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We publish *INSIDE The CU Libraries* weekly, when classes are in session. Here we share information about our services and resources with the campus community. Current and back issues are available online through the NEWS link on the [Libraries' homepage](#).

## Two Weeks And Counting ...



With less than two weeks of classes remaining, you may be looking forward to the end of the semester and the year. You may also be apprehensive about what you need to do between now and then. If your research project has stalled, the reference librarians at Carlson Library can help!

Contact our reference librarians for tips and one-on-one instruction that can save your time and a lot of frustration.

Reference Librarians are available Monday – Thursday 10:00am – 9:00pm , Friday 10:00am – 4:00pm, and Sunday 2:00 – 6:00pm.

- **Call** Carlson Library (Clarion Campus) at 814-393-2490.
- **Clarion Online distance education students** call toll-free at 866-272-5612, press 5 for Library.
- **Chat** by clicking the [Chat Live With A Librarian](#) box on the [Libraries'](#) home page to start a *live* conversation with one of our reference librarians.
- **Text a Librarian** using SMS from your cell phone to us at 814-343-9324 or to our email address: [libsupport@pennwest.edu](mailto:libsupport@pennwest.edu).
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- **LibAnswers** is an online reference service. This database of questions and answers that others have previously asked might have what you are looking for.
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- Don't forget about all the tutorials and resource lists that are also available at the Libraries' Website!

## What Is Nexis Uni?



**Nexis Uni** (formerly LexisNexis Academic) is an online database where you can find timely and critical news reports, legal resources, and business information.

It offers a simple, intuitive research experience on any device. There is a streamlined search box for quick natural language inquiries or options for more advanced searches. Topics or types of information links are also available.

Students and faculty may create personal accounts to save searches, create alerts, bookmark documents for later viewing, and to identify previously-viewed documents.

## Contact Us

Dr. Terry Latour  
Dean of Libraries

Nexis Uni contains:

- More than 15,000 news, legal and business sources
- Print and online journals, television and radio broadcasts, newswires and blogs
- Local, regional, national and international newspapers with deep archives
- Extensive legal sources for federal and state cases and statutes, including U.S. Supreme Court decisions since 1790
- Business information on more than 80 million U.S. and international companies and more than 75 million executives

Nexis Uni is available through the [Libraries' Homepage](#). In the green "Research" block, click on the [Databases A-Z](#) link, then scroll down the alphabetical list or use the link to jump to the "N" section of databases.

If you have questions or need assistance, Our Chat and other online services are available at the [Ask a Librarian!/LibAnswers!](#) link on our Website.

## The S.W.A.T. Minion's Tip: Time To Save!



As we approach the end of the semester, the Minions at the Carlson Library S.W.A.T. desk want to remind you...

- **Save Early.** When you start writing that paper that's due all-too-soon, get in the habit of saving it as soon as you have the first paragraph complete.
- **Save Often.** You work really hard to get the wording just right. Don't risk losing that work. Click "save" at least twice per page.

If the power fails, if the power plug accidentally gets knocked loose, if the computer freezes and can only be fixed with a restart, the result is the same. Any file or document saved to the hard drive is erased!

- **Use A USB Drive or Cloud Storage.** There are no guarantees in life, but you can improve your chances of preserving your work by

using one of these options.

## Cranial Candy: Word Of The Week ...



### niggle

#### PRONUNCIATION:

NIG ull

#### MEANING:

This word has several meanings. We'll focus on these two useful ones:

1. When something niggles you, it's **really bugging you even though it's a small thing.**
2. And when you niggle over something, or niggle with something, or niggle away at something, you're **spending a lot of time and effort getting the little details right, but they really don't matter.**

#### PART OF SPEECH:

*Verb.*

The first meaning is transitive: something niggles someone.

The second meaning is intransitive: you niggle over something, or niggle with something, or niggle away at something.

## USAGE:

For the first meaning, talk about something small yet annoying and persistent that niggles a person: "Nervousness niggled him all morning." "Nothing niggles me more than my own typos." "The possibility of failure became a niggling thought."

For the second meaning, talk about niggling **over** something, or niggling **with** something, or niggling **away at** something, when you mean that you're obsessively getting all the little details right in a fussy way: "I niggled over the lettering on the poster for fifteen minutes." "He keeps niggling with the wording of his ad." "The cat niggled away at her fur."

## Something To Think About



*The meaning of life  
is to find your gift.  
The purpose of life  
is to give it away.*

*~ Pablo Picasso*