We publish INSIDE The CU Libraries periodically, 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.

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 and clicking on the For Clarion Online Students link in the blue “Services” box. There, 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 with distance education-related library matters, contact the University Libraries using any of these:

- Toll free phone 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
  - Click Ask A Librarian to send an e-mail that a reference librarian will usually answer in 24 hours – or less!
Since last spring the University Libraries has been transitioning to new software that is used to maintain records of information resources and to provide access to them. At times this process results in inconsistent search results and broken links to services, such as interlibrary loan request forms. Please bear with us as we endeavor to provide enhanced services to the University community.

If you have questions, or need assistance, please contact a reference librarian. Call Carlson Library at 814-393-2490. Virtual Campus/Distance Education faculty and students may use the special toll-free number, 866-272-5612 (Press 5 for Library), provided just for you. You may also contact us through our Ask a Librarian Webpage.

Laptops At The Libraries

Laptop computers in Carlson Library may be borrowed for an unlimited number of hours for use within the library. Don’t forget that laptops are always due one hour before closing time.

Laptop computers in Suhr Library on the Venango Campus may be borrowed for use in the library for four hours. However, they may also be checked out of the Suhr Library building for up to a 24-hour period. Ask the staff about this service.

As always, loans are based upon availability and positive identification with a Clarion ID card.

The laptop loan program is made possible by Student Technology Fees and the Center for Computing Services.
iPads At The Libraries

Carlson and Suhr Libraries have iPads that students may borrow for up to a week.

Each iPad comes with a carrying case, power cord, protective cover, and is pre-loaded with basic apps. If you want to load additional apps, you can. Just remember that any apps you download disappear from the iPad when it’s returned to the library.

Once each semester, iPad borrowers are asked to read and sign a borrowing agreement that outlines what you need to know about borrowing an iPad:

- You can keep it for a week
- Late fees are $10 per day
- Fees for damaged equipment may be assessed
- Lost iPads will cost you $600
- etc.

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The S.W.A.T. Minions Tip: We Are S.W.A.T.

Print! Copy! Scan!

All of the PC’s in the libraries use Windows 10 software.

Printers are available in Carlson Library on Level A, Level 1 and Level 2. The printer on Level A has color print capabilities. Suhr Library also has a printer with color capabilities.

The libraries no longer have copy machines. You can use the printer unit on Level A, or in Suhr Library, as a photocopier and as a scanner. Yep! Now you can scan and send documents straight to your email account where you can view or print.

Drop by the S.W.A.T. Desk on Level A of Carlson Library and we’ll be glad to show you how it works.
beleaguer

PRONUNCIATION:
(bi-LEE-guhr)

MEANING:
verb tr.:  
1. To surround with troops.  
2. To beset with difficulties.

ETYMOLOGY:
From Dutch belegeren (to camp around), from be- (around) + leger (camp). 
Ultimately from the Indo-European root legh- (to lie or lay), which also gave us 
lie, lay, lair, fellow, and laager. Earliest documented use: 1589.

USAGE:
“Underlying tensions and unresolved issues continue to beleaguer the Blue Line area.”

In Lebanon, UN Official Urges 'Calm, Restraint' Along Blue Line; Asia News Monitor (Bangkok, Thailand); Feb 19, 2015.

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:

Love and compassion are necessities, not luxuries.  
Without them, humanity cannot survive.  
- The Dalai Lama