But things are not as easy as she expected. (by Carolyn G. Hart)
- **Without a Word (How a Boy’s Unspoken Love Changed Everything)** – On the more serious side, this true story features Hunter, an 8-year-old boy who has never been able to speak, yet has touched the lives of many. (by Jill Kelly)

See lots of good stuff, but not what you want? Feel free to stop by and chat with one of the librarians or send us an email. We’d be more than happy to take your suggestions.

Check out DVDs for FREE!

The library has an extensive collection of DVDs—feature films and documentaries—that can be borrowed free of charge. The collection includes critically acclaimed films like *The Wrestler* and *Milk* and classics like *Night of the Living Dead* and *The Godfather*. Additionally, you will discover many educational and enlightening documentaries that are perfect for visual aids for presentations or personal interest. The collection can be searched via BernieCat and is housed in the audiovisual area on the library’s main floor.
All the Information, None of the Work!
By Lisa Quinn, Reference and Instruction Librarian

A large part of my job is making sure that anyone who contacts me gets the information they need in a timely manner. This applies to all kinds of content, from help with research projects, to simply being aware of what is going on in the library this week. To make sure that you never miss anything that you might be interested in, USF Library has started two programs to keep everyone up to date on the information they desire.

Our new article alert service pushes requested information from journals and other publications to the users of the service, allowing users to stay current without having to repeatedly go and seek out the information. Users of our article alert services are able to choose between receiving all newly published information from a particular journal or journals, or can select to have only information on a particular topic sent to them. The information sent is generally the citation and abstract of appropriate articles, and can be sent as either an RSS feed or as an email alert.

The second information service we are proud to announce is our USF Library News and Events blog. On the blog, information regarding new services, such as new databases or journals, events, such as the upcoming publication of our Archivist’s book, or just simple reminders like the library being closed for a holiday are published to make sure we are sharing the entire library’s important information with our users. Notifications about new information on the library blog is available through RSS or email alerts; to sign up, simply visit http://www.usflibrarynew.wordpress.com and choose the link for either email or RSS subscription available on the right side of the page.

Want to know more about information delivery services? Just send me an email at lquinn@stfrancis.edu and we can get you started.

Curriculum Lab News

Education majors can find valuable resources in the library’s curriculum lab located on the lower level of the library. There are a few changes being made to enhance the scope of the room and expand the selection of materials:

- The College of Education has used a federal grant to invest in assistive technology and psychological assessments for children with special needs. The Curriculum Room will be transformed to include a hands-on lab for the assistive technology and special education assessments. The new assistive technology area will enable teacher candidates to acquire hands-on experience in using special education materials.
- Laptops provided by Network Support Services will be used in this lab to demonstrate and practice the use of assistive technology and assessment software.
- Juvenile materials are being moved from the Curriculum Room to accommodate the new materials. The juvenile books are located at the beginning of the general stacks on the lower level of the library near classroom LG-1.

Library Computers

The library has over 40 computers for students to use for research, typing papers, checking email, or working on assignments. Use your portal login to use a computer.

Additionally, the library is a WiFi Zone and you are invited to use your own laptop anywhere in the library.

The library also has laptops available to use in the library for up to two hours. More information on borrowing laptops is available at the circulation desk.
Public Services Update
By Shannon Pohrte, Head of Public Services

Welcome back to school! Over the summer the library has incorporated some new things to make life easier for the community of USF. Did you know that the library has a fax machine that is open for everyone? All you need is your credit or debit card and you can easily send a fax out. The fax machine is located right by the computers on the main floor of the library. USF Library has also been working hard on increasing our online databases such as adding LexisNexis and Sage Premier which covers a multitude of topics. Did you know there is an auto repair database? Also there is a multitude of ways to contact the USF Library. Patrons can chat with a librarian via any chat client or using our home page. By texting the Library at 309-222-7740 and using the code STF, anyone can talk to a librarian at any time during the day or night. You can also call us at 815-740-5041 or email us at refdesk@stfrancis.edu. If someone needs to check their email really quickly, touch-screen computers in the Library lobby are easily accessible. When looking for a comfy place to study, remember the library. Not only is the Library open more hours than most buildings around campus but there are couches just waiting for people to either hang out and chat or study quietly. Of course, librarians are always ready to help students with assignments and faculty with research. Also feel free to put a suggestion or two in the suggestion boxes provided. The Library always wants to hear from the USF community on how to serve its patrons better.

Group Study/Presentation Rooms

The library has group study rooms equipped with computers, TVs/DVDs, screens, projectors, conference tables and comfortable chairs for students to use for group work. The rooms are available on a first come basis and can be signed out at the circulation desk.

Printing and Copying at the Library

Each student receives a $10.00 print/copy credit per semester. Students can use this copy credit at the library. Each black and white page that is printed/copied costs $.06. The amount will automatically be deducted from your account when printing. The library has a color printer and the cost is $.35 per page. To print in color, select the color printer from the drop down box on the print screen.

When using the copy machine, you will need to enter your 800 number and your 6 digit PIN on the keypad next to the copier to activate the machine and make your copies. Information on locating your 800 number and PIN is posted by the copy machine.

Need a Break?

Visit the student lounge on the lower level of the library to purchase drinks and snacks from the vending machines. Visit with friends at one of the comfortable booths.
Tech Services Update
By Gail Gawlik, Head of Technical Services

Things have continued to be hopping back in Tech Services. Here are just a few of the exciting materials that have come through our department:

- Complete Caldecott Collection – The Randolph Caldecott Medal is an award given every year by a division of the American Library Association for the best picture books that have original illustrations by American artists and that show “respect for children’s understandings, abilities, and appreciations” (from ALA’s website). Over the past year, the Tech Services staff has been working on replacing worn out copies of these books. We were especially excited when we were able to purchase a rare used copy of the only book that was missing, Mei Li by Thomas Handforth. Our copy of this out-of-print work was originally part of the California State University Reading Center Collection. It is about a young Chinese boy who, after spending a thrilling day at New Year's Eve fair, makes it home just in time to greet the Kitchen God. Welcome, Mei Li, to the USF Library!

- The College of Education has donated a fascinating collection of multicultural children’s books, funded by two grants: The Diversity at the Blackboard Project and Joliet Professional Development School Partnership. These books cover a wide variety of topics, from mummies of ancient Egypt to the Just So Stories of Rudyard Kipling. My favorite is The Road to Mumbai by Ruth Jeyaveeran. In this fantasy, little Shoba is woken in the night by her monkey Fuzzy Patel, who is worried about making it to his cousin’s secret wedding. They decide to travel by “bed,” rather than airplane, and meet many interesting animals and people along the way, all who want to crash the wedding.

- Thanks to reference librarian Lisette Odegaard’s father and courtesy of the Midwest Theological Forum, the 8-volume set of Exegetical Commentary on the Code of Canon Law has been donated to the library. This well-known resource on the current legislation of the Latin-rite church is an excellent addition to the Reference Collection. Thanks, Lisette!

- Finally, we have added many excellent DVDs to our AV Collection, including the Complete Dramatic Works of William Shakespeare, produced by the BBC and Time-Life Films. Over the next few months, you will see the old VHS titles of this set being replaced by new, digitally remastered discs, along with the addition of those titles that were missing from the collection. It’s Shakespeare and it’s complete!