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Online Information Resources & Support



Now that you are taking classes online and may be at a remote location, you face unique challenges in gaining access to the information resources and services that you need to be successful. The University Libraries are committed to doing all that we can to address your needs.

We suggest that you watch the brief video, [Introduction To CU Libraries](#). This is an excellent introduction to our Virtual Library Services. Please don't hesitate to contact us when you

have questions.

Guides to our services and resources can be accessed through the [Libraries'](#) homepage. Click on the [For Clarion Online Students](#) link in the blue "Services" box, and you will find information on:

- Our toll-free phone number
- Ask-A-Librarian service
- Information available through our website
- How to search for a book, journal article, or other information source
- Links to guides and tutorials
- Getting books and journal articles from other libraries
- And much more.

When you need help identifying and accessing information resources or other library related matters, contact the University Libraries using any of these:

- Toll free number: 866-272-5612 (press 5 for the Library).
- Go to the [Libraries'](#) homepage and
 - Click [Chat Live With a Librarian](#) link to connect with a reference librarian via computer - *in real time*
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370,425+ E-Books!



Did you know that Clarion University Libraries provide access to more than 370,425 electronic books?

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We are doing what we can to acquire more e-books and to make them available in formats that are easier for you to use.

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Laptops To Go



Did you know that you can borrow a laptop computer or iPad at the library and take it home through the end of the semester?

At Carlson Library on the Clarion Campus and at Suhr Library on the Venango Campus, you may borrow a laptop computer or iPad and keep it through the end of the semester. For more information, stop by the Libraries today or call Carlson Library at

393-2490 or Suhr Library at 393-1243.

What Is Literature Resource Center?



[Literature Resource Center](#) is an online resource rich in biographical, bibliographical, and critical information about authors and literature.

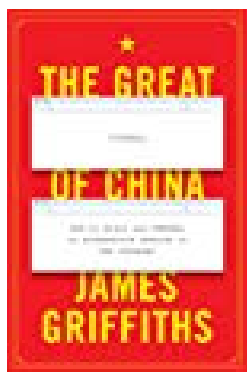
Literature Resource Center includes:

- *Contemporary Authors Online* offers biographical coverage of more than 130,000 writers from all periods, writing in all genres (fiction, nonfiction, poetry, drama, history, journalism, and more).
- *Contemporary Literary Criticism* features more than 13,000 bio-critical essays on authors and their works, written by academic scholars.
- Various other criticism series
- *Dictionary of Literary Biography*
- *Encyclopedia of Literature*
- A wealth of other resources.

Literature Resource Center is available through the [Libraries Homepage](#). In the “Research Resources” block, click on the [Databases A-Z](#) link, then scroll down the alphabetical list or use the link to jump to the “L” section of databases.

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Carlson Library Browsing Books – Great Firewall of China



The Great Firewall of China: How to Build and Control an Alternative Version of the Internet by James Griffiths. Zed Books Ltd., 2019.

Griffiths is a reporter and producer for CNN International currently based in Hong Kong. The Great Firewall of China is his investigation of the Chinese communist government’s creation of its own internet firewall that blocks Chinese citizens from gaining access to anything other than government-sponsored and government-approved content. Web and CCTV cameras in every large city surveil the daily activities of Chinese citizens and artificial intelligence software enables the secret police to identify targeted individuals who have strayed more than the government-permitted distance from their home or workplace. The government also monitors social media, online newspapers and chat, and any other online information or communication resources to insure that dissident Chinese can’t use them to organize against the government.

As Griffiths notes, the big tech companies of the West, seeking market access in China, have facilitated the building of the Great Firewall and Chinese surveillance technology beginning with Cisco which provided China with the equipment to set up its own internet. Yahoo, Google, Facebook, and YouTube have all cooperated with the Chinese government to filter, block, and censor content not approved by the state. To curry favor with the Chinese government, Yahoo even provided personal account information which led to the imprisonment of a Chinese dissident.

In the name of “cyber sovereignty” China has flexed its muscle at the U.N. pushing for government control of the internet. Its efforts have had the support of many African states where dictators use Chinese software and hardware to monitor and control their own populations. Putin’s Russia is also a major backer of Chinese censorship and international internet control and has implemented Chinese technology to surveil its own citizens.

This is a chilling and ultimately depressing account of how a totalitarian regime can use modern technology to control its citizens, wage cyberwar against its opponents, and spread its influence and oppression throughout the world.

The Great Firewall can be found in the Carlson Library Browsing Collection, shelf location number HM 851.G75 2019.

The S.W.A.T. Minion's Tip: Save Early Save Often



There are many lessons to learn in life. One that many students learn (the hard way) is to Save Early Save Often.

We've all been there. You have invested a considerable amount of time on a Word document or Excel spreadsheet, when suddenly, the computer freezes, or the monitor just goes *blank*. All of your work is gone!

This should happen only *once*. After that, you will type a few lines and immediately save the document to a thumb drive or the cloud (Dropbox, Microsoft OneDrive, or some other such service). Remember... University computers do not allow you to save documents to the hard drive!

Don't stop there. Continue to periodically save your file as you work so that if (or when) a catastrophe strikes, you won't be re-creating so much of your work!

Cranial Candy: Word Of The Week...



dégagé

PRONUNCIATION:

day gah ZHAY

MEANING:

Someone or something *dégagé* is very relaxed, not at all nervous, and not at all emotional.

PART OF SPEECH:

Adjective.

(Adjectives are describing words, like "large" or "late.")

They can be used in two ways:

1. Right before a noun, as in "a *dégagé* attitude."
2. After a linking verb, as in "Their attitude was *dégagé*."

USAGE:

We took this word from French, where it literally means "at ease" or "disengaged." You use it to describe people who are so chill that it's as if they don't care at all.

So, you talk about people who *look*, *seem*, or *appear* *dégagé*, people who *feel* *dégagé*, people who *act* *dégagé* or *pretend* to be *dégagé*, etc.

You can also have a *dégagé* attitude, manner, air, personality, pose, or posture, and so on—sometimes *toward* or *about* something: "He's oddly *dégagé* about his new fame."

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:



*The answer to peace is simple;
it begins with you.*

~ Wayne Shorter and Herbie Hancock