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Faculty Tenure & Promotion Recognition Reception Thursday



We invite you to join the Provost, President and colleagues from the campus community in recognizing faculty who were tenured or promoted effective with the fall semester.

They will be recognized for their achievements and honored with the selection of a book or other information resource

added to the Libraries.

Please join us for the program and reception on Thursday afternoon.

Thursday, November 7 3:30 p.m. Carlson Library Center for Academic Excellence / Level A

Promoted to Full Professor:

- Dr. Ning Chen
- Dr. Rhonda L. Clark
- Dr. Melissa K. Downes
- Dr. Richard D. Lane
- Dr. Bell O'Neil

Promoted to Associate Professor:

- Dr. Renae R. Shawgo
- Dr. Karl R. Sprenger

Tenured Faculty:

- Dr. Lacey A. Fulton
- Ms. Stacey L. Hall
- Ms. Patricia E. Johner
- Dr. Eric M. Lewis

Library Home

Your link to all of the Libraries' resources

Online Catalog Search the Libraries' online catalog

Databases A-Z

Search the Libraries' extensive collection of electronic journals and e-books

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Dr. Terry Latour Dean of Libraries

What Is Literature Resource Center?



by academic scholars.

- Various other criticism series
- Dictionary of Literary Biography
- Encyclopedia of Literature
- A wealth of other resources.

<u>Literature Resource Center</u> is an online resource rich in biographical, bibliographical, and critical information about authors and literature. Included are:

- Contemporary Authors Online, offering biographical coverage of more than 135,000 writers from all time periods, writing in all genres (fiction, nonfiction, poetry, drama, history, journalism, and more).
- Contemporary Literary Criticism, featuring more than 13,000 bio-critical essays on authors and their works written

Literature Resource Center is available through the <u>Libraries Homepage</u>. In the "Research" block, click on the <u>Databases A-Z</u> link, then scroll down the alphabetical list or use the link to jump to the "L" section of databases.

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

Carlson Library Browsing Books - The Only Plane in the Sky



<u>The Only Plane in the Sky: An Oral History of 9/11</u> by Garrett M. Graff. Avid Reader Press, 2019.

"There were a lot of bodies that were coming down. I saw daisy chains of four people holding hands, just leaping out of buildings. I kept looking up, saying, I want to help you guys. Hold on. Please hold on," but I knew there was nothing I could do...."-- an EMS first responder with the NYPD recalls his anguish as the Twin Towers burned on the morning of September 11, 2001. These and the memories of more than 500 others are the substance of Garrett Graff's powerful, deeply moving chronicle of the events of 9/11.

The title refers to Air Force One which, as the tragedy unfolded, was the only plane allowed in American airspace as it was diverted to secure Air Force bases far from Washington, D.C. On board, President George Bush and his aides had to contend with spotty communications and fragmentary news reports as they tried to comprehend the extent of the attack. On the ground, heroes emerged everywhere—rescuing horribly burned victims in the Pentagon, shepherding people to safety as the Twin Towers fell, desperately searching for survivors in the rubble, offering thousands of New Yorkers safe passage on private boats and ferries in the largest maritime evacuation since WWII. Even Vladimir Putin was a hero of sorts; when President Bush informed him that the American military might be put on high alert, he immediately assured the President that he would not respond. "Putin was fantastic that day," Ari Fleischer, the Bush White House press secretary, remembers.

Graff, addressing those whose oral histories he has gathered, says in his Acknowledgments, "I cried almost every single day as I compiled the first draft of this book and read or listened as you all recounted living through America's most dread-filled day." When you read their stories you will cry, too.

The Only Plane in the Sky is shelved in the Carlson Library Browsing Collection, shelf location number HV6432.7.G6975.

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:

- •Gemmell (Rotunda)
- o Tuesdays ... 4:00 pm -5:00 pm
- STC Lobby
- Wednesdays ... 12:30 am 1:30 pm
- Starbucks
- o Thursdays ... 2:00 pm 3:00 pm

The S.W.A.T. Minion's Tip: USB 2.0 -vs - USB 3.0



New computers have been coming with USB 3.0 ports for years...but just how much faster is USB 3.0? Will you see a big speed improvement if you upgrade your old USB 2.0 flash drives?

USB 3.0 devices are backwards compatible with USB 2.0 ports. They'll function normally, but only at USB 2.0 speeds. The only downside is that USB 3.0 devices are still a bit more expensive.

USB is a standard and defines maximum "signaling speeds" for communicating across a USB port. The USB 2.0 standard offers a theoretical maximum signaling rate of 480 *megabits* per second, while USB 3.0 defines a maximum rate of 5 *gigabits* per second. In other words, USB 3.0 is theoretically more than ten times faster than USB 2.0.

If the comparison ended here, upgrading would be a no brainer. Who wouldn't want their USB drives to be ten times faster?

In reality, this standard just defines the maximum transmission rate of data through a USB port. Devices will have other bottlenecks. For example, USB drives will be limited by the speed of their flash memory.



If you are not sure whether you have USB 3.0 ports, just look at the USB ports themselves — USB 3.0 ports are generally colored blue inside. Many computers have both USB 2.0 and USB 3.0 ports. In the photo, the port on the left is USB 2.0, and the port on the right is USB 3.0.

Never mind the theory, let's look at how USB 3.0 flash drives actually perform in the real world.

There are quite a few benchmarks out there, but <u>Tom's</u> <u>Hardware's 2013 test of USB 3.0 thumb drives</u> is particularly recent and comprehensive. What is really interesting about the test results is the huge variation in speeds. The worst USB 3.0 drive was faster than the USB 2.0 drives, but only by a tiny bit. The best USB 3.0 drive was over 28 times faster.

Cranial Candy: Word Of The Week



salacious

PRONUNCIATION:

(suh-LAY-shuhs)

MEANING:

adjective: 1. Obscene. 2. Lustful.

ETYMOLOGY:

From Latin salax (lustful, fond of leaping), from salire (to leap). Ultimately from the Indo-European root sel- (to jump), which also gave us salient, sally, sautssail, assault, exult, insult, result, somersault, resile, desultory, and saltant. Earliest documented use: 1661.

USAGE:

"Billed as a salacious 'kick and tell', early indications [of the book *Lucky Jack*] suggest an anodyne lack of revelation."

Lucky Jack; Sunday Times (London, UK); Jul 24, 2005.

Although we do not "repair" computers, the **S.W.A.T. Team** (**S**tudents **W**ho **A**ssist [with] **T**echnology) 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:



A man who has never gone to school may steal from a freight car; but if he has a university education, he may steal the whole railroad.

~Theodore Roosevelt 26th US president (27 Oct 1858-1919)