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USM Libraries Go Mobile

If you are on the go and need to look for an article or a book, you can do so with your mobile device and a library app! For years, people have been able to access the libraries 24/7 via the web to search for books, download electronic articles and access services. Now you can perform these searches from a smart phone, iPad, tablet, etc. by just downloading new apps available on the library app page (<http://usm.maine.edu/library/mobile-apps>) or free via iTunes.

There is an app for searching the huge EBSCO database for full-text articles called **EBSCOhost**, and one for searching the USM Library book catalog (URSUS) called **LibAnywhere**. They are fast and formatted to display on your mobile device. Check the library website app page for several other options currently available as well as for new additions. Of course, you can still come to the library ... and we hope you will!! But now the library is, once again, coming to you!



Library Acquires VAST

USM Libraries is proud to present VAST: Academic Video Online! This collection of 20,000 full-length videos includes newsreels, lectures, documentaries, training videos and primary source videos in every subject area from sources such as HBO, The History Channel and PBS-- just to name a few! Students can make their own video clips to embed, email and share with classmates. Faculty will want to use VAST to add video subject matter to Blackboard when developing their classes. VAST is searchable by keyword, person, subject and format, and is available from the *USM Library Databases* under 'A' for Academic Videos Online. For more information, see one of our helpful librarians!

Faculty Spaces!

Faculty can now reserve the two new collaborative spaces designated for their use right from their office. OpenRoom, the program that allows users to reserve group study rooms online, has now added Faculty Collaboration Rooms A and B in Glickman Library Learning Commons to the list of rooms available. The Library hopes faculty will enjoy this new service. Students, you can use them when they are empty, but these rooms can only be reserved by faculty — we have 18 group study rooms and a number of other spaces for you on all three campuses!

Sage Advice from *Dear Crabby...*



Dear Crabby,

I live in a dorm on the Gorham campus. I've seen pictures of the Portland campus library and it looks way bigger than the one here, so... does that mean I'm going to have to get on the bus and go to Portland for all my books and articles?

Thanks!

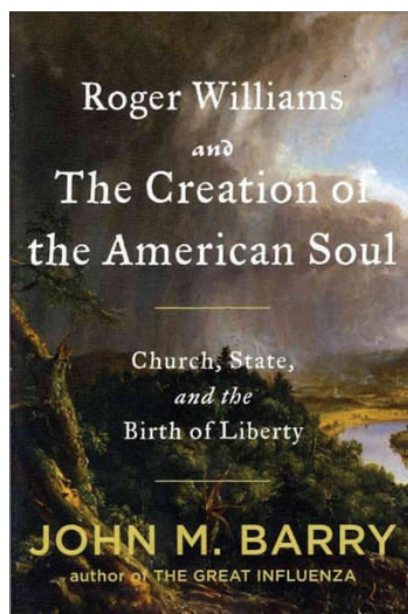
Wondering in Woodward

Dear Wondering,

USM is one university, and we think of ourselves as one library on three campuses so don't get on that bus yet! If Portland's Library (or any of the libraries in the University of Maine system) has a book you want, in most cases you can borrow it online and have it sent to you within a day or two. Better yet, *most* of our databases, *many* of our journals, and *over 50,000* of our books are available electronically, so you can read them anywhere you have a computer. We also provide document delivery for journal articles not available electronically. We've been doing this multi-campus thing for a while now, and we've developed ways to help you get the library materials you need, whether you're in Gorham or Gokstad. So just drop in to any of the libraries - Gorham, Lewiston, or Portland – and ask us about how we can save you a trip!

Crabby

Book Review



Adeptly separating myth from reality, John Barry searches the heart of the American Puritan movement in his newest book, Roger Williams and the creation of the American Soul : Church, State, and the Birth of Liberty. The 1630s were a tumultuous time of American birth and English civil war, yet Barry engagingly sorts and assesses our forebears.

While hiding kisses with the handsome Duke of Buckingham, King James orders the writing of a new edition of the Bible. “A city upon a hill” is born under John Winthrop in Massachusetts. England descends into civil war. Ann Hutchinson dissents with legalistic Puritans and Roger Williams conceives a Rhode Island in which church is not state, and state is not church. Serving as the focal point of these 464 pages, Roger Williams grows up under the tutelage of Britain’s remarkable jurist, Sir Edward Coke, only to be cast out sick, amid a raging Massachusetts blizzard by his like-minded Puritan “friends,” yet he survives to fight another day for the religious tolerance he names “Soul Liberty.” Like Hutchinson, Williams’ seemingly slight differences with the church/state under Winthrop spark issues we still wrestle with today; issues that are dismembered for public display, like many of their supporters, in this true tale of religion in America.

By Bill Grubb, Head of Reference & Instruction Services

Subject Guides Become More Interactive

The USM Librarians have been working hard to update their subject and course guides making them fun, informational and interactive! Students will be presented with videos, pictures and “get-you-started” links that will send you on your way to useful information without long lists of links and paragraphs of text. An embedded video can explain a concept like nothing else! Colorful drawings and photos brighten up the screen while you read. The librarians have also added files you can download, surveys and more! Check out the new guides from the Subject Guides link on our homepage: usm.maine.edu/library

Color printing is now available at all three campus libraries!!

From the Learning Commons

Chemistry and Physics are not the only new areas for tutoring this fall. The Coordinator of Academic Support, Paul Dexter, is promising a new service in note-taking, time management and other academic strategies! According to Dexter, “These ‘peer academic coaches’ will sit down with students and address needs that are commonly addressed in the LAC 180 class, but that would be of benefit to all students.” The new service is through partnership with the Honors Program. Students interested in becoming a peer academic advisor obtain specialized training through Paul Dexter. Students interested in going through the training program in the future should call 780-5577. Additional academic support resources will be added to the Learning Commons website throughout the semester. Visit usm.maine.edu/learningcommons

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our job!*



Got Questions? Get Answers @ the Library

Student/Faculty Workshops

Every Wednesday at Noon, 223 Glickman Library

usm.maine.libguides.com/workshops

Sept. 5, Google Scholar: Google with Spectacles

Sept. 12, Off-Campus Access: Can't Sleep? Do Homework!

Sept. 19, Streaming Video Collection: Ironman? No, But Still Good!

Sept. 26, ProQuest Newsstand: A Database with Eggs and Coffee

Oct. 3, Pivot Tables in Excel

Oct. 10, RefWorks: Auto-Citer

Oct. 17, Making Media Productions in "The Vault": Behind Closed Doors!

Oct. 24, Maine Download Library: Download for Free!

Oct. 31, Practice Tests Online (LearningExpress Library): GRE or Bust!

Nov. 7, Finding Peer-Reviewed Articles: Experts R Us!

Nov. 14, Prezi: PowerPoint with Dramamine

Nov. 21, Thanksgiving Break

Nov. 28, Google Docs: Files in the Clouds

Dec. 5, Mobile Access to Databases: Can You Access Me?

Dec. 12, Text a Librarian: Hey, I Need H3lp!



Our Facebook site is in full swing this year with "Admins" Library staff members Tim Lynch and Bill Sargent. According to Lynch, "we've committed to making the Facebook page more dynamic this year, so expect more of everything!" The Facebook page utilizes the "timeline" option available to subscribers and features news from the library world, local interest posts, personality profiles, and more. "We'd like to make the Library Facebook page one of the most visited on campus," Lynch said. "The Library and the Learning Commons are hoping for many more "Likes!"

Fall 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.

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 fall vacations and finals.

<http://www.usm.maine.edu/library/location-and-hours>