Connecting the Past to the Present: Using the Archives in Classes

Educators are always looking for new ideas to make learning experiences interesting and challenging for students. One of the ways to enrich learning is to connect the past to the present. By giving students an opportunity to research primary sources, the past comes alive in a way often not possible in today’s Internet age.

The Archives and Area Research Center of Cofrin Library is a treasure of original materials on just about any topic imaginable. Not just for history majors, the Archives can help with assignments in many disciplines. For example, a graphics class might look at consumer products ads over time to evaluate changes in style or presentation. A geography class would gain a greater understanding of land use patterns by using original maps and community plans housed in the Archives. A communications class studying media could study the differences in the media coverage of events such as Lincoln’s assassination versus JFK’s assassination; or, even the differences in media coverage of elections. An environmental science class studying the Niagara Escarpment would find it useful to analyze the unpublished conference proceedings and reports. Finally, a humanities course might compare and contrast a movie of a historical time period with diaries written by individuals living the event. The possibilities are limitless!

The Archives staff will work with you to develop assignments, provide instruction, and hold research times for your classes. Even if you only have a concept for an assignment or project, contact the Archives! We will be happy to work with you in developing and implementing course assignments and projects. We are also available to help with your own research as well as students conducting independent study projects.

Contact Archivist Deb Anderson for more information: phone: 465-2539, e-mail: andersod@uwgb.edu. Archives is located in Cofrin Library, room 705. More information is available via our website at: www.uwgb.edu/archives

NoodleTools Drop-In Workshops

NoodleTools is a resource your students can use to gather and organize citations for papers and projects.

Noodle Tools allows users to make annotations, create notecards and export bibliographies in several different citation styles, including APA, MLA,
and Chicago.

The library is offering several workshops to help you and your students get the most out of this amazing product. Workshop registration can be found at: http://libguides.uwgb.edu/noodle-tools.

If you would like to offer the NoodleTools workshop to your students as an extra credit opportunity, contact Librarian Renee Ettinger at ettinger@uwgb.edu

Integrating Library Resources into Your D2L Course

Did you know you can incorporate full-text library database articles and streaming videos into your D2L courses?

The library has designed a guide for faculty that provides assistance on how to use these materials directly in your D2L course. You will also find information on our embedded librarian program and course guides. Check it out: http://libguides.uwgb.edu/d2l.

Some New (but not really new!) Faces in Instruction

Cofrin Library’s information literacy program – the library class sessions we do; the course guides and tutorials we create – has grown over the past couple of years.

Last year, we met with 130 classes. We also have over 200 guides for courses and programs—these were viewed over 80,000 times last academic year!

Joe Hardenbrook has served as the primary instruction librarian, while Renee Ettinger has been back-up. But Joe and Renee can’t do it alone anymore! Now you’ll see the other public services librarians – Anne Kasuboski, Emily Rogers, and Mitchell Scott – also working with Joe and Renee in leading library sessions and creating course guides, too.

Please email Joe Hardenbrook at hardenbj@uwgb.edu to request a library session or course guide. Joe will assign your request to one of our public services librarians and he or she will be in contact with you! More information is on our instruction page: http://libguides.uwgb.edu/instruction.

Library Instruction, Research Help, and More!

From full class sessions to embedded help in D2L, the library has a number of instructional services to meet the needs of your classes:

Library Instruction
Are your students working on an assignment or project that involves research and gathering sources? Schedule a library instruction session! Tailored to your assignment or project, the session can range from a brief demo to a full hands-on class session. Check out our Library Instruction page for more info, and to request a session.

Library Course Guides
Librarians can also create a [library guide](#) for your course. A library guide is a webpage tailored specifically to your course that pulls together only the most relevant research materials and library resources for your students, in addition to research help and tips. To request a library guide, contact Instruction & Reference Librarian Joe Hardenbrook at hardenbj@uwgb.edu.

**D2L Embedded Librarian**

You can also partner directly with a librarian in your D2L course. Ideal for online classes or those classes with a large research component, a librarian can field questions from students directly in D2L and provide research tips and assistance. Not sure if a D2L Embedded Librarian is right for your course? Check out our [D2L Embedded Librarian Checklist](#) for more info. For questions, contact Distance Education & Reference Librarian Anne Kasuboski at kasubosa@uwgb.edu.

**What's New in e-Resources?**

New additions to our nearly 200 library databases include:

**Films on Demand Master Academic**: Over 6,000 streaming educational videos from a wide range of disciplines. Stream the videos online from anywhere and you can link to them or embed them into your D2L course.

**Counseling & Therapy in Video**: From Alexander Street Press, over 800 streaming videos related to counseling, social work, psychology, psychotherapy, and psychiatric counseling.

**ArtSource**: From EBSCO, this database covers fine arts, decorative arts, commercial arts, and architecture. It includes over 600 full-text journals, over 200 full-text books, and over 60,000 images.

**Civil War Collection (Accessible Archives)**: Primary source materials from the U.S. Civil War time period, including selected midwestern and southern newspapers, soldiers’ journals, the memoirs of military leaders, and regimental histories of selected units.

**From Packer Land to the Vikings Nation! A New Interlibrary Loan Partnership**

Cofrin Library recently extended the quality and reach of its resource sharing capabilities by agreeing to join in a reciprocal partnership with Minitex. Minitex operates at the University of Minnesota and is a clearing house for a publically supported network of academic, public, state, government and special libraries in Minnesota, North Dakota and South Dakota. Minitex is a leader in the field of resource sharing and in 2012 filled nearly 270,636 loan and article requests from libraries in Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota and Wisconsin.

This is a great addition to Cofrin Library’s resource sharing network and grants UW-Green Bay ILL free access to the collections of over 491 libraries, which includes all thirteen libraries within the University of Minnesota library network. Minitex is also a part of the South Central Library System Delivery Service, which delivers library materials throughout Wisconsin and Minnesota. Being a part of this network means that materials filled by Minitex should arrive within the 1-3 business days. If you have any questions or comments about this new partnership, please contact Mitchell Scott, Resource Sharing Librarian, at scottm@uwgb.edu.

**New Books Spotlight**

Here are a few new books in our collection:
For a full listing of new books for September, check out our blog post.

Books & Media Recommendations

Cofrin Library welcomes suggestions for books and media titles for the collection. Contact librarian Joan Robb in Collection Management at robbj@uwgb.edu.

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