Welcome

Welcome to our very first spring issue of Seek. We have many changes in store for the upcoming years as the USF Brown Library continues to work with USF Information Technology under the newly reorganized Information Technology and Library Services (ITLS) division. President Johnson’s stalwart support of student research and information technology needs has been an encouraging force toward the four new focus areas for ITLS going forward: Research and Learning, Innovation, Technical Support, and Infrastructure. Look for resource improvements in library collections, increased modes of access, and new comfort and collaboration spaces to be formed in the Brown Library building. Anticipate a new Technology Support Center Helpdesk to assist with your needs on throughout the day, nights and weekends coming in Fall 2014!

As always, the ITLS staff is eager to assist and educate. Please contact us early and often with your suggestions and ideas. We are eager to collaborate with you on your project needs, and on any topics that will assist in learning, teaching and access. May graduation is right around the corner as the deep freeze of winter moves into spring! Have a great rest of the term!

Sincerely,

Terry Cottrell, Chief Information Officer

Borrow an iPad!

USF students, faculty and staff can borrow an iPad from the Brown Library. This new service offers an exceptional opportunity for the USF community to check out an iPad for browsing the web and using apps. Whether you are a student working on a group research assignment, a professor who would like to use a set of iPads for her class, or a staff member that wants to try out his building skills in Minecraft, an iPad is convenient and fun to use. Students can check out an iPad for three days. Faculty and staff receive a one week loan period. The class set of 25 iPads can be checked out by faculty and staff for six hours and can be reserved in advance. Please visit the circulation desk for more information, and take advantage of this great new opportunity.
Top Ten Reasons to LOVE the Brown Library

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 ebooks**.

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 toll free (1-800-726-6500). We look forward to working with you!

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

6. **Research Guides** are created by USF librarians and provide a great place to start your assignments. There are Research Guides on numerous topics like Education, Business and Nursing that recommend online databases, books and reputable web sites.

7. **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.

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

9. **Computers, printers, copiers and scanners** are available for you to use in a quiet environment.

10. Our **PopLit collection** has the latest bestsellers and hot new titles for fun reading. PopLit is located on the main floor across from the circulation desk.

Shhh...Quiet Zone

Due to the responses from a recent poll of USF students, Brown Library is instituting a quieter library. Students expressed wanting the library to be a place for study, and the staff at Brown Library will work to create an environment that will cut down on talking and promote quiet. To do this, we need your help and ask that you keep socializing to the library lobby and student lounge located on the lower level. If you are working on a group assignment, please consider reserving a group study room at the circulation desk that is equipped with a computer, screen, projector and table and chairs. If you need to speak to someone, be mindful of those who are working around you and use quiet voices. If you feel someone is being disruptive, please do not hesitate to inform a librarian. If you prefer to remain anonymous and you are on a computer, **chat** is a convenient way to contact the reference librarian. Together we can cultivate a quiet place for study, research and assignments. Thank you for your help in making the Brown Library the best it can be for you, our students.
Created Equal
By Shannon Pohrte Wenzel, Assistant Director of Public Services

In February, Brown Library will be hosting the Created Equal: America’s Civil Rights Struggle Film Festival in honor of Black History Month. These four films focus on the civil rights movement and the groups that were discriminated against. Each film will be shown on Tuesday night at 6 pm in Room LG 14 in the Library. A discussion will be led after the showing of the film. There will be refreshments. The Created Equal: America’s Civil Rights Struggle Film Festival is made possible through a major grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities, as part of its Bridging Cultures initiative, in partnership with the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History. Please check the Brown Library website or contact Shannon Pohrte Wenzel for more information at x5061 or spohrte@stfrancis.edu.

