Welcome from the Dean

Warm wishes to all of you this 2013-2014 year! While you were away, we at the Brown Library have been anxiously planning and awaiting each of your research and leisure needs to be met from our wide variety of services. This year we are very pleased to announce that we have acquired one of the more unique databases in the academic research world: Proquest Dissertations and Theses. This database contains an aggregation of all electronic theses and dissertations in existence in one convenient place! This database is most important for those looking to formulate their own research projects through practical examples and cutting edge literature reviews.

Also coming this year is the Brown Library’s circulation of Apple iPads for all. Beginning in September, 10 iPads will be available for individual checkout, and 25 will be available for in-classroom group use. Stop by the library circulation desk to ask about these new devices as they become available.

Two new grant-sponsored cultural programs will come to the Brown Library in the 2013-2014 school year: The Pragda, Inc. Spanish Language Film Festival and the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History sponsored program entitled: Created Equal. The Spanish Language film festival will be a showing of 5 independent films on campus with commentary and discussion. Look for announcements and posters for the times, dates and locations in the library for the showings. The Created Equal programming will include films, speakers and other community events focused on the history of civil rights in America. This multi-year program spans 2013-2016! Look for more information on this unique opportunity.

In spirit and service,

Terry Cottrell,
Dean of Academic Technology and Library Services

LibGuides: An Online Tool that Makes Research Easy

LibGuides are online resource subject guides that are created and maintained by USF Librarians and are excellent launching pads for your research. A LibGuide provides links to resources, most of which are readily available online. From the library home page, click on the “Subjects” tab at the top center of the page. Find the LibGuide that best matches your topic or major and you will find links for online databases to search for full text journal articles, lists of books that are available at the Brown Library, ebooks, respected web sites and much more. There are also LibGuides for citing resources using MLA and APA formats. LibGuides are available 24/7 from any web connected device. LibGuides make research easy, save you time, and most importantly, direct you to the best resources improving the quality of your work. Try one today!
Your Online Library
http://library.stfrancis.edu

A wealth of information is available on the Brown Library web site and is available to you 24/7 from any device with internet access. As you begin working on assignments, you will find thousands of excellent, scholarly journal articles, books and other online materials for your research. For assistance and any questions you may have, please contact the reference desk. Our librarians look forward to hearing your comments and improving our resources to best meet your needs. Below is a list of the most popular services and resources provided on our web site:

- Activate your library card to borrow library materials and register for interlibrary loan services.
- Contact a reference librarian via email or Chat (available during library hours).
- Use a LibGuide for guidance on which resources are best for your topic/major.
- Find full text journal articles using Online Databases.
- If you have a citation and want to find the full text, search Citation Linker.
- Find books and DVDs by using Brown Library’s Online Catalog BernieCat. To search 70+ additional academic libraries in Illinois and interlibrary loan materials free of charge search I-Share.
- Read ebooks by visiting the All Databases page and clicking on EBSCO eBook Collection OR search BernieCat for your topic, and on the right side of your results screen you will see an option for ‘Electronic’.
- 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.
- Have a comment or suggestion? Submit a message to the reference desk.
- Smartphone or web enabled phone users can access a mobile version of the Brown Library’s web site which has links to a select number of library resources that are designed for use on mobile devices. Opening http://library.stfrancis.edu on your mobile device will automatically route you to the mobile site or use the QR code scanner (above) on your smartphone to be taken to the library’s mobile website.

Need Help Using the Library? 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, walking into the library can be an overwhelming experience. To help you navigate the building and collection, 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 locating the best information and give you a foundation for conducting research 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’s needs 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 during library hours:
- 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

We look forward to working with you this semester!
Spotlight on a Student Worker: Corbin T. Angeles

