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## New For E-Reserves

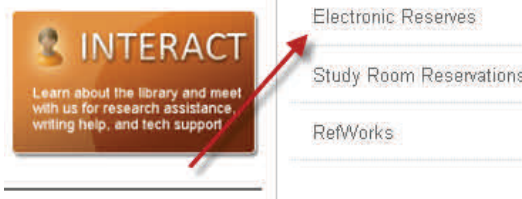
Over the years Electronic Reserves has grown in popularity with both faculty and students by providing 24/7 access to course materials chosen by Instructors for their classes. The Access Services Department has improved this service once again!

The University of Maine System Libraries have transitioned from the Docutek E-Reserves system to a new system called Ares. The most significant change in this new system, from the user perspective, is the authentication process. Users will no longer need to locate the randomly generated passwords provided to faculty. Authentication is now conveniently accomplished using the same sign-in method as Blackboard and access to university computers. Students are asked to provide the school and subject area,

instructor's name and official course number of the course requested (ex. EDU 100). If a faculty member is using Blackboard for a course, Ares will enable the Library to link Ares & Blackboard making it even easier for students to access the materials. For faculty there is no change in submitting reserve materials to the library.

USM Libraries is proud to offer this new and improved service. We ask that all members of the USM Community try it out and let us know what you think! If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Bill Sargent (207) 780-4270.

From the USM Library Homepage



## It's All About Streaming Video

Streaming Video has come into its own at USM Libraries! The Libraries now have two useful databases with thousands of videos: *Academic Videos Online* and *Films on Demand* as well as a freshly minted Video Streaming research guide by Reference Assistant Alida Snow to help you find vid-

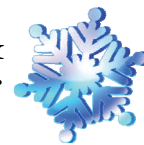
eo clips for your class projects. The research guide also provides links to other resources on the web. The research guide is available at:

[usm.libguides.com/streamingvideo](http://usm.libguides.com/streamingvideo)

The Library Website received an update for the Spring Semester: Check it out! [usm.maine.edu/library](http://usm.maine.edu/library)

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### Cozy Spaces



7th Floor Reading Room-Glickman



Window seats-Glickman & Gorham



Black couches-Gorham



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## Sage Advice from Dear Crabby

*Dear Crabby,*

My friends say that you guys are really helpful and always willing to explain how to use the databases and stuff, but I'm a night owl and do my best work at 2 in the morning, when the library isn't open. So how do I get help with finding the information I need, WHEN I need it?

-Sleepless in Sebago

*Dear Sleepless*

Oh, you students- always burning the midnight oil! But we've got you covered, because we've been busy creating and compiling online tutorials. So, if it's the middle of the night and you need to learn how to use Article Linker, set up a RefWorks account, or run a basic search in our catalog or one of our databases, just go to <http://usm.maine.libguides.com/tutorials> and have the library resources explained to you on your schedule. But really, get some sleep!

-Crabby



## This Could Be You



Interested in sitting for a Read Poster Shoot? USM Libraries are looking for volunteer models to promote reading, researching, and other academic pursuits in the library. Volunteers must be willing to sign a photo release form for USM. So if you've always wanted to adorn walls, now is your chance! Posters are chosen by selection process. Ask at the Library Info Desks for more information or call us at 780-4272.



## Special Collections Has a New Website

USM Special Collections is proud to present its new website that is sure to make searching Special Collections easier and more rewarding! The website features refined search ability in URSUS, access to videos from Special Collections' events and examples of how classes have used Special Collections materials for their assignments. The website can be found at: [usm.maine.edu/library/specialcollections](http://usm.maine.edu/library/specialcollections)

## SAGE researchmethods

USM Libraries now have access to Sage Research Methods Online (SRMO). The database provides full-text links to definitions, peer-reviewed research materials, video explanations and more to help serious researchers of any level. Undergraduates, graduate students and faculty are encouraged to research methodologies and share research approaches with classmates or instructors and make use of popular research approaches shared by other schools. The database provides the opportunity to discuss the best approaches to many research methodologies. Find SRMO on the homepage of the USM Libraries under Quick Links and Databases A-Z.

## Just For Faculty\*

Faculty Rooms A and B in The Glickman Library are now available for faculty to reserve online at:

[webapp.usm.maine.edu/openroom](http://webapp.usm.maine.edu/openroom)

or from our dedicated workstation on the 2nd floor of Glickman.



