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!
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](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 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).

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## 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!
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Got Questions? Get Answers @ the Library

Student/Faculty Workshops
Every Wednesday at noon, 223 Glickman Library
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 Collections ...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

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