

Spring 2012

## Library Ledger

University of Southern Maine Libraries

Follow this and additional works at: <https://digitalcommons.usm.maine.edu/libraryledger>



Part of the [Education Commons](#), and the [Library and Information Science Commons](#)

---

### Recommended Citation

University of Southern Maine Libraries, "Library Ledger" (2012). *Library Ledger*. 12.  
<https://digitalcommons.usm.maine.edu/libraryledger/12>

This Book is brought to you for free and open access by the USM Libraries at USM Digital Commons. It has been accepted for inclusion in Library Ledger by an authorized administrator of USM Digital Commons. For more information, please contact [jessica.c.hovey@maine.edu](mailto:jessica.c.hovey@maine.edu).

# USM LIBRARIES



## Schedule A Group Study Room!

Go online  
to schedule



a group study room  
for groups of 3 or  
more for up to 3  
hours. Room pic-  
tures & equipment  
are listed.

[usm.maine.edu/  
library/group-  
study](http://usm.maine.edu/library/group-study)

### Inside this issue:

Learning Commons	Page 1
Ancestry Database	Page 2
Dear Crabby	Page 2
Osher Map Library	Page 3
Learning Commons	Page 3
Workshops	Page 4
Special Collections	Page 4
Library Hours	Page 4

# Library Ledger

Newsletter of University Libraries  
Volume 6, Issue 1

The latest news from Gorham, Lewiston-Auburn & Portland  
[usm.maine.edu/library](http://usm.maine.edu/library)

Volume 6, Issue 1

Spring 2012

## Learning Commons Now Open!



Glickman Library Learning Commons



Gorham Library Learning Commons

With the completion of the new Learning Commons in Portland and Gorham, collaborative space at USM Libraries has dramatically increased for students and faculty. Our new facilities and services include:

- Tutoring by online appointment in many subjects
- Technical assistance
- Research assistance with a librarian
- A recording studio (Glickman)
- Several group study rooms, some with LCD flat panels to plug your laptop into. Schedule one for groups of 3 or more online!
- Faculty/Student collaboration spaces
- New comfortable spaces so you can find the perfect place to study!

Our job is to help students effectively achieve their academic goals by providing the personal help and resources they need. Visit us soon in-person and online!

[usm.maine.edu/library/learning-commons](http://usm.maine.edu/library/learning-commons)

## Ancestry Library



ProQuest has partnered with MyFamily.com to create Ancestry® Library Edition, one of the most important genealogical collections available today. It has unparalleled coverage of the United States and the United Kingdom, including census, vital, church, court, and immigration records, as well as records from Canada and other areas. This collection, with thousands of databases and billions of names, is essential to having a broad genealogy collection. The Ancestry Library Edition collection has approximately 4,000 databases including key collections such as U.S. Federal Census images and indexes from 1790 to 1930; the Map Center containing more than 1,000 historical maps; American Genealogical Biographical Index (over 200 volumes); Daughters of the American Revolution Lineage (over 150 volumes); The Great Migration Begins: Immigrants to New England, 1620-1630; Social Security Death Index (updated monthly); WWI Draft Registration Cards; Federal Slave Narratives; and a Civil War collection. Ancestry Library Edition updates continually, with more indexes and original images added all the time.

**Located under Databases on the USM Libraries homepage!**

### Sage Advice from

### Dear Crabby...



Dear Crabby,

I'm a decent student, and I really don't mind doing research or writing papers, but sometimes it seems like formatting the blasted references takes as long as writing

the paper. Different classes require different formats, and I can't tell what information I even need to get a "works cited" list together.

Overwhelmed in Old Orchard

Dear Overwhelmed,

There you go again! You're ignoring all the lovely resources that are available to help you with this! Did you know that many of the library databases can generate a citation in APA, MLA, Chicago and other styles? This means that at the point when you first find an article that you intend to use for a paper, you can also get a rough draft of your citation, so you'll be ready when it's time to put together your "works cited" list. Or if you're the type that wants to organize and annotate a large group of citations, you can use a more sophisticated system like RefWorks and build your own database of publications that you can refer to again and again. There's more information about these and other resources at <http://usm.maine.libguides.com/tutorials>, or you can visit the Learning Commons and talk to one of the USM reference staff. Please, wake up and smell the digital coffee! We're here to help.

