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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: 2nd floor  
Gorham: 1st floor



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# Library Ledger

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The latest news from Gorham, Lewiston-Auburn & Portland

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## E-Books Arrive @ the Library!



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## Library Hosts Student Activities Event

How many students can squeeze into Glickman Library late on a Sunday night before finals? We made it to 230 at one point on Sunday, December 12th by staying open until 2:00 a.m. and providing free coffee, snacks, board games, light music and a few extra librarians to help students with their work. Actually, there was plenty of room for *many more* and student feedback was great. The mix of light entertainment and quiet study space seemed to suit people very well. Late Night @ Glickman was a partnership between Student Life and University Libraries.



So what's next? You tell us! Email [libraryadmin@usm.maine.edu](mailto:libraryadmin@usm.maine.edu) or tell us at the Information Desk. We want to build on this good start, so let us know what works for you.

Have you ever noticed the Collections tab on the library homepage? Check it out! <http://library.usm.maine.edu/collections>

You will find links to several resources, including a list of **USM's many authors and their books.**

### Sage Advice from

### Dear Crabby...



Dear Crabby,

I've had to create a works cited page or bibliography for so many classes and it never seems to get any easier. Citation style is such a pain and I never remember when to indent,

where to put the period, italicize, etc. Isn't there an easier way?

*Help! In Portland*

Dear *Help! In Portland*,

Have you been living in a cave? There are several online "tools" out there that will create your citations for you and many databases (i.e. Academic Search Complete or OneSearch) will create the citation for you! *Son of Citation Machine* is probably the most popular and it's a free web site. *Duke University* has great examples for every style and type of source. *Zotero* is good and so is *Noodle Tools*. On the library homepage just click under *QuickLinks* and select *Tutorials & Citing Tools*. Click on the *Citing, Plagiarism...* tab and you will find links to all of these and more.

Oh, and I agree. Citation style is a pain with over 1,000 styles, but if you learn MLA and APA, you'll be fine. The librarians can really help with citation style, too.

*Crabby*

## OneSearch Debuts @ USM

OneSearch is our the new cross-searching tool that provides **one search box for books, articles and more**. No longer will you have to guess which catalog or database to use for every search you do. Quick, simple searches can all be done from one place. Look for it on the top page of the library web site.

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- Does the library subscribe to my favorite journal?
- How do I order a book from UM Presque Isle Library?
- How can I find a biography about so and so?
- Does the library have databases (access to current articles) about my topic?
- What is JSTOR?
- Does the library have audio books, e-books or movies to loan?

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"We love it."

"Amazing."

"Very, very cool."

## Art in the Library Arcade



"Locus" Artwork, Glickman Library Arcade

A new mural by Maine artist Mark Wethli, *Locus*, is the final step for the Library Arcade addition to the Glickman Family Library and Osher Map Library. This work was supported by the Maine Percent for Art initiative. *Locus* is a pendant piece to the yet-to-be installed work, *Civitas*, also by Mark Wethli. *Civitas* will be located in the Wishcamper Center, further bringing the two buildings together as part of the University Commons Project.

## Got Questions? Get Answers @ the Library

### Book Reviews

#### The House of Night

Review by Tim Lynch, Librarian

Zoey Redbird, a high school student of Native American descent, finds she has been marked with a crescent moon on her forehead. The mark indicates that she has been chosen to attempt the transformation into a vampire. She is forced to leave her school and her friends and attend the nearby House of Night—a school that helps “fledglings” change into fully adult vampires. This series by P.C. Cast and her daughter Kristin Cast is set in Tulsa, Oklahoma and includes many issues related to high school—with a macabre twist. Relationships and spiritualism are central to this addicting and fun adventure. The ongoing series of books include in order: *Marked*, *Betrayed*, *Chosen*, *Untamed*, *Hunted*, *Tempted*, *Burned*, *Awakened*. For more information see <http://www.houseofnightseries.com>  
Enjoy!



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### Spring 2011 Library Hours

#### Portland

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.

#### Commons @ Gorham

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 @ 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://library.usm.maine.edu/about/hours.php>