Name: Corbin T. Angeles
Hometown: Shorewood, IL
Year/Major: Junior/Marketing and Management double major
Career goals: To go into advertising within interactive media.
Favorite book: Probably either *The Divine Comedy*, *The Great Gatsby*, or *World War Z*; I have issues picking favorites when it comes to books.
Favorite movie: *Kingdom of Heaven*
Favorite band/music: Avenged Sevenfold
Favorite quote: “Too weird to live, but much too rare to die.” - Avenged Sevenfold
Favorite hobbies: My favorite hobbies include gaming (my primary hobby), reading, watching movies, and having in depth conversations about them and their respective industries. I’m heavily involved on campus, and I love that. I also love spending time with friends, and especially my girlfriend Bekah – who also works in the library!
Job duties as a student worker in the library: Besides keeping the general area clean and the books organized and put away, my primary duties are to help students and faculty with any questions they might have, or items they need checked out.
What is the most important thing you’ve learned at USF: Networking. Getting to know people, faculty, and staff that can help you to get a job or internship in the future is hugely important, and most of my professional networking skills have been taught to me at USF.
What advice would you give to new students: Get involved! Pick a few clubs you really like, and start attending meetings, and help out when possible. Studying is important, and school should never be a low priority, but don’t underestimate the importance of being involved and having other things to put on your résumé.
What is a little known fact about you: I actually love to study on my own, and spend a lot of my free time looking things up and learning other subjects on the side. Due to this, I tend to have surprisingly in-depth knowledge on subjects people don’t expect me to; I find this is my most surprising trait to others. The fact that I was homeschooled all the way through high school also surprises many and is always one of my favorite things to joke about when first telling someone.

Simplify Citing Your Resources with **RefWorks**

RefWorks is an online research and citation management tool that allows you to collect, store and manage journal articles and other resources. With RefWorks, you can create your own database of references; export references from online databases and from the Web; and generate in-text citations and bibliographies. RefWorks will organize your sources and, essentially, do a majority of the work for you! For more information on this excellent resource, view the RefWorks LibGuide or contact a Reference Librarian. *RefWorks requires a group code for access. Please contact the reference desk for this code.*
New Streaming Video Databases

Digital videos are excellent tools for enhancing and supporting learning and providing visual aids for class presentations in just a few clicks. Due to the popularity of the streaming video database Films on Demand, Brown Library has added to its streaming video databases collection by acquiring a selection of databases from Alexander Street Press. Databases include Black Thought and Culture; Counseling and Therapy in Video; Education in Video; Health and Society in Video; Nursing Education in Video; and Women and Social Movements in Video. To access to these new resources, visit the All Databases page on the library web site and find the name of the database you would like to search on the A-Z list. Within the databases, videos can be searched by subject or keyword. Simply click on the ‘play’ icon to watch the video on your computer or tablet. Please contact a reference librarian for assistance using these valuable resources.

Check out DVDs for FREE!

The great library collection of DVDs has continued to grow by leaps and bounds and can be checked out for free! It includes many critically acclaimed films, excellent educational documentaries that would be a great addition to any class presentation, and movies that are just plain fun. You can search for DVDs in the online catalog BernieCat or browse the Audiovisual section on the main floor of the library. Some of our newest titles include:

- **Argo** – Ben Afleck directs and stars in this Oscar winning drama that takes place during the Iran Hostage Crisis and chronicles the rescue of six Americans.
- **Life of Pi** – Based on the bestselling book, this Oscar winning adventure follows a boy named Pi from India who endures a shipwreck and forms a bond with a tiger.
- **Downton Abbey** – A beloved BBC series that follows the upstairs aristocrats and downstairs servants of a British estate in the 1910s-1920s.

Pop Lit—Relax and Read!

Our little “public library within the library” has mysteries, horror, romance, scifi – plus popular nonfiction as well. It’s leisure reading at its best. Our new titles include:

- With Halloween right around the corner, you might like to read: Reviver by Seth Patrick. In this chilling book, we meet Jonah Miller, a member of the U.S. Forensic Revival Service. Jonah’s job is to revive murder victims just long enough so they can testify at their murder trials. But then Jonah realizes that someone … something … is watching!
- Or maybe you’re not quite ready to let summer go. Then try A Hundred Summers by Beatriz Williams. This story of “friendship, betrayal, old families, and closely guarded secrets” will keep summer going for you!
- Have you seen that great Speilberg movie about Lincoln? Want to know more about him? Then take a look at Congressman Lincoln: The Making of America’s Greatest President by Chris DeRose. Here we find Lincoln before the presidency and see how he became one of our greatest leaders.

