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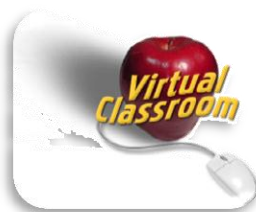
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Library Home

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](#).

Virtual Campus/Distance Education Support



If you are a Virtual Campus 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 do all that we can to address your needs.

We suggest that you watch the video presentation: [Introduction to the Library's Services](#). This is an excellent introduction to our Virtual Library Services.

Guides to our services and resources can be accessed through the [Library homepage](#) by clicking on the [Virtual Campus Library/Distance Education](#) link. Once there, the link to the [Distance Education Virtual Library](#) leads to a handy LibGuide designed especially for you. There are other 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 by:

- Calling our toll-free number: 866-272-5612 and Pressing #5 for the Library.
- Going to the [Library Homepage](#) and
 - Clicking [Live Chat](#) to connect with a reference librarian via computer - *in real time*
 - Clicking [Ask A Librarian](#) to send an e-mail that a reference librarian will usually answer within 24 hours – or less!
 - Speaking with Linda Cheresnowski, our Virtual Campus librarian.
 - Linda works:
 - Monday – Wednesday, 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.

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

- Saturday, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
- Call Linda at 814-676-6591 ext. 1242.
- Email Linda at lcheresnowsk@clarion.edu

Films & Clips On Demand



Are you a visual learner? Do you respond better to information delivered through film? If so, check out our streaming video service!

[Films on Demand](#) provides access to more than 8,000 educational videos and 90,000 video clips that may be helpful in meeting academic, vocational, and life-skills needs. More than 200 new titles were just added. Some faculty members have identified films or

clips that are relevant to the courses they teach. They may already be included in your course syllabus.

The [Films on Demand](#) Website includes a search engine that offers access to films by title or subject. An advanced search feature enables searches by producer and date. The Website also offers access to films by broad subject categories, with additional subject subdivisions within each category. Other options include access to either an entire film or to specific subject segments. New content is added periodically, while some older content is removed. Check it out to see what's changed.

An entry for [Films on Demand](#) is available on the Database A-Z list at the Library Website.

Faculty Tip: VHS Tapes



Are you using VHS video tapes in your classroom?

VHS technology is quickly becoming obsolete and is being replaced by other forms of media. Manufacturers are stopping production of the old VHS players used in many of the campus smart classrooms. Computing Services will continue to make VHS players available in smart classrooms. However, over this academic year,

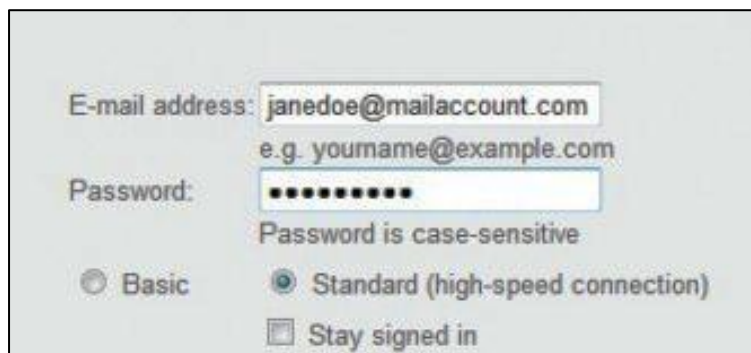
faculty should begin to develop plans for transitioning away from VHS to another form of media.

If you are using VHS tapes for your classes, please let the library know. Provide us with the title of the VHS tape and how you use it (face-to-face class, online class, assignment for students to view on their own time, etc.) and we will investigate the availability of the title in DVD, Blu-ray, or streaming video formats. The University Libraries will do what we can to acquire appropriate replacements.

Computing Services, who supports the smart classroom equipment, has a limited set of spare VHS players and will work with departments to meet faculty needs when a classroom VHS player failure is encountered. Blu-ray players will be used as the standard replacement when no VHS needs exist.

Computer Tip: Poor Grammar? Bad Spelling? Great!

Experts researching password cracking warn that the programs used by hackers are getting smarter and smarter. In fact, a team of scientists at Carnegie Mellon University was able to come up with a program that makes easy work of even long, complicated passwords.



E-mail address:
e.g. youname@example.com

Password:
Password is case-sensitive

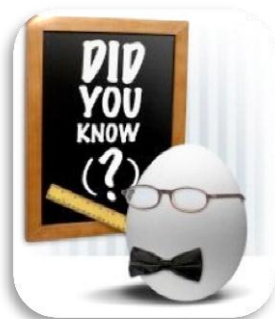
Basic Standard (high-speed connection)

Stay signed in

Ashwini Rao and her colleagues say that using familiar sentence patterns like street addresses and email addresses in your passwords make them even easier to get around.

They suggest the key to password protection is using bad spelling and poor grammar. Most hackers use programs that search through correctly spelled and phrased words and put them in various combinations. Intentional misspelling or oddly combined sentences can prevent them from getting through to your information. So instead of a password like "Ilovely3cats," consider something like "kahdz_3meL0zzes!"

Cranial Candy: Factsie



Welcome to [Factsie](#)! This site offers random historical or scientific facts and you'll never know what you're going to get! The site is easy to use. Just head on over and when you land on the main page...you'll receive your first random fact.

My first fact was: *The CIA spent \$20 million on a program to equip cats to spy on Soviets. The first deployment of the cat led to it getting run over by a car.*

They even provide the source for where the information is coming from. You can check out the source for the random fact above, [here](#).

Want more? Just click the “*I Want Another Fact*” and the site will refresh with a new fact!

This is a fun way to learn about random and interesting things that fall under the subject of History or Science. What are you waiting for? Go get your random fact today!

Something To Think About:



*Friends and good manners
will carry you
where money won't go.*

~Margaret Walker