InterLibrary Loan Department

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Where do you turn when this happens to you? Who can assist you in getting the information you need to complete your research, develop your curriculum, and continue learning in your field or even to branch into new fields? The InterLibrary Loan Department in the Milne Library has the answer!

Services to faculty and staff include scanning articles found in the Library journal collections. These scanned articles are then delivered in .pdf format directly to your ILLiad account. You can then retrieve these articles from any computer with internet access.

We don’t own the journal?! Not a problem if you have a relatively complete citation! Use the request form found at https://illiad.oneonta.edu/illiad/ to request the article. If you find an article through a database and the article is unavailable online, just click on the 360/FindIt! icon, then click on the InterLibrary Loan link, and log in using your Oneonta username and password. Once done, the magic of openURL and computers will produce a populated form (no need to fill in a form with citation information!). Ensure the data is correct and the date needed by is sufficient, press SUBMIT and the request will be sent to us. In three days to a week you will receive an email that lets you know that the item is available for pick-up in the Library.

For more ways the staff in the ILL Department can assist you call us at x2722 or go to http://www.oneonta.edu/library/facultyservices/.

Where Did the Periodicals Go?

The periodicals collections have been moved from the basement floor of the library to make way for the Technology Center, which, combined with the library, will form the core of the new Learning Commons. The current browse collection of approximately 200 titles has been relocated to the Reading Room on the 1st floor. The Reading Room also contains the current week’s newspapers.

Aside from those in current browse, the remaining periodicals collections have been moved to the floor below the old Periodicals Room. As part of the renovation, compact shelving was installed to replace standard shelving. The compact shelving, which is motorized and can be moved using buttons on the end panels, allowed the library to house many more volumes in much less space. Access to periodicals is now far more convenient since the entire collection is in one space. Periodicals are still filed alphabetically by title. There have been a few changes in the way materials are filed: acronyms are filed as if the acronym itself were a word rather than at the beginning of the alphabet (e.g. JGR – Journal of Geophysical Research - used to be filed at the beginning of the Js, and now it is filed after Jet). Titles with standard beginnings such as journal, bulletin, proceedings, and transactions are now filed under the actual title rather than under the issuing body (e.g. Journal of the American Dietetic Association is now filed under J rather than under American).

The new periodicals area also includes a separate room for microforms with readers for all formats and printers for microfilm and microfiche. For those who make regular use of the microform printing, we are pleased...
to offer a new computer connection which allows users to scan and save scanned microform documents to their network drive. Many of the newspapers, such as the Wall Street Journal and the Daily Star and the State Times, are on microfilm. Some journals are also in microform.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Andrea Gerberg at 436-2774.

Andrea Gerberg

News from WorldCat

WorldCat is a comprehensive database of over 60,000,000 library records including books, manuscripts, websites and internet resources, maps, videos, journals, magazines, newspapers, and musical scores from over 9,000 libraries from around the world. There are two interfaces to WorldCat: the interface from FirstSearch (a link on the Milne Library home page) and Open WorldCat, http://worldcat.org/. The primary advantages of the FirstSearch interface are more sophisticated searching options, “similar items” capabilities, and the availability of published reviews and excerpts.

A handy new feature in WorldCat is “Cite this item” which provides citations in APA, Chicago, Harvard, MLA, and Turabian styles.

Open WorldCat, geared to the general public, provides access to the complete WorldCat database and provides links to WorldCat via sites such as Google. It is a link off the Milne Library home page under Databases by Name A-Z. To limit a search in Google to WorldCat libraries, add site:worldcatlibraries.org (no space after the colon) to the search. For library users who maintain social bookmarks on sites such as StumbleUpon, Del.icio.us, and Facebook, library-owned items can be added to bookmarks using the Bookmark (AddThis.com) button. The button is available on the detailed record page for any item in Open WorldCat, under the “Share It” heading.

Reading Room

Earlier this semester the library opened a new Reading Room on the first floor. It’s not that the room itself is new, but it has changed in appearance and function. With fresh paint, reupholstered easy chairs, coffee tables, and pretty floor lamps the room says, “Put up your feet. Relax!” Some plants and display cases add to the cozy feel of the room. Turn to your right as you come through the main entrance to the library, and keep going right until to see big open doorway that leads to the Reading Room.

The Reading Room is not just about the ambiance – it also has plenty of things to read, relaxing kinds of things, like novels and magazines. A long slant-shelved wood cabinet greets you as you walk in the room. This contains the most recent issue of magazines like Atlantic Monthly, Car & Driver, Ebony, Newsweek, Harper’s, Mother Jones, People, and Wired. If you check under the slanted shelves, which lift up, you’ll find previous issues, sometimes going back six months. On the shelves along the far wall you’ll find the newest addition to the reading offerings. We call it the popular reading collection, and it consists of 400 leased books for the leisure reader in you. Many of these are novels by authors like Dean Koontz, James Patterson, and Maeve Binchy. You’ll find mysteries, romances, suspense, action, and science fiction. The collection also includes popular non-fiction such as biographies (Mel Gibson, Billy Crystal, Bob Knight) and other current reads like You’re Wearing WHAT? Understanding Mothers and Daughters in Conversation and The President of Good and Evil: The Ethics of George Bush. Unlike the books in Milne’s collection, these collection books have the book jackets with photos of the authors and blurbs describing the content, making it more like bookstore browsing.