Search for Pop Lit books on BernieCat or browse the collection on the library’s main floor across from the circulation desk. See lots of good stuff, but not what you want? Feel free to stop by and chat with one of the librarians or send an email to the reference desk. We’d be more than happy to take your suggestions.
New Bottle Filling Station and Water Fountain

Looking for great tasting, cold filtered water to refill your eco-friendly reusable bottle? A new bottle filling station and water fountain is located on the main floor of the library across from the reference office.

Library Computers

The library has over 40 computers for students to use for online classes, research, word processing, email, and for working on assignments. Login to a computer with your MY USF portal information.

Additionally, the library is a WiFi Zone and you can use your own laptop anywhere in the library. The library also has laptops that you can borrow to use in the library for up to two hours. More information on borrowing a laptop is available 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 costs 6¢. The amount will automatically be deducted from your account when printing. Color printing is 25¢ per page. To print in color, select the color printer from the drop down box on the print screen. Your color print out will print from the copy machine.

The library’s copy machine is located on the main floor near the computers and makes copies in black and white and color. To use the copier, you will login with your portal information. The cost for copies is the same as printing and will automatically be deducted from your printing/copying account.

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.

Three Levels of Information

With a book collection that tops 125,000 volumes, thousands of DVDs and CDs, and 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
- Juvenile and Curriculum Materials
- Special Education Assistance Technology Lab (SEAT)
- Student Lounge with vending machines and booths

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

Upper Level:
- General stacks, call numbers 400-999
- Archives and John L. Raymond (JLR) Collection
Library Archives
By Jennifer Ho, Archives Librarian

Please check out USF’s University Archives channel on Historypin.com!

Historypin is a map of the world on which you can view beautiful photographs and videos uploaded by organizations and individuals. These photos and videos illustrate everything from family outings to royal visits to architectural evolution to parties and once-in-a-lifetime celebrations. On USF’s channel you will see historic photos from the University Archives; more will be added throughout the coming months. If you recognize the people in the photos, or you have a corresponding story to share, please do so! Check out USF’s channel, and be sure to look up photos from your own hometown as well.

If you have any questions or feedback, please contact me at jho@stfrancis.edu or 815-740-3539.

Library Instruction Helps Students to Develop Research Skills
By Brigitte Bell, Instruction Librarian

As the fall semester approaches, the library is gearing up for another busy year of instruction! Library instruction sessions are designed to teach students basic information literacy skills - how to perform research, how to evaluate the information they find in their research, and how to use this information effectively and ethically in their papers. No matter what your instructional needs, the library is here to help!

If you are a member of the faculty and you would like the Instruction Librarian to speak with your class about performing research in your subject area, please fill out the online Faculty Instruction Request form. Library instruction sessions can be tailored to fit specific classes so that instructors can better help their students to develop research skills.

Students, if you need extra help with finding books and articles, you can schedule individual or group consultations with the Instruction Librarian. In these sessions you will receive customized instruction on how to navigate the library website, how to search the catalogs and databases, etc. You can set up an appointment using the online Student Instruction Request form.

The library also encourages faculty and students to take advantage of our online instructional resources, such as our Video Tutorials, which give detailed instructions on how to use specific library resources, and our Subject Guides, which provide a variety of reliable information sources on a given course or a particular subject area. These resources are particularly helpful for commuter students who spend limited time on campus, as well as online distance students who access library resources remotely.

We look forward to helping you with all of your research needs. Have a great year!
Departments

Need Dissertations? Look Here!
By Shannon Pohrte, Head of Public Services

If you are interested in researching dissertations on a subject or maybe writing your own, the Brown Library now has a database called Proquest Dissertations and Theses Full Text. You can find it by going to our website, http://library.stfrancis.edu. Then click on the brown button on the upper right side that says “All Databases”, and then just school down to the database and click on it. If you have any questions, please contact the Reference Desk at 815-740-5041, by email at refdesk@stfrancis.edu, or by our chat service which can be found on our website.

