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Save Time; Get Better Grades



Now that it's April and the end of the semester is not that far away, the pressure may be building for you to get moving with your research projects and term papers. The CU Libraries can help in a variety of ways.

Rather than getting a million hits on Google, many of which are irrelevant or of suspect quality, we offer access to millions of *authoritative* articles, books, datasets, and other resources that may be just what your professors would like to see.

Intimidated? Don't know where to begin?

Our friendly reference librarians are available to help you get started.

- Stop by the Libraries, visit our <u>website</u>, or call:
 - Carlson Library Reference Librarians 393-2490
 - Suhr Library Reference Librarian 393-1243
 - Clarion Online/Distance Education students may use the special toll-free number: 866-272-5612 (press 5 for Library).
- You may also contact us through our **LibAnswers** Webpage.

<u>LibGuides</u> can help you get started by locating good information resources in many subject areas. We have a variety of online <u>tutorials</u> that will help you to find journal articles, conduct library research and to take advantage of library services and resources.

What Is ISTOR?



<u>JSTOR</u> is a database of hundreds of academic journals dating back to the first issue ever published of each journal title. It includes thousands of scholarly articles digitized to make them readily available in searchable electronic form.

Clarion University Libraries provides access to journals in the subject areas of the arts, humanities, language and literature, social sciences, the sciences (including life science), and business. You can access JSTOR resources through the search box on the Libraries' homepage.

To go *directly* to the JSTOR search engine, start at the Libraries' homepage. In the "Research" block, click on <a href="https://page.ncbi.nlm

scroll down the alphabetical list or use the link to jump to the "J" section of databases.

If you have questions or need assistance, stop by the Libraries or call Carlson Library at 393-2490 or Suhr Library at 393-1243. Clarion Online distance education students may call toll-free at 866-272-5612, (press 5 for Library). Our Chat and other online services are available at the **Ask a Librarian!** / **LibAnswers!** link on our Website.

Search the Libraries'
extensive collection of
electronic journals and ebooks

Contact Us Dr. Terry Latour Dean of Libraries

Library Tip: Roving Reference & Research Help



Does a tight schedule prevent you from visiting the library?

Do you need help finding information to complete an assignment?

Are you having trouble locating a scholarly journal article?

Do you want some one-on-one instruction about our online library resources?

Look for our *Roving Reference* Librarians in the following locations this semester:

Clarion Campus:

- STC Lobby (Level 1)
 - o Tuesdays ... 10:30 am -11:30 am
- Suites on Main North (Lounge)
 - o Wednesdays ... 3:00 pm − 4:00 pm
- Gemmell (Rotunda)
 - o Thursdays ... 11:00 am -12:00 pm

Venango Campus:

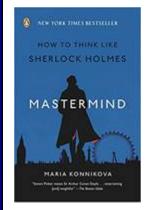
- Montgomery (ARC)
 - o Mondays ... 1:00 pm − 2:00 pm
- Rhoades (Lobby)
 - o Tuesday ... 1:00 pm − 2:00 pm
- Montgomery (4th Floor)
 - o Thursday ... 10:00 am 11:00 am

Library Tip: Group Study Room Reservations



Starting April 15th, Carlson Library will be allowing students to reserve Group Study rooms on Level 1 in the library for the end of this semester. This is a trial for this semester. Students can reserve a study room in one(1) hour increments for up to three(3) hours. Scheduling will occur using a program called LibCal. Keep your eye out for more information about this exciting trial program!

Carlson Library Browsing Books



<u>Mastermind: How to Think Like Sherlock Holmes</u> by Maria Konnikova, Viking, 2013.

Konnikova a Harvard-trained psychologist, journalist, and Sherlock Holmes aficionado analyzes the way the human brain works and how we can, with awareness and practice, improve perception and memory, solve problems, and expand our creative powers. Konnikova's strategies involve mindfulness—the capacity to focus our attention, relax our minds, and sharpen our perceptions to achieve an elevated level of thinking that effectively uses what is in our "brain attics"--Sherlock Holmes's metaphor for how our brain stores and organizes information. Holmes's thought process is the author's model for this "scientific" thinking; each chapter of

her book references specific Holmes cases and explores how Sherlock Holmes uses his heightened perceptions and mindfulness to solve crimes. Konnikova backs up her insights with the findings of psychologists and neurologists whose research has led to a better understanding of how the human brain functions.

Here are a few of Konnikova's conclusions: multi-tasking is the antithesis of a focused and effective use of our minds; the sense of well-being gained from being surrounded by nature facilitates problem solving and creative thinking; our attention is a finite resource, when we place too many demands on it we limit our ability to deal with any one thing in a productive manner; and neural relaxation--the "time-off" and distancing of one's self from contemplation of a difficult problem--can often lead to its solution.

<u>Mastermind: How to Think Like Sherlock Holmes</u> can be found in the Carlson Library Browsing Collection, Level 1, shelf location number BC108.K58 2013.

The S.W.A.T. Minion's Tip: Scam Watch!



Infections by ransomware are currently on the rise, and are most often sent in spam emails with attachments, similar to the one below. Sometimes a false message appears warning that a program (such as Google Chrome) is out of date.

NEVER click on attachments from emails you do not recognize.

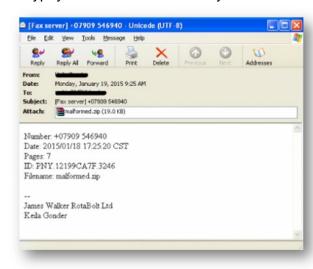
The malware will encrypt your files and will not let you into those

files unless you pay the ransom. It will copy itself into the %temp% folder

with a random, 7-character name, as well as set up a scheduled task to execute itself at system startup.

Once files are encrypted, you get a pop-up that gives you a countdown and demands a ransom. Unfortunately, there is not a lot that you can do to recover the files. You could take a chance and pay the ransom, but there is no guarantee that you can trust criminals.

Please, please, please be cautious about what you click.



Cranial Candy: Word Of The Week ...



paper tiger

PRONUNCIATION:

Like you would expect. "PAY pur TIE gur."

MEANING:

Like you might guess, a paper tiger is anything that seems scary or powerful but really is not.

PART OF SPEECH:

Countable noun.

(Countable nouns, like "bottle," "piece," and "decision," are words for things that can be broken into exact units.

USAGE:

"Paper tiger" is a colorful, slightly insulting name for a person, a country, a sports team, a department, a weapon, a product, or anything else when you mean that it seems menacing but truly is not.

Your listeners should understand the meaning easily, even if they have not heard the term before.

Although we do not "repair" computers, the S.W.A.T. Team (Students Who Assist [with] Technology) on Level A of Carlson Library is always happy to help. Having an issue? Let us take a swat at it!

Something To Think About:



Laughter is the closest distance between two people.

~ Victor Borge