The collection will be changing over time as new books are cycled in to replace ones that have been on the shelves for a while. All of these books may be checked out for four weeks with your Oneonta ID.

If you’d like to see the fiction available in the library’s regular collection, you can easily check the library catalog (the first search box on the library home page “Find Books”) and search by author or title. If you’d like to browse through novels in the regular collection, go to the P call letters on the second floor, which contains both literature and literary criticism.

For suggestions for a good read, check out the New York Public Library Readers and Writers page at http://www.nypl.org/branch/books/. They have lists of staff picks, award winners, best sellers, and “sizzlers.”

Kay Benjamin

The Library’s Webpage Changed AGAIN??!??

If you’re a frequent visitor to our webpage, you may have noticed a few more changes we’ve been making. Blue boxes have been popping up on your favorite database subject pages, pink and brown icons have been showing up in the A-Z list of databases as well as the Faculty Services page.

The blue boxes are part of our new federated search product: 360 Central Search. This product allows you to search several different databases by multiple providers all at once. These specialized boxes will search a set of databases that have been chosen by librarians for that subject. If you’re interested in checking this out, go to a subject page and see if one is there. We’re working on adding additional subjects.

The pink icons have been popping up in the database A-Z listing which say TRIAL. These databases are typically only available on campus, and only for a limited time. This trial
link will send you to a page where you can learn more about the particular database as well as leave comments. Please leave comments. We would love to know what you think of these databases and your comments could be a deciding factor in our purchasing decisions. Too busy to check out the page? You can add the RSS feed to your favorite reader.

The brown icon is for the New York State Library databases, which are available to all employees of the State of New York. If you follow this link and scroll down to the bottom of the page you can apply for a card and have access to quite a hefty collection of databases for personal research. Unfortunately students do not have access to these databases for their research.

There have been a lot of changes, and there will continue to be more changes over the winter break. We are looking forward to providing the easiest access possible through our webpage. If you would like to leave feedback, be it either positive or suggestive of change, please do so by clicking the Website Feedback Survey at the bottom of the page or email the web coordinators at libweb@oneonta.edu. Again, your feedback will help us provide better services.

Historical Statistics

Published in 2006, the Millennial edition of this book is the first update since 1975. No longer compiled and published by the U.S. Census department, this new edition is a collaborative work organized and published by Cambridge University Press. According to the publisher, “More than 200 of the nation’s leading economists, historians, political scientists, sociologists, and other scholars contributed to the Millennial Edition of Historical Statistics. This new edition adds thirty years of data and contains coverage of topics that received little or no coverage in the 1975 edition: American Indians, slavery, poverty, race, and ethnicity. The most recent scholarship has been brought to bear in every table.”

The five volumes of the current edition cover the topics of Population, Work and Welfare, Economic Structure and Performance, Economic Sectors, and Governance and International Relations. Chapters are introduced by essays that review the quantitative history of a subject, discuss historical literature, and attempt to put the statistical information in perspective. For instance, under the section on Governance and International Relations, the topic of criminal justice is covered. There are essays on Crime and Victimization, and Law Enforcement, Courts, and the Justice System. The tables in this category cover crimes and arrests, homicides and suicides, incarceration and execution, victimization and delinquency of high school seniors, drug and alcohol use, firearm possession, and courts and criminal justice. Citing examples from the text, according to one table (Employment and average weekly hours in manufacturing 1919-1939), in September 1920, the average work week was 49.3 hours; in September 1938 the average work week was 36 hours. Another table shows that the land area of New York in 1890 was 47,654 square miles; in 1990 New York was 47,224 square miles. In the table on Federal government expenditure by major function: 1934-1999, it says that the interest on the public debt in 1945 was $3,112,000; by 1999 interest on the public debt was $229,735,000.

Christine Bulson, retired librarian at Milne Library, reviewed the work in the publication Booklist, and said: “French semiolologist Jean Baudrillard said ‘like dreams, statistics are a form of wish fulfillment.’ Anyone who enjoys statistics will have their dreams fulfilled by using or browsing through Historical Statistics of the United States.” Come in to the reference area and browse this volume, use it to support research or back up an argument, or just to find another interesting facet of life in America.
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Staff news:

Heather Heyduk, Nancy Cannon,
Pam Flinton, Anne McFarland,
Logan Rath, and Jim Coan attended
the LISUG (Library Software Users
Group) annual conference entitled
“ALEPH and Beyond” on October 5
at SUNY Cobleskill. Logan Rath also
gave a presentation entitled “HTML,
CSS, and Dreamweaver” at the
conference.

Kay Benjamin, now a trained
facilitator for the Oneonta campus
diversity program, co-facilitated her
first day-long seminar, “Conversations
for Creating a Welcoming Campus
Community,” with Adam Ryburn on
November 19.

Nancy Cannon and Kay Benjamin
attended a half-day workshop “Are
Databases Dead? Databases in the
Age of Google” in Loudonville, NY on

Logan Rath attended a SUNY FACT
COCID (Conference on Computing
in the Disciplines) on Second Life on
November 30th in Rochester, New
York at Monroe Community College.