A Wealth of Knowledge

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 Brown 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, Scanner, Printers,
  Health Science Collection
- Periodicals and newspapers
- Reference books
- Reserve materials (at circulation desk)

**Upper Level:**
- General stacks, call numbers 400-999
- Archives and John L. Raymond (JLR) Collection
Spotlight on a Student Worker: Kate McIlvanie

**Hometown:** Eleroy, IL

**Year/Major:** Senior/Business Management Major with Marketing and Economics Minors

**Career goal:** I would love to coach volleyball and perhaps get into sports management or human resources.

**Favorite book:** Too many to name! I am a big fan of the Eragon, Immortal Instruments, and the Hunger Games series, as well as most of the books written by Tamora Pierce. I liked Divergent and am looking forward to reading the others in this series.

**Favorite movie:** Up!

**Favorite band/music:** AC/DC, Queen, Reo Speedwagon, Phil Collins and Genesis, Lady Antebellum, Luke Bryan, Zac Brown Band, and many others!

**Favorite quote:** “No one can make you feel inferior without your consent.” – Eleanor Roosevelt

**Favorite hobbies:** Playing volleyball, reading, water skiing, tubing, and hanging out with friends and family.

**Job duties as a student worker in the library:** I check out items and when they are returned I scan them back into the system and return them to the shelves. I answer questions and help students look up books and movies either in our library or I-share. I also do hourly rounds through the library. I get to work with some very nice people and it helps the time go by fast.

**What is the most important thing you’ve learned at USF:** I have learned to have confidence in myself and God to carry me through.

**What advice would you give to new students:** Try new things and get out of your comfort zone, you may learn some new things about yourself that you can use to develop yourself into who you want to be, not who you were.

**What is a little known fact about you?:** I can drive a boat, tractor, car, motorcycle, and snowmobile and I like to go fast!

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Justice League Game Nights

**By Shannon Pohrte Wenzel, Assistant Director of Public Services**

The Brown Library and USF Justice League are co-hosting some fantastic and interactive events at the library. We recently hosted a NetherRealms Video Game Tournament. Some other future events are a Board Game Night, Halo Video Game Tournament and a discussion about paper and dice roleplaying. Please stay tuned for further details on these events via the Brown Library Facebook page. Since these events happen on Friday nights while the library is closed, participants do not have to worry about noise levels or disturbing other students.
Autographed First Edition T.S. Eliot Book!
By Jennifer Ho, Archives Librarian

You never know what you’ll find in the library, especially in the Archives. As part of our rare book cataloging project, Gail Gawlik (Assistant Director of Technical Services) and I found a signed first edition of T.S. Eliot’s book, *Four Quartets*. It was published in 1944 by Faber & Faber, the English publishing house at which Eliot was literary editor and eventually director. You probably know him best for his poem “The Waste Land” (“April is the cruelest month . . .”) but Eliot regarded *Four Quartets* as his greatest work. It consists of four poems, reflecting heavily on the life and meanings of time, love and stillness.

The inscription says “Inscribed for Sister Miriam Clare by T.S. Eliot.” Sister Miriam Clare graduated in 1938 from the College of St. Francis (as USF was known back then) and was an English professor here for nearly thirty years, until 1984. It is unknown how she managed to procure an autograph from T.S. Eliot, but we’re sure glad she did! Come see the book; it’s in the USF Library Archives on the third floor of the library.

Helpful Hints for Finding Scholarly Journal Articles
By Amy Chellino, Reference Librarian

Brown Library’s Online Databases provide a convenient and easy way for you to find scholarly, peer reviewed articles for your assignments. Here are a few tips that will simplify your research process, cut down on your searching time and help you find the best articles available:

1. Start your research with a broad topic and narrow from there. There are many ways to limit in databases: date, document, publication type, etc. The more limits you select, the less results you will have. By starting broad, you can first see the number of articles that are available on your topic and determine how to narrow your search from there.

2. When you find an article that works, look at the subject terms in the record of the article for keywords to search: Remember research is a process. It might take several attempts at choosing the right combination of keywords to find articles that will best support your topic. Additionally, look at the bibliography for other articles that might be helpful. When you have a citation, use Citation Linker to see if the full text is available through the online databases. If it is not available, you can always use interlibrary loan.

