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Are you
not a
morning
person?

Either way,
some **free coffee** in the library
might help...at
least every
Monday.

Glickman: 3rd floor
Gorham: 1st floor

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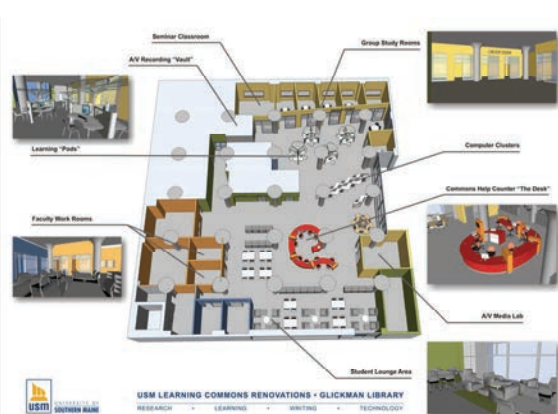
New Learning Commons

Remodeling is underway for the new Learning Commons at both the Glickman Library (Portland) and Gorham Library. The Learning Commons combines library assistance, access to computers, and tutoring services within a comfortable new environment. Formerly, students could receive tutoring at the Learning Center in Luther Bonney Hall, although subjects were limited to Math, Writing, and English for Speakers of other Languages (ESOL). These services have been integrated into the new Learning Commons, with subjects now including Accounting, Anatomy & Physiology, and Technology Instruction. Tutoring is not just for students who are struggling, but also for those who want to excel academically, aligning nicely with the service model embraced by the entire Library.

When completed late this semester, the Learning Commons will provide additional group study rooms, seminar rooms, tutoring pods, faculty-student collaboration space, new seating and a whole new “look” to the first floor of the Gorham Library and the 2nd floor of Glickman Library.

Students - bring your own laptop or use a library computer to:

- Use Excel, PowerPoint, or other programs.
- Access media software for creating your class presentations.
- Receive one-on-one assistance or participate in a group session.



Student Technology Assistants on all three USM campuses will work with you, or you can receive this service online.

USM Libraries continue to provide the research assistance and information that students need. Whether by the Ask-A-Librarian chat or live one-on-one assistance, the librarians provide the friendly help you need.

Create Your Bibliography Using RefWorks



RefWorks

Few people like to create bibliographies and consult the APA, MLA, Chicago, or other style manuals to make sure the information is formatted perfectly.

Fortunately, the UMaine System Libraries have purchased an online tool that will save you lots of work. According to RefWorks they are “an online research management, writing and collaboration tool designed to help researchers easily gather, manage, store and share all types of information, as well as generate citations and bibliographies.”

RefWorks is relatively easy to use and, being online, you can access it from on-campus or anywhere. You can import citations directly from databases with a couple of clicks or create them by filling in the blanks. Either way, it does all the hard parts for you and it keeps up with the latest versions of every style. Try the Write N' Cite tool, which will let you quickly insert references into your paper.

See Tutorials & Citing Tools > Citing, Plagiarism.. From the library homepage!

Workshops, Fall 2011

- Wednesday, Oct 5th: [Statistical Resources](#)
- Wednesday, Oct 5th: [RefWorks](#)
- Thursday, Oct 13th: [URSUS / MaineCat](#)
- Friday, Oct 14th: [Government Information](#)
- Wednesday, Oct 19th: [Statistical Resources](#)
- Thursday, Oct 20th: [Music Online](#)
- Tuesday, Oct 25th: [Financial Resources](#)
- Wednesday, Oct 26th: [Newspapers online](#)
- Monday, Nov 7th: [Financial Resources](#)
- Wednesday, Nov 9th: [Alerts from Journals](#)
- Monday, Nov 14th: [Alerts from Journals](#)
- Wednesday, Nov 16th: [Government Sources](#)

No registration is required. Just walk in!
For details check our website:

usm.maine.libguides.com/workshops

Sage Advice from

Dear Crabby...



Dear Crabby,
The library just seems so confusing to

me. I want to do well in school, and my friends and professors keep telling me that I should take advantage of all the resources the library offers, but how am I supposed to know how to use the 200+ databases and other stuff that you've got? I need help!!!

