

Portland State Library

Fall 2007 Newsletter

<http://www.pdx.edu/library>



Better, Faster Research!

Get answers to your questions 24/7. Chat, e-mail, or telephone a librarian. The Portland State Library's Ask Us! webpage is a click away at

www.pdx.edu/library/askus.html

where you will find phone numbers, and links for email and live chat. The Portland State Library is part of the Oregon statewide virtual reference service, L-net, where you can talk to a librarian and get answers to your questions 24/7.

Ask a librarian a question anytime, anywhere – all you need is an Internet connection and a web browser such as Internet Explorer or Firefox. You can chat with a librarian even when the Library is closed!

At Portland State, you also have access to librarians with expertise in your subject area. Look up your subject at www.pdx.edu/library/appointments.html for contact information.

We have answers to your questions. Ask Us!

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"Personally, I feel as though the Library staff has been incredibly helpful in my research. Whenever I have come to check out books, listen to albums, or just simply ask questions, the people have been more than helpful."

- Undergraduate Student

"I think the Library is one of the finest resources Portland State offers....Whenever I need something, your librarians and staff are able to locate it.....Everyone seems so well informed about how to get things, access things, do things. The research librarians are amazing. I am a BIG fan!"

-Graduate Student

I want to thank your librarians for coming to our communication class and giving a wonderful presentation about library research. We received numerous comments from students about how helpful the process was and how much it helped with their final project. Thank you!

-Faculty



University Librarian Welcome!

The Library is a friendly place where librarians are available with expertise in the subjects you study. We want to make it easy to navigate your assignments and quickly find the resources most useful for you to be successful at Portland State.

Visit us during the 94 hours/seven days a week, the Millar Library is open. Call us, email us, or chat with us online. Twenty-four hours a day, there is a wealth of resources available to you at the Library homepage, www.pdx.edu/library.

Your Odin account is the key for you to gain remote access to online databases and other research tools that are restricted to Portland State students and faculty. Whether online, in print, on a video or sound recording, or other format, the material you need is owned by the Library, or can be borrowed from another. Get to know your Library and librarians! You will find greater satisfaction and success in your academic life if you do.

Welcome and best wishes in the Fall Term!

Helen H. Spalding
University Librarian

Keeping Your Author Rights and Dealing with Copyright Law

Have you found yourself thinking "I wish I didn't have to give up my copyright, but I don't know what to do or whom to ask?" Have you ever had to ask for permission to use your own work? Or have you wondered if there is a way to create coursepacks that are more affordable for your students? Do you know if it is okay to show "The Great Gatsby" in class or post video clips from "Saving Private Ryan" to WebCT?

The Library can help you with all these issues! The Copyright Working Group is working with representatives from many units on and off campus to develop a comprehensive set of tools to help you retain the rights to your work and to simplify the process for obtaining the rights to use the work of others in class and online.

The updated copyright website at www.lib.pdx.edu/copyright provides links to these tools and more. You will find an FAQ with answers to some of the most common copyright questions and links to information about author rights. Portland State's updated copyright policy and guidelines also appear there.

Your Portland State Library: So Much Better Than Angst; So Much More Than a Bunch of Old Books!

I'm going to be honest here. This isn't unusual. I'm a librarian. We aren't generally known for being surly and disagreeable.

Visit the Library, will you!

OK, maybe some of us are a little dramatic, but I'm probably just the exception.

I think there are a lot of people who just forget we're even here and what we have to offer. I mean, there are very few places where you can just walk in and get FREE STUFF!!!!

That's right. We're here to GIVE you: books; a quiet place to study or get away from your annoying roommate; computers to use; a wireless connection; and heaps of other cool things. Meet your friends here and study together in one of our study rooms.

My job rocks!

We're here to HELP you find anything you need to complete your assignments as fast and painlessly as possible. I know, I know, I've heard it a thousand times and I'll hear it a thousand more: "I just use the Internet and I find everything I need."

Yes, sounds good to me. There are heaps of really great free stuff out there to use when you need to write a paper. I won't disagree at all.

But have you ever had a professor tell you to only use "scholarly journal" articles? How about an instructor who writes in the syllabus that you are outright BANNED from using Wikipedia?

Did I hear you say, "Later, Dude! I'm dropping the course!"

Don't give up. Give in ... to my invitation to visit the Library. Come check us out!

Rick Koelling
Reference Librarian



Portland State Library Fall Book Sale November 1 - November 4

Don't miss the thousands of bargains at the Portland State Library Fall Book Sale. Proceeds from the sale benefit the Library.

Hardcover books \$2
Paperbacks \$1
Records, sheet music, cds, tapes, videos, maps, and magazines - 25 cents to \$2!

HOURS

Thursday, November 1
12 Noon - 9 pm
Friday, November 2
7:30 am - 7 pm
Saturday, November 3
10 am - 7 pm
Sunday, November 4
Noon - 9 pm

Portland State Library
1875 SW Park (Park & Hall)

Questions? Ask Us!
Book Sale Coordinator:
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Drop-in Classes & Tours can be a Lifesaver!

Don't drown in a sea of books and online resources! A lifesaver for you is the Portland State University Library where tours and drop-in classes help you stay afloat and sweep through your assignments!

Schedule a Library Tour 24 hours in advance through Molly Blalock-Koral at 503- 725-4424. Bring your friends! This brief half hour tour will save you lots of time later, when you feel the midterm crunch.

The Library Research Essentials class will introduce you to our online catalog, databases, and more, so you are prepared to use the library effectively and efficiently. The Research Clinics are for students who have specific research needs or questions. Each class is only one hour and is held in 220J on the second floor of the Library. Individuals and groups are welcome! For scheduling information, go to www.pdx.edu/library/schedule_introsessions.html.

There are research workshops and classes that cover many topics, ranging from basic introductory sessions to advanced research techniques. Several of these classes are just right for you! View the Library's calendar for scheduled sessions and descriptions: click for the [October](#) and [November](#) workshop schedules.

Drop in at the Library and let us help save you time!



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For more Information about the Library's Events & Exhibits,
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FALL Events & Exhibits

[August 15 –October 10](#) – Exhibit of the facsimile, preliminary sketches for Picasso's *Guernica* – 1st Floor

[7 pm, October 5](#) –Professor Sue Taylor's "No Bombs, No Planes:
Picasso's *Guernica* "Presentation – 2nd Floor

[Noon-4pm, October 9](#) – Middle East Marketing Strategies, Hotel DeLuxe

[October 15 – November 30](#) – How the Ink Feels – American contemporary poetry exhibit, 1st Floor

[7 pm, October 19 & 20](#) – Corinne Marrinan presents her award-winning documentary, Norman Corwin: Note of Triumph, at the 5th Avenue Cinema