Proquest Dissertations and Theses Full Text has documents from 1743 to current times. The Library of Congress uses this database as its official digital dissertations archive. PQDT — Full Text contains nearly 3 million searchable citations to dissertations and theses. International dissertations are also available. Over 1 million full-text dissertations are available for download in PDF format. The database offers full text for most of the dissertations added since 1997 and strong retrospective full-text coverage for older graduate works.

We are excited to offer this database to our students and faculty. Please let us know if you have any questions about this database or any of our other databases.

Tech Services Update
By Gail Gawlik, Head of Technical Services

We have had another busy year back in Tech Services. Here are just a few of the exciting materials that have come through our department:

The Books – Students take note!

New books are constantly being added to the library collection that will intrigue you and make that classroom experience richer. For example, are you signed up for calculus this semester? Besides relying solely on your textbook, you could be reading:

- *Calculus for Dummies* — Of course, YOU are not a dummy, but sometimes it’s just comforting to pick up one of these books and look over some of the more essential topics explained in a clear, down-to-earth way.
- *The Calculus Wars* — What, someone wanted to fight over calculus? That’s right. Both Newton and Leibniz, two of the greatest scientific minds of all times, were at each other’s throats over this math innovation. Give the book a read and see what the dispute was all about.
- *The Calculus Diaries: How Math Can Help You Lose Weight, Win in Vegas, and Survive a Zombie Apocalypse* — Hmmm, sounds like this calculus hoopla might be useful after all. If calculus is giving YOU the heebie-jeebies, give this book a try.
- *The Manga Guide to Calculus* — Want to take a trip into the wonderful world of manga while you go over some calculus basics? This book will do it. And if you like this one, you might also like some of the other topics that the Manga Guide Series covers, including statistics, physics, molecular biology, and databases.

The DVDs – Great films for the whole USF family

The library continues to add great DVDs that are educational and, on occasion, just plain fun. They are a great way to spruce up a presentation or just kick back and relax.

Some of our newest titles include:

- *Diet: A Look at Processed Food, Nutrition, and Obesity in the 20th Century* — This BBC documentary takes a look at what the “industrialization of food” has done to our eating habits. After all, you ARE what you eat!
- *God is the Bigger Elvis* — This Academy Award Nominee for Best Documentary Short takes a look at Dolores Hart, former starlet and current prioress of a Benedictine monastery. What a journey she has had!
- *Stan Lee’s Mutants, Monster’s and Marvels* — Interested in becoming a commercial artist or just a fan of superheros? Then this DVD is for you — one of several films we have looking into the world of graphic novels/comic books and the art that’s in them.

We also have a number of other popular titles, including *Downton Abbey*, *The Hunger Games*, and *Game of Thrones*. And we’re free! Come give us a try.
Please Welcome Our New Staff Members

Rebecca Berkowicz joined our reference team last fall. She has a bachelor’s degree in history from Eastern Illinois University in Charleston, Illinois and is currently taking classes with University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign for a master's in library and information science. She will graduate this December.

Before working at the Brown Library, Rebecca was an intern in various departments at Booth Library at EIU. Her interests are reading, seeing movies with her boyfriend, learning new things, and playing with her two dogs. A little known fact about Rebecca is that in high school she was in the musical Cinderella and played the role of the Evil Stepmother.

Kari Jimenez joined the library this summer as our new Circulation Specialist. She graduated from Northern Illinois University with a bachelor’s degree in psychology. Kari was a stay at home mom for many years and previously worked for Plainfield school district as a teacher’s aide and library clerk where she says, “I found my calling.” Most recently, she worked at the Joliet Junior College Library.

Kari has two children, Josh, 19, and Isabel, 15. She has been married for 22 years and lives in Channahon. She loves watching baseball (especially her son who plays college ball and the White Sox), gardening and decorating. A little known fact about Kari is she participated in competitive gymnastics for 10 years.

There are two ways of spreading light: to be the candle or the mirror that reflects it

- Edith Wharton

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