Crabby

## The Grand Tour and the Development of Tourism: 1600 to 1900

This Osher Map Library exhibition traces three hundred years of travel and tourism in Europe and North America through the maps and guidebooks that directed travelers to their destinations. Before the 1800's, most travel was reserved for wealthy young men who undertook the "Grand Tour" across Europe accompanied by servants and tutors, spending months or even years touring the major cities in the hope of acquiring culture and souvenirs.

Improvements in transportation in the nineteenth century made travel easier and more affordable to an emerging middle class. Steamships and railroads drastically reduced the time to traverse Europe and the telegraph ensured instantaneous contact. In the USA, canals and then railroads opened up North America's spectacular landscapes to tourists who began with Niagara Falls before heading west to the Rockies.

**USM's Osher Map Library and Smith Center for Cartographic Education** contains many works that record the experience and conditions of past travelers and tourists, and of the places they visited. In addition to the general collections, the map library includes the Norman Morse collection of trans-Atlantic ocean liner ephemera, the Paul Fink collection of nineteenth and twentieth-century travel board games, and the Richard Auletta collection of travel guides.

These collections will support the new undergraduate major in tourism and hospitality that has been proposed for all the campuses in the University of Maine system. To view this exhibition, go to [www.usm.maine.edu/maps/exhibition](http://www.usm.maine.edu/maps/exhibition).

## Learning Commons 2.0

The major construction phase of the Learning Commons in Gorham and Portland is complete! The Reference Staff and the Learning Commons tutors are developing a seminar series on a wide array of topics, such as how to find scholarly articles and manage citations through the use of RefWorks, how to create charts and graphs in Excel, and how to improve note-taking skills. With new group study spaces open in Portland and Gorham, we anticipate that more and more students will be using the Libraries as their "home" for group academic work. More seating is also now available on the 3rd floor of Glickman Library.

Expansion of our "virtual" services also continues, with additional LibGuide content, the creation of Camtasia video tutorials, a wider array of online tutoring disciplines, and the launching of our XtraNormal animated shorts. It's going to be an exciting semester!

USM LIBRARIES

Portland  
(207) 780-4270

Gorham  
(207) 780-5345

Lewiston-Auburn  
(207) 753-6540

libraryadmin@  
usm.maine.edu

USM Libraries  
One Library on  
Three Campuses

Articles, Research  
Assistance, Tutoring &  
More @ USM Libraries

Student success is  
our job!



## Got Questions? Get Answers @ the Library

### Student/Faculty Workshops

Every Wednesday at noon, 223 Glickman Library

[usm.maine.libguides.com/workshops](http://usm.maine.libguides.com/workshops)

Feb. 1 / E-Books R Us

Feb. 8 / Citation Wrangling

Feb. 15 / Three Databases: Staff Picks

Feb. 22 / RefWorks Revealed!

Feb. 29 / Library 101: Ancient Tips

Mar. 7 / What is Peer-Reviewed?

Mar. 14 / SWOT? What?

Mar. 21 / Web of Knowledge

Mar. 28 / Practice Tests Online

Apr. 4 / Find Journals by Title

Apr. 11 / The Mysteries of Google

Apr. 18 / Get Books From Anywhere

Apr. 25 / What is JSTOR?

May 2 / Tunes R Us

### Faculty: Bring Your Class to Special Col- lections ...and make our collections part of your

curriculum! We work with faculty to find books, manuscripts, and objects for students to analyze in relation to the content of the course. For ideas, see our webpage:

<http://library.usm.maine.edu/specialcollections/bringclasses.html>



### Spring 2012 Library Hours

#### Glickman Library

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>