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What Is Literature Resource Center?

Literature Resource Center *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 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" 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.*

If you have questions or need assistance, chat and other online services are available at the **Ask a Librarian! / LibAnswers!** *link on our Website.*

COVID Reminder

Carlson and Suhr Libraries are open for onsite use by students, faculty and staff. We offer a wealth of information resources in print, media, and electronic forms. Reference librarians are available to provide you with personalized assistance.

If you need to use a computer, the libraries have plenty. Both libraries are wireless zones with notebook computers and iPads available for loan. Visit the libraries, [website](#), or contact us for more information.

- **MASKS are REQUIRED, covering Nose and Mouth.**

- **Whenever possible, maintain a distance of 6 feet or more between you and others.**

- Self-cleaning Stations are centrally located on each floor. They include disinfectant spray for computer keyboards and work surfaces, wipes, disinfectant spray for other surfaces, and more.

- Wipe down areas you may touch, before use.

- **Group Study Rooms are limited to 1-2 people and must be cleaned after each use. Please notify the Circulation Desk when you finish using a room.**

- The libraries will be cleaned throughout the day and evening. Report cleaning concerns to the Circulation Desk.

- Frequent hand washing; at least 20 seconds per washing, is recommended.

- Computers and specialized software to support upper level Communications and GIS classes, as well as graphic arts scanning, have been relocated to Carlson Library.

- The Café is closed and the drinking fountains have been turned off. The bottle refill station on Level 1 is available.

- Hardcopy reserve items for classes are not available this semester. Our electronic reserve service is available.

- Books and other physical items are quarantined for at least 3 days after use.

Consult a librarian through our [Ask a Librarian](#) gateway.

Library Tip: Librarians Can Help

The librarians at Carlson Library are available to answer questions and point you in the right direction!

Phone… If a quick call will help, please let us hear from you:

    Carlson Library   814-393-2490

    Distance Education students   1-866-272-5612 (press 5 for Libraries)

Chat… If online chat is your style, try our **Live Chat Reference Service**. It's available during the times that Carlson Library reference services are available:

Monday – Thursday	10:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Friday	10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Sunday	1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Zoom… If you need one-on-one help from a librarian for a research project, consultations are available via Zoom. Please contact our librarians via email to schedule a date and time.

Text… If the question is simple and the reply is too, contact our reference librarians by texting 814-343-9324. Note: Standard messaging rates apply.

Remember that SMS stands for *Short Message Service*. If the question (or answer) requires in-depth discussion, you probably should contact the Reference Librarian using another option.

E-Mail… When reference librarians are not available and your need is not time sensitive, contact them via email using our **Ask a Librarian** service. A email link is located on that page.

24/7… If you need help when the library is closed, we've got it covered. Clarion University Libraries have made arrangements for librarians at a consortium of other universities to help you. They don't know your courses, assignments, or professors, but they will do all they can to help you find the resources you need.

At the **Clarion University Libraries** website, click on the **Ask a Librarian / LibAnswers** link on the right-hand side of the screen. Then, click on the **Ask Here PA** link on the lower left side of the screen. Follow the instructions, and link to a college librarian elsewhere.

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 Tom's Hardware's 2013 test of USB 3.0 thumb drives 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)*