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### About "Inside The Clarion University Libraries"

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](#).

## Faculty Author Seminar - Wednesday



The first Faculty Author Seminar of the semester is scheduled for:

**Wednesday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>  
2 p.m.  
Level A of Carlson Library.**

Dr. Thomas Rourke, Professor of Political Science and Philosophy, presents a program focusing on the social and political thought of Pope Benedict XVI.

**Light refreshments will be available.** Please join us to hear about the research of one of our faculty.

The Faculty Affairs Committee of the Faculty Senate, the Provost's Office, and the University Libraries sponsors this program.

## If We Don't Have it ... We'll Get it!



Can't find the information you need in the library or among our many databases? Let us know and we will do all that we can to get it.

If it is a book that you are looking for and it is not in our collection, check out [E-ZBorrow](#), an interlibrary borrowing service for books. You can find it under the "Library Services" column on the [Libraries'](#) home page.

E-Z Borrow searches the catalogs of more than 50 other libraries, including those of large research libraries such as Pitt,

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

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Dr. Terry Latour  
Dean of Libraries

Penn State, and Carnegie Mellon. Requested titles often arrive at Clarion University Libraries within five days and you will receive an e-mail alerting you that the book is ready to pick up at the library.

If you cannot find a book through E-Z Borrow - or if it is an article or other type of item -, please use our regular InterLibrary Loan borrowing service that uses ILLiad software to facilitate the process.

[ILLiad](#) permits users to create a profile that eliminates repeated entry of routine information. It also allows the user to track requests throughout the entire process. When the item arrives, you are notified via email. If the item is an article or book chapter that has been scanned, you are provided with a Web link to view, print, or save the item for up to 30 days.

To use E-Z Borrow and ILLiad InterLibrary Loan and borrowing services, you need to know your Clarion iPortal Login and Password as well as your Student or Employee ID Number.

Tutorials on both of these services are available at the library Website. For more information or assistance, please contact Ginger McGiffin at 393-2481.

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## Library Tip: Electronic Journals



Did you know that you have access to about 25,000 magazines, journals, newspapers, and reports through library databases? The full text of the articles in these publications is available through dozens of electronic databases that the library subscribes to. You may locate what you need in several ways.

Begin by going to the library Web page at: [www.clarion.edu/library](http://www.clarion.edu/library) and clicking on the [Journals/Magazines A-Z](#) link. You can either search for a specific title or browse the list by title or subject categories.

The [Databases A-Z](#) link provides information on all the databases to which the library subscribes. Two databases that include thousands of academic journals are *Academic Search Complete* and *ProQuest Direct*. Most other databases have a theme or subject focus.

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## Computer Tip: Flash Drive Defragging?



Should you “defrag” your USB/Flash Drive? The short answer is an emphatic “**NO!** *You should **never** defrag a flash drive.*” It is recommended that you defrag your computer’s hard drive periodically to help improve performance. So why not do the same thing to a Flash Drive?

The files you have stored on your hard drive are often saved in several little pieces, often in groups of 512 bytes. Those chunks of data are usually spread out across the physical hard drive, which is why defragging is so important.

The whole defrag process is done through a read/write head that rearranges your files and places them back together. That way, when you need to access a certain file, your computer does not have to work as hard to find what you are looking for. That is why it is recommended to defrag on a regular basis (once a month or so).

On the other hand, flash drives do not have a read/write head, so if you defrag it, you will not get any extra performance benefits from it whatsoever. Without a read/write head, flash drives do not have to work any harder to find your files.

Another reason to never defrag a flash drive is because flash memory wears out over time. The more you write (saving files, etc.) to your flash drive, the shorter its lifespan will be. Since defragging is a huge write process, every time you do it, you're adding thousands of extra writes to your device that just aren't necessary.

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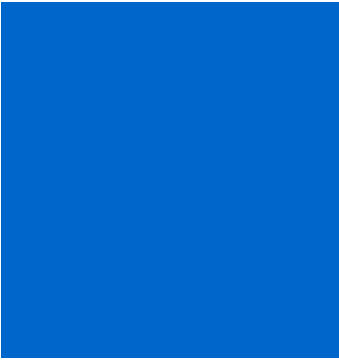
## Cranial Candy: 2011...Punxsutawney Phil’s 125<sup>th</sup> Prognostication!



Looking for answers to your Groundhog Day questions? Visit: <http://www.groundhog.org/>! Learn the origin of Groundhog Day, and how Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania has been celebrating since 1886.

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## Something To Think About:



*Okay, campers, rise and shine,  
and don't forget your booties  
'cause it's coooold out there today.*

*~D.J. #1, from the movie,  
"Groundhog Day"*