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The Clarion University Libraries newsletter is published weekly when classes are in session. Through *INSIDE*, we share information about our services and resources with the campus community. *INSIDE* is best viewed with Microsoft Outlook. However, you can read a PDF version of *INSIDE* online through the [Libraries' homepage](#).

Clarion Online/Distance Education Support



If you are a Clarion Online student or faculty member, 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. , then follow the link to the [Clarion Online Library Services](#) LibGuide designed especially for you... including a [Brief Video of Clarion University Library Services](#). There are other [tutorial videos](#) available that provide insights including:

- Searching journal articles
- ILLiad borrowing services
- Log-on information
- And much more.

When you need help with distance education-related library matters, contact the University Libraries:

- Call Toll-Free: 866-272-5612, and press #5 for the Library.
- From the [Libraries](#) homepage ...
 - [Chat Live With a Librarian](#) to connect with a reference librarian via computer - *in real time*
 - [Ask A Librarian](#) to send an e-mail that a reference librarian will usually answer in 24 hours – or less!

Library Home

Your link to all of the Libraries' resources

PILOT

Search the Libraries' online catalog

Databases A-Z

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

Contact Us

Dr. Terry Latour
Dean of Libraries

EBSCO Discovery Service

Fast, simple, powerful – these are some of the adjectives used to describe EBSCO Discovery Service.

The Webpage for the [University Libraries](#) features a search box that conducts searches across many of the information resources available through the libraries – books, e-books, articles, video, indexing and abstracting databases, and much more.

YOUR SEARCH BEGINS--AND ENDS--HERE!

 Find Articles, Books, eBooks, DVDs, and more...

Search

Keyword Title Author

Limit Your Results

Full Text Available in Library Collection

Peer Reviewed Catalog Only

If an item is available in electronic full-text form, a link in the search results will lead you to it.

If we don't have the resources in our collections or available electronically, links appear for you to request books through the E-ZBorrow interlibrary borrowing service or articles and other items through the ILLiad interlibrary borrowing service.

The EBSCO Discovery Service default setting is to *search by keywords*. If you would like to focus your inquiry by author or title, you can do that too. Other options include limits to resources that are electronic "Full Text," "Peer Reviewed" articles, and items available only in our local collections (not requiring interlibrary loan requests).

The "Catalog Only" option limits search results to books, videos, and other resources that were traditionally located through the PILOT Online Catalog, with shelf locations and call numbers specific to Carlson and Suhr Libraries. Journal articles and database content are excluded from this type of search.

EBSCO Discovery Service searches a wide range of information resources and may produce unintended results beyond the scope of what you want. More sophisticated researchers with focused topics may find it useful to conduct searches in subject-oriented databases such as CINAHL, PsycARTICLES, Mergent's Financial Information Online, and others.

If you have questions or would like additional information, please contact a reference librarian. Call Carlson Library at 393-2490. Call Suhr Library (Venango College) at 814-393-1242 or 814-676-6591 extension 1242. Virtual Campus / Distance Education faculty and students may use the special toll-free number, 866-272-5612 (Press # 5 for Library). You may also contact us through our [Ask a Librarian](#) Webpage.

Textbooks



Contrary to what you may have heard, Carlson and Suhr Libraries don't have copies of textbooks (print or electronic) for courses taught at the University. As you know, textbooks are expensive and change frequently. Academic libraries seldom have traditional textbooks for those reasons. Occasionally a faculty member will place a print

copy of a textbook on Reserve in the library as a supplement to other course readings. You may check at the Circulation Desk to see if that's the case.

Academic libraries also don't request or lend textbooks through the Interlibrary Loan service for the same reasons. Few libraries have them and those that do will seldom lend them. If a professor assigns a novel or other type of regular book as supplementary reading for a course and you borrow it through Interlibrary Loan, please be aware that you usually can't keep it for the entire semester. The lending library will probably want it back before the end of the semester. If you don't return it to the library, you may be liable for hefty fines.

We wish that we could help. However, the Libraries don't have the funds available to purchase or license copies of all the textbooks adopted for use, let alone a copy for everyone.

The Minion's Master Moves: Eagle Dollars



The S.W.A.T. Minions remind you...

At the beginning of each semester, every Clarion University student receives \$5 in Eagle Dollars. It's already on your student I.D.

Use Eagle Dollars to print in computer labs, wash your clothes, make purchases from vending machines...there are even some local merchants that accept Eagle Dollars!

When you need more Eagle Dollars, you can use the "valueport" machine on Level A of Carlson Library to add as little as \$1 to your I.D.

Cranial Candy: Word Of The Week



vacuous

PRONUNCIATION:

(VAK-yoo-uhs) 

MEANING:

adjective: Lacking ideas or intelligence.

ETYMOLOGY:

From Latin *vacuus* (empty). Earliest documented use: 1651.

USAGE:

"A beaming, vacuous Hollywood wannabe sashays into the ring."

Dan Hill; *Sometimes When We Punch*; *Maclean's* (Toronto, Canada); May 23, 2011.

Tech Term: Sock Puppet



A Sock Puppet is a pseudonym or phony name used by an individual online in order to distance themselves from their actions (i.e. controversial comments), provide 'false praise' for activities or writing conducted via their actual identity, engage in trolling others, etc.

Although we do not “*repair*” computers, the **S.W.A.T. Team** (the **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:



*“We cannot cure
the world of its sorrows,
but we can choose
to live in joy.”
~ Joseph Campbell*