

Faculty Newsletter

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Library Instruction—Customized for your Class

Reference Librarians, Lisa Muilenberg, Alan Berecka, and Sally Bickley provided 229 instruction sessions in 2009-2010. Each was customized to match class assignments, highlighting library resources to meet student needs.

We would like to reach more classes and students, so if you think your students would benefit from some expert instruction in the library's resources, please call x1311 for the White Library, or x1753 for the Barth Library. You can also email us at refdesk@delmar.edu. Please call at least a week ahead to schedule an instruction session.

Comments from students who have taken these sessions:

- Pretty neat tools....
- I loved this presentation! I didn't know we had such easy access to all of this information!
- Very cool resource site.
- Learned a lot about different databases
- Up until this orientation I was not aware of the wealth of information available.
- Very easy to follow instructions on databases we could use for research
- Good information for my paper I wasn't aware of
- Wish I knew this sooner!

More than Ebsco...

When you ask students to do research, please refer to the Del Mar databases by name. If you only say Ebsco, it causes confusion, as Ebsco provides us with 44 different databases. Each database covers a specific subject and has particular strengths. Just going to the Ebsco link from the library's home page brings a long list of databases for different purposes and audiences. The Library has other vendors for online resources that you won't see if you only look at Ebsco databases. **Del Mar has 80 online databases covering a multitude of topics.**

Some of the Ebsco databases recommended:

Literary Reference Center Plus for Literature
Auto Repair Reference Center for Automobile Repair
CINAHL Plus with Full Text for Nursing and Allied Health
Academic Search Complete for a wide variety of subjects

Some other databases recommended:

Gale Literary Databases for Literature
Access Science for Science and Math
America History in Video for History
Health & Wellness Resource Center for Nursing & Allied Health
Newsbank for Newspaper articles



Specifying the databases by title gives students consistency when transferring to another university's library. Many libraries have the same databases, and refer to them by name. You can view the list of database titles from this link: <http://204.56.132.81/library/alphaolr.htm>, or choose "database by title" from the Library's home page. You can also see a list of databases by subject from this link: <http://204.56.132.81/library/elecres.htm#olr>. And, of course, contact the librarians if you have questions.

New for Spring 2011



Library Web Page—it's a new look with a few navigation changes. Most of the information you've come to rely on is still there. If you're having trouble locating something, please contact us at 698-1311 or 698-1877. If you'd like to add a web resource for your subject to our "Websites by Subject", please contact us to add it.



Now you can search the catalog directly from the home page. You can also search Credo Reference, a collection of online Reference Books. You'll get search results for your terms in Credo Reference, but you can also search our catalog, Academic Search Premier, Opposing View points, Encyclopedia Britannica and several other databases.



Featured Database: We've been highlighting one of our online databases on the library web page. If you see a database you'd like to learn more about, click on the link, to go to a summary of the information in the database.

Children's Literature Collection

Located on the 2nd floor of the White Library, the Children's Literature Collection has gathered all the children's books together in one place. Previously, they were shelved according to their subject matter, so a children's book about Lincoln was shelved with the history books about Lincoln. Now they are all in one place, and they can be checked out with a valid DMC ID.



Questions about the Library?
Contact us!

Contact the Reference Librarians
in several ways:

- Phone, 698-1311 (East) and 698-1877 (West),
- email at refdesk@delmar.edu
- chat service, from the library's home page
- In person at either Library

New Print Collection: Very Short Introductions

Very Short Introductions by Oxford University Press are tailor-made for students needing a quick introduction. Examples of some titles are:

- Democracy
- Schizophrenia
- Quantum Theory
- Cryptography
- The Crusades
- Contemporary Art
- The Cold War
- Literary Theory

These books are located in the 2nd floor lobby and are available for checkout.