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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](#).

Carlson Library: Open 24 Hours!



Carlson Library is the place to be as you finish research papers and prepare for finals.

Last night, we began 24-hour-a-day operations that continues through Thursday of Finals Week, with the exceptions of closing at 9:00

p.m. on Friday and Saturday evenings.

Databases, computers, and borrowing services are available around the clock. 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.

It's Not Too Late To Get Help!



It's not too late to get help with end-of-the-semester papers and research projects. While they won't be available in the wee hours of the mornings, the reference librarians at Carlson and Suhr Libraries will be available during weekdays and most weekday evenings

until 9:00 p.m., as well as on Saturday at Suhr Library and Sunday afternoon in Carlson Library.

Stop by the libraries or call Carlson Library at 393-2490 or Suhr Library at 676-6591. Distance Education Students may use the special toll-free number provided just for them (866-272-5612).

If immediate feedback is not crucial, or if it's a time when the reference librarians are not on duty, you may submit requests for assistance using our [Ask A Librarian](#) online

Library Home

Your link to all of the Libraries' resources

PILOT

Search the Libraries' online catalog

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

Contact Us

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reference form. It is available at the library [Website](#) under the "Library Help" heading.

Don't forget about all the tutorials and resource lists also available at the library Website.

Don't Distress ... De-Stress With The Dogs!



The Clarion student chapter of ALA (the American Library Association) and *Campus Canines* are ready to provide a "De-Stressing" study break for students in the Carlson Library.

Whether you are missing your own fur-buddy, or just need to get away from studying for a while, visit the dogs on Carlson Level A:

- Monday, December 12th ... 8 – 9 p.m.
- Tuesday, December 13th ... 8 – 9 p.m.
- Wednesday, December 14th ... 8 – 9 p.m.

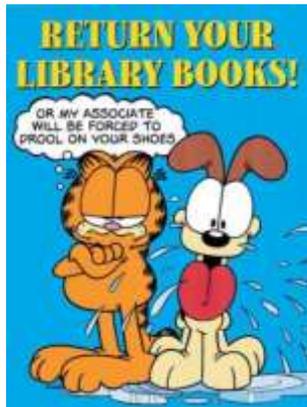
Faculty and staff with certified therapy dogs are invited to attend the event on any – or all – of these evenings. (Please email Gayle Truitt-Bean at truittbe@clarion.edu if you can attend.)

Library Tip: Protect Your Valuables



The end of the semester and the Holiday Season are times when you should take extra care to protect your valuables. Don't leave backpacks, purses, MP3 players, computers, or other valuables unattended. They could disappear before you know it.

Library Tip: Return Day



All library items must be returned by the end of Finals to avoid fines and lost item charges.

If you need an item beyond Friday, December 16th, please consult with the Circulation Department staff.

Library Tip: Eagle Dollars Accepted At Carlson



If you have a library fine or lost book charge at Carlson Library, you can pay it with Eagle Dollars. Just let the staff members on duty at the Library Circulation Desk know that you want to take care of your obligation with Eagle Dollars and present your University ID card. They will take care of the rest.

Computer Tip: Shortcut To Synonyms

Need a synonym while you're typing - without having to go to the internet (or anywhere else)? All you have to do is highlight the word that you need the synonym for and press **Shift** and **F7**.

A window opens on the right-hand side of the screen called "Research" where you can choose from a number of sources for synonyms, definitions, etc.

Cranial Candy: What Is A Therapy Dog?



A **therapy dog** is a dog trained to provide affection and comfort to people in hospitals, retirement homes, nursing homes, schools, people with learning difficulties, and those in stressful situations such as disaster areas.

Therapy dogs come in all sizes and breeds. The most

important characteristic of a therapy dog is its temperament. A good therapy dog must be friendly, patient, confident, gentle, and at ease in all situations. Therapy dogs must enjoy human contact and be content to be petted and handled, sometimes clumsily.

A therapy dog's primary job is to allow unfamiliar people to make physical contact with it and to enjoy that contact. Children in particular enjoy hugging animals; adults usually enjoy simply petting the dog. The dog might need to be lifted onto, or climb onto, an individual's lap or bed and sit or lie comfortably there.

Many organizations provide testing and accreditation for therapy dogs. In the United States, some organizations require that a dog pass the equivalent of the American Kennel Club's Canine Good Citizen test, and then add further requirements specific to the environments in which the dogs will be working. Other organizations have their own testing requirements. Typical tests might ensure that a dog can handle sudden loud or strange noises; can walk on assorted unfamiliar surfaces comfortably; are not frightened by people with canes, wheelchairs, or unusual styles of walking or moving; get along well with children and with the elderly; and so on.

Do you have a canine buddy that could be a Therapy Dog? Check out [Therapy Dogs International \(TDI\)](#) to see how you and your best friend can help others!

Something To Think About:



*I try to take
one day at a time,
but sometimes
several days
attack me at once.*

~Jennifer Yane