Welcome!

The USF Library staff would like to extend a warm welcome to all the new and returning students for the 2015-2016 academic year! We are looking forward to assisting you with not only research for your academic endeavors but also a comfortable place to hang out while on campus.

One of the biggest changes you will find that we made over the summer is that we now have an Information Desk which encompasses the services of the Reference Librarians and the Circulation Staff. Think of this as a one-stop-shop for all your library needs. Also the Technology Support Center (TSC) will have expanded their hours of support in the library so more people will be able to help with your computer questions.

Another exciting update is the addition of four Apple computers to the PCs we currently have in the library. We will also be hosting some events, such as the Barbara A. Cooke Musical Theatre Collection Open House in October and the game nights with the USF Justice League throughout the semester. Please watch our website (http://library.stfrancis.edu) for more information about these events.

We would love to hear your comments and feedback. You can contact us at http://library.stfrancis.edu/ask.html. Here’s to the new school year!

In spirit and service,

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Do you know what the library has to offer?

1. **80+ online databases** containing millions of scholarly articles that can be accessed 24/7.

2. **Interlibrary loan** gives you access to books and articles from across the United States for free. Search **I-Share** for materials at other university libraries across Illinois and place a request. Use **ILLiad** to interlibrary loan articles and books* (*books that are not located in I-Share).

3. Search our online catalog, **BernieCat**, for **thousands of books and e-books**.

4. **Expert research help is available every hour the library is open.** A reference librarian is happy to assist you with using the library and finding the best research available on your topic. You can contact a librarian in person at the reference desk, chat, email or call us at (1-815-740-5041). We look forward to working with you!

5. **Check out an iPad for FREE.** For research or recreation, take advantage of this great service. Visit the circulation desk for more information.

6. Our **PopLit collection** has the latest bestsellers and hot new titles for fun reading!

7. **Computers, printers, copiers and scanners** are available for you.

8. **Research Guides** are created by USF librarians — a great place to start your assignments.

9. **DVDs can be borrowed for FREE.** You can search for DVDs in the **online catalog** or browse the A/V section on the main floor.

10. **RefWorks** organizes your research and will create a formatted bibliography for your assignments with the click of a button. Visit the **RefWorks Research Guide** or contact a librarian for more information.

    For assistance and any questions you may have, please contact the **reference desk**.

    **http://library.stfrancis.edu**
Meet the new Information Desk!

If you are looking for help, you can find it all in one place at the new Information Desk. The reference librarians and the circulation staff are now located in one easy-to-find location. The Information Desk is right by the front doors of the library.

Reference librarians are happy to help students with taking make-up tests and finding in-depth research for papers. When checking out books or trying to find items in the library, the circulation staff are ready to assist you!

What else is new in the Library?

The Library welcomes the Technology Support Center to staff a desk by the computers on the main floor to help with computer issues and questions. As some of you might remember, TSC did staff a desk in the library during the evening hours. Well starting with the Fall semester, TSC will increase the amount of time they staff the desk. The hope is to have a TSC staff person available all hours the library is open.

The Library will soon house four Mac computers in our computer area. We hope this will give another option to Mac users on where to do their homework. These will be located right in front of the reference collection on the main floor of the library.

Also coming soon is a new 3D printer to be located between the DVDs and CDs. If you have any questions on how to use this, you can either contact the staff at Department of Academic Technology or IT.
USF Library Offers Assistance 24/7

Brigitte Bell, Instruction Librarian

Do you ever find yourself having questions about how to use the USF library? If so, the library offers a variety of resources which will come to your rescue!

As always, students are welcome to stop by the library and visit the Information Desk to chat in person with a USF librarian. Students can also contact a librarian for assistance via phone (815) 740-5041, or via email at refdesk@stfrancis.edu.

If you are at home or off campus, you also have the option to live chat with a librarian using the “Chat With Us” widget on the Library Homepage. The live chat option is available all hours that the library is open (7:30 a.m. -10 p.m. Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. -2 p.m. Saturday, and 3 p.m.-10 p.m. Sunday).

In addition to offering support to students through traditional reference services, the library offers a collection of online Video Tutorials which give detailed instructions on how to use specific resources. These tutorials cover a wide variety of subject areas ranging from how to register for a library borrower ID, how to search the library’s online catalog and online databases, and how to place interlibrary loan requests.

The library’s Video Tutorials are a great resource for all USF students, whether you are a traditional on-campus student or an online distance student. Students can access a wealth of useful information - and can access those resources 24 hours a day, 7 days a week - with just a single click.

We look forward to helping you with all of your research needs. Have a great year!
Pop Lit – your little “public library”

What’s the first thing you see when you walk into the library? It might just be the Pop Lit Collection. This set of books is just for fun! … containing an exciting variety of popular reads, just like you might find at your public library. For instance, you might try:

*Terrorformer*. This Doctor Who graphic novel will take you on an adventure with the 12th Doctor. Although he has just regenerated, he finds himself crossing swords with the ancient goddess Kali, who is intent on destroying anyone who stands in the way of her next resurrection. Or…is she really Kali? Jump into the TARDIS and take off with the Doctor to find out!

*Speaking in Bones*. Are you a fan of the TV show *Bones*? Well, in this latest story, forensic anthropologist Temperance Brennan must unravel the mystery of a tape recording of an 18-year-old girl being held captive; however, Temperance is also sure that this same girl’s body lays gathering dust in the morgue. How can this be? Can YOU figure it out?

*Voices in the Ocean*. This is the real-life adventure of Susan Casey and her 2-year adventure to better understand the mystery of the dolphin and their complicated relationship with us humans.