### Feedback

[www.usm.maine.edu/library/contact-us](http://www.usm.maine.edu/library/contact-us)



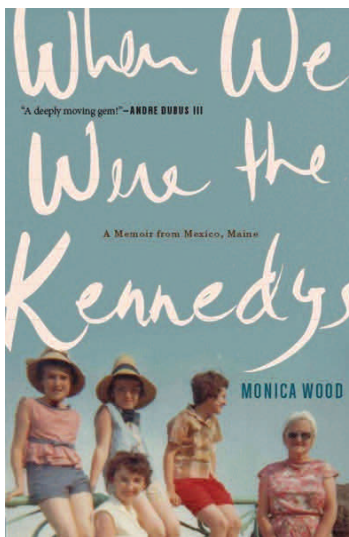
## Book Review

“This morning we woke up as the Wood family. Who are we now?” (p. 20) This question, asked by the nine-year-old Monica Wood, introduces the author’s poignant account of a defining year in her Mexico, Maine childhood.

The Oxford Paper Company looms large, literally and figuratively, in Wood’s girlhood universe. Her father works at the company six days a week, as do most of the men she knows. They take pride in their work and the paper they make, and are rewarded with living wages. But when Wood’s father dies suddenly, his grieving family struggles to redefine itself. Minus their tie to the mill town’s heart, without a breadwinner to head the family, they feel vulnerable and adrift.

In her brilliant new memoir, this gifted storyteller provides an intimate depiction of one blue-collar family in the cultural melting pot of Mexico, Maine in 1963. Her evocative, colorful portrait, however, is far more expansive than this narrow scope might suggest. Wood skillfully switches between the naive voice of youth and the nuanced inflection of adulthood; the result is an insightful reflection on family, faith, and a small town childhood.

*Review by Alida Snow, Reference Assistant, Glickman Library.*



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[usm.maine.edu/  
laptopprinting](http://usm.maine.edu/laptopprinting)

## From the Learning Commons

USM is making the transition from Blackboard Elluminate to Adobe Connect, as more faculty are incorporating synchronous virtual learning experiences into their courses! In partnership with the Center for Technology Enhanced Learning (CTEL), the technology tutors at The Learning Commons will be providing Adobe Connect

assistance to students. This will include creating tutorials, offering workshops, and meeting individually with students to help them become more comfortable with the technology.

Working in groups is an excellent strategy to engage students in the learning process, and the use of group study rooms has been constant throughout the fall semester. To address geographical distance as a potential barrier for group learning, The Learning Commons will be marketing Google Hangout as a vehicle for students to work with others. Google Hangout is a free tool allowing up to 15 simultaneous users to connect via audio and video. All users can share screens, watch YouTube videos, text in the chat room, and share documents in real time. The big-screen monitors in The Learning Commons’ group study rooms already make these spaces “hot spots” for technology-enhanced group work. Google Hangout allows students to connect with those physically in the group study rooms from any computer! Book a room at [webapp.usm.maine.edu/openroom](http://webapp.usm.maine.edu/openroom)



## Spring 2013 Library Hours

### USM Library Addresses

Glickman Family Library  
314 Forest Avenue  
Portland Maine 04101  
(207) 780-4270

Gorham Campus Library  
37 College Avenue  
Gorham, Maine 04038  
(207) 780-5345

Lewiston-Auburn Campus Library  
51 Westminster Street  
Lewiston, Maine 04240  
(207) 753-6540

**Text Us A Question@**  
**(207) 482-0344**



#### 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

Sunday	Closed
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.

\*See Library hours for **exceptions** and changes at:  
[usm.maine.edu/library/location-and-hours](http://usm.maine.edu/library/location-and-hours)

## Data Loss: What To Know Before You Write Your Paper!

We've all done it. And afterward, you never do it again! Trying to save papers and projects to school computers is a recipe for disaster! So if you haven't lost work on a computer at school, listen up and *it* won't happen to you!

### Rule 1 Always bring your flash drive with you to the library

Your flash drive is your best chance of saving your hard work, especially if you have a large file. Remember, large files might not always go through your email account. Your second job is to make sure you save your work to the correct location. A misplaced click will send your work to the "My Documents" folder instead of your flash drive so *be careful!* You can borrow a flash drive from Circulation if you don't have one.

### Rule 2 If you don't have a flash drive, use your email account

I know, I just told you not to use your email account for large files. But guess what, not all files are large. Papers especially take up very little space. Your accounts at USM are through Google so more space is available than a standard email account. Try sending your file to yourself to protect your hard work!

### Rule 3 Save, save, save!

The library computers are set to re-boot without activity every twenty minutes. So, don't leave to eat thinking your work will be there when you get back—It won't be. Try to save your work every ten minutes. But saving to the regular desktop or "My Documents" is not

an option. Once the computers reboot, even a virus won't be left!

We hope this short list of rules will help you when you are using the library computers. No one wants to lose work. So be aware, and keep your work safe.