Baffled in Biddeford

Dear Baffled,

You know what? You're NOT supposed to know all that upon arrival at USM; you're supposed to try to learn (it is college, after all). And to help you, the libraries are offering a series of **workshops** this fall for baffled people just like you. There's going to be one on searching URSUS and other library catalogs, one about finding statistics, another introducing the newspaper databases – lots of good stuff, presented on both the Portland and Gorham campuses. You can get the details at:

usm.maine.libguides.com/workshops. If you don't show up, ***I'm*** the one who's going to be baffled!

Crabby

JSTOR Grows

USM Libraries recently added two more JSTOR collections. The University Libraries now provide access to ten JSTOR collections consisting of 1,800 titles. See JSTOR under Find Articles and More on the University Libraries website, usm.maine.edu/library.

ARTS & SCIENCES IV

This collection of 157 titles has a strong focus on the professions of business, education, and law, and also includes titles in psychology and public policy and administration. Among the titles are highly influential and diverse publications from leading professional organizations in the fields of business and the social sciences.

ARTS & SCIENCES VIII

The Arts & Sciences VIII Collection adds 222 titles and broadens JSTOR's coverage of core humanities disciplines including history, language & literature, art & art history, and education. This collection also includes a group of rare 19th and early 20th century American Art periodicals digitized as part of a special project undertaken with the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the Frick Collection, and the Brooklyn Museum of Art. This collection also includes journals in philosophy, and classical studies.

Schedule a Tutoring Appointment online!

As part of the new Learning Commons, USM students can now view an array of tutoring services from one website: <http://usm.askonline.net>, which is linked from the library homepage under Learning Commons. At no cost to the student, this site allows students to see all writing, math, ESOL, and technology support tutoring appointments available on all three campuses. Students can schedule a face-to-face or online appointment through this platform! AskOnline has been funded with support from the Center for Technology-Enhanced Learning (CTEL).



Laptop Printing for Students at USM!

USM Libraries have long been wireless, but students can now print from their own laptops in the library. Just download a simple program to your laptop (available at usm.maine.edu/laptopprinting) which allows you to connect to USM's Laptop Printing System and use your USM card to print.

Instructional Technology and Media Services (ITMS)

upgraded over 30 classrooms this summer with new data projectors and other audiovisual equipment. ITMS also participated in the renovation of several classrooms where complete AV systems were installed. These are significant advances for the student and faculty classroom experience.

Did you know?



Got Questions? Get Answers @ the Library

USM LIBRARIES

Portland
(207) 780-4270

Gorham
(207) 780-5345

Lewiston-Auburn
(207) 753-6540

INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNOLOGY & MEDIA SERVICES

Portland
(207) 780-4280

Gorham
(207) 780-5356

Lewiston-Auburn
(207) 753-6526

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Three Campuses*

**Coffee, Computers &
Copies @ USM Libraries**

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Student success is our job!



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Book Reviews



Metaxas, E. (2010). *Bonhoeffer: pastor, martyr, prophet, spy*. Nashville: Thomas Nelson.

Eric Metaxas mixes Bonhoeffer's diary entries, the voices of close friends, and historical facts to connect the reader with the spiritual journey of a modern martyr.

Born to a life of wealth and influence, Dietrich Bonhoeffer sacrificed it all as he fought to save Germany and the Lutheran Church from the horrors of Adolph Hitler's rule. Unlike his accomplished siblings, young Dietrich Bonhoeffer sought out the life of a Lutheran theologian, eventually finding solace not in the seminary, but in seeking God on a personal level. The hardships of poor black churches of the American South started his transformation which ended in his execution by the Nazis two months before the fall of the Third Reich following several years of work to eliminate Hitler by any means. Despite its 599 pages, *Bonhoeffer: pastor, martyr, prophet, spy* keeps the reader guessing and amazed.

Written by Bill Grubb, Librarian

Fall 2011 Library Hours

Portland Learning Commons

Sunday	10:00 a.m.-11:00 p.m.
Monday-Thursday	7:45 a.m. - 11:00 p.m.
Friday	7:45 a.m.- 8:00 p.m.
Saturday	10:00 a.m.- 8:00 p.m.

Gorham Library

Sunday	12:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m.
Monday-Thursday	7:45 a.m. - 11:00 p.m.
Friday	7:45 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Saturday	11:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Commons at LAC Library

Monday-Thursday	8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Friday	8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Saturday	9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Sunday	Closed

Exceptions

See our online postings or check signs posted close to the time of spring vacations and finals. <http://www.usm.maine.edu/library/location-and-hours>