**New Books**

*The Fairest: Levana’s Story*. For the fans of *The Lunar Chronicles*, we have this latest addition to the saga. From the previous books, you know that Queen Levana is intent on using her “glamour” to gain power. But what was she like before she started on this evil path? Give this book a read to find out. (And just a note – we have the other books in the series, including *Cinder*, one of the Rebecca Caudill books for 2015.)

*Simple Machines: Wheels, Levers, and Pulleys*. For education majors, and others with little ones in their lives, we have this elegant picture book by David Adler that will explain to the kids (and adults!) just how these basic machines work.

*Jane Addams: Spirit in Action*. We are pleased to announce the addition of several books by and about the famous Jane Addams, including this biography commemorating the 150th anniversary of her birth. Come meet this small-town Illinoisan girl who went on to become a major figure in the women’s suffragette movement and founded Hull House, a welcoming place for newly arrived European immigrants.
New DVDs

*Old Fashioned.* Ready for an old-fashioned love story? Then you are ready for this film about Clay, former frat boy turned serious philosopher, and Amber, a restless free spirit who is looking for…, she isn’t sure just what. Love, can it make it in today’s world? Find out here.

*American Sniper.* This latest Clint Eastwood film is based on the complicated life of Chris Kyle, a real-life sniper who was active during the Iraq War. Although he saved many of his fellow soldiers, it was at great personal cost. The film is worth watching, but don’t forget to have a box of tissues handy.

*Inside the Court of Henry VIII.* For those fans of the TV mini-series *Wolf Hall*, and for those who have seen the film *A Man for all Seasons*, you may enjoy this PBS documentary that chronicles the reign of Henry VIII.

That’s all from the Tech Services Department. Have a great semester and don’t forget to come visit us at

**Come and check us out!**

*More new movies to rent for free!*
Hello from the USF Library Archives!

We have been hard at work these past months and have many exciting developments to share. Our focus includes adding new materials and updating the finding aids of our collections. This includes the new Caritas Collection and Drama and Theater Department Records, as well as, expanding the Alumni Records and St. Joseph College of Nursing Collection. During the summer, my student worker, Adjo Tameklo, processed over eighteen feet of records which encompassed: administrative papers, correspondence, brochures, program reviews, and photographs.

Online Collections

There are also two new online collections available through CARLI Digital Collections. The Interlude Student Newspaper Collection contains digital images of the CSF student newspaper, The Interlude, from 1925 through 1969. This is a great resource if you want to see how the University developed during the first half of the twentieth century. The Joan Ramuta Golf Outing Collection includes digitized photographs related to the informal University of St. Francis faculty golf outing held at the end of every academic year. Check it out and see how many faces you recognize!

Chicago Open Archives: Collecting and Connecting

The Archives will be hosting an event in the Library on October 10th to showcase the Barbara A. Cooke Musical Theater Collection. As a member of Chicago Open Archives: Collecting and Connecting, USF will highlight this special collection which was donated from alumna, Barbara Cooke. Further details will be announced closer to the event.

Please remember to check our monthly blog for the latest news and highlights. If you have any questions regarding USF archival collections and/or have a donation, please contact Gloria Hendrickson, Archives Librarian, at ghendrickson@stfrancis.edu or x3539.
Library at a Glance

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
Academic Resource Center
Department of Academic Technology (DAT)
Student Worker Spotlight:
Amanda Cavanaugh

Name: Amanda Cavanaugh
Hometown: Braidwood, IL
Year/Major: Senior, Elementary Education
Career goal: Educate young people, and touch the lives of my students, just like so many of my teachers did for me.
Favorite book: Lone Survivor
Favorite movie: The Breakfast Club
Favorite band/music: Anything country
Favorite quote: “Life is like a camera. You focus on what’s important. Capture the good times, develop from the negative, and if things don’t work out, you take another shot.”
Favorite hobbies: Camping, hiking, fishing, and spending time with family.
Job duties as a student worker in the library: Check out and return books, DVDs, CDs. Organize stacks. Pull books for ILLiad and I-Share.
What is the most important thing you’ve learned at USF: Hard work and perseverance will get you where you want to be.
What advice would you give to new students: Don’t hesitate to ask questions or ask for help when you need it. USF is a community of people that are there and willing to help you no matter what the circumstances.
What is a little known fact about you: I am terrified of snakes. I won’t even walk by their cages in pet stores.

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Hours
Please visit the library web site for our hours.

Contact Us
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Reference Desk 740-5041
Toll free 1-800-726-6500
Email Ask-a-Librarian:
refdesk@stfrancis.edu
New Library Display

In celebration of the 150th Anniversary of the founding of the Joliet Franciscans, the library is honoring the Sisters by showcasing the textile artistry of Sr. Kay Francis Berger, OSF. Recently honored with the title, Artist Laureate by her congregation, Sr. Kay Francis has used her creative gifts of painting, sculpting, sketching and needlework to advance her life-long Franciscan ministry. Francis and Clare have been, and always will be, the “heart” of her artwork. For a limited time, the intricately embroidered “St. Francis and St. Clare” is on exhibit.

Anyone who has ever picked up a needle and thread will recognize the technical mastery involved in a piece of this size and design. The museum-quality work is an impressive display of stitch work depicting the picnic of St. Francis and St Clare, legendary for the glow that radiated from their contemplative love. Both are seated with palms open in a posture of gratitude and prayer.

Sr. Kay Francis continues to create and express her love of “Our Creator” in her Canticle Art Studio located at Our Lady of Angels Continuing Care Community in Joliet.

Activate and Manage Your Library Account

Use the online form or visit the circulation desk to activate your “BernieCat” library account.

Through your online-account, you have access to I-Share, the integrated library system that offers resources from 85 consortium member libraries. Use I-Share to search for library materials in Illinois, check the availability of items, and place requests.

Before you place your first request in I-Share, please create a new account.