3. Search more than one database. Different databases have articles from different journals so it is a good idea to search more than one database for your topic and compare your results to find the best sources.

For help researching your topic, from figuring out which databases to search to deciding on keywords, contact the reference desk and a librarian will be happy to help. Visit us in person during library hours at the reference desk on the main floor, email, chat or call (1-800-726-6500). We look forward to assisting you!
**Book Review — “Hild: A Novel” by Nicola Griffith**

By Brigitte Bell, Instruction Librarian

*Hild: A Novel* is a historical fiction novel which depicts the adolescence of St. Hilda of Whitby. St. Hilda, a crucial figure in the 7th century conversion of England to Christianity, is revered by both the Catholic and Anglican Churches and is one of the patron saints of learning and culture. She is known for being abbess of the monastery at Whitby, and for serving as a seer and advisor to King Edwin of Northumbria.

Nicola Griffith’s writing style is unique and descriptive, almost lyrical in nature. St. Hilda’s character is subtle yet complex, and filled with quiet strength. St. Hilda was a Princess, the daughter of a King, but she was best known for her wisdom and intelligence.

The novel is very well researched, and Griffith does an excellent job in creating a realistic portrayal of 7th century England. History buffs will enjoy the details of society, life and culture, and Women’s History buffs in particular will enjoy Griffith’s heavy focus on the role of women. Despite popular belief, 7th century society required that all citizens, both men and women, share equal part in completing daily tasks and participating in trade. *Hild* reminds us that 7th century women were not only wives and mothers; they were also blacksmiths, weavers, midwives and warriors.

Readers interested in Church History will enjoy *Hild’s* detailed portrayal of England’s transition from Paganism to Christianity. The novel manages to very effectively capture the sociopolitical impact of this change, not only through the embodiment of St. Hilda herself, but also through the words and thoughts of secondary characters within the novel, both laymen and religious leaders alike.

Hild is the first novel in quite some time I’ve literally been unable to put down. It is a richly diverse, beautifully written novel with a little something for everyone. If you are a historical fiction enthusiast or are simply looking for something new to read, I highly recommend it!

**Film Recommendation—Silas Marner: The Weaver of Raveloe**

By Gail Gawlik, Assistant Director of Technical Services

Over Christmas Break, I had a chance to watch one of my favorite Masterpiece Theatre films: *Silas Marner: The Weaver of Raveloe*. Based on the novel by George Eliot, the movie features Sir Ben Kingsley as the weaver himself and Jenny Agutter as the soon-to-be fiance of the squire's handsome son. You'll recognize these names -- Kingsley was made famous for playing Ghandi in the movie of the same name and Agutter is currently starring in the very popular *Call the Midwife*.

In this family-friendly film, we meet Marner, a bachelor and faithful church goer, who suffers from epilepsy. Falsely accused of a theft that occurs during one of his fits, he is thrown out of his church community and forced to move to the distant village of Raveloe. Here he shuns most human contact, caring only about his hoarded gold until one day, a sweet golden-haired toddler, desperate and abandoned, comes into his life.

This is a great movie! Give it a look (DVD 822 S581 1985).
Congratulations to reference librarian Rebecca Berkowicz who received her Masters degree in Library and Information Science from University of Illinois this past December.

Librarian Gloria Hendrickson returned to Brown Library this past fall. Gloria’s degrees include a Bachelor of Arts in History from USF (2011) and a Masters in Library and Information Science from the University of Pittsburgh (2013). Her personal interests include reading and watching scifi and fantasy stories, like Grimm and the Song of Ice and Fire series, and she also enjoys historical dramas like Downton Abbey. An interesting fact about Gloria is that she backpacked through the UK for three weeks after graduating from USF.

A good library will never be too neat, or too dusty, because somebody will always be in it, taking books off the shelves and staying up late reading them.

*Lemony Snicket

College of St. Francis students using the library in 1968. Do you recognize this space?

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