



# INSIDE THE CLARION UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES



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We publish *INSIDE The CU Libraries* weekly, when classes are in session. Here we share information about our services and resources with the campus community. Current and back issues are available online through the NEWS link on the [Libraries' homepage](#).

## Two Weeks And Counting...



With less than two weeks of classes remaining, you may be looking forward to the end of the semester and the year. You may also be apprehensive about what you need to do between now and then. If you have a research project that has stalled, maybe the reference librarians at Carlson and Suhr Libraries can help.

Stop by the Libraries for tips and one-on-one instruction that can save you time and a lot of frustration. If getting to the library when the reference librarians are on duty is a problem, try one of these solutions:

- **Call** Carlson Library (Clarion Campus) at 814-393-2490.
- **Call** Suhr Library (Venango Campus) at 814-393-1242.
- **Clarion Online distance education students** call toll-free at 866-272-5612, press 5 for Library.
- **Chat** by clicking the button on the [Libraries'](#) home page to start a *live* conversation with one of our reference librarians. [Chat Live With A Librarian.](#)
- **Text a Librarian** using SMS from your cell phone to us at 814-343-9324 or to our email address: [libsupport@clarion.edu](mailto:libsupport@clarion.edu).
  - *Note: Standard messaging rates apply.* Remember that SMS stands for **Short Message Service**. If the question (or answer) requires in-depth discussion, you probably should contact the reference librarian using one of the other options.
- [LibAnswers](#) is an online reference service. This database of questions and answers that others have previously asked might have what you are looking for.
- **Email** is great when immediate feedback is not crucial or when the reference librarians are not on duty. Submit requests for assistance using

[Your link to all of the Libraries' resources](#)

## PILOT

[Search the Libraries' online catalog](#)

## Databases A-Z

[Search the Libraries' extensive collection of electronic journals and e-books](#)

## Contact Us

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our [Ask A Librarian](#) online reference form. It is available at the [Libraries' website](#), through the [Ask A Librarian / LibAnswers](#) link.

Don't forget about all the tutorials and resource lists that are also available at the Libraries' Website!

## What Is LexisNexis Academic?



[LexisNexis® Academic](#) is an online database where you can find timely and critical news reports, legal resources, and business information. It has an easy-to-use interface and powerful research capabilities. There are "Hot Topics Links" on the search screen and links to research guides that will help to get you started or to complete your assignment.

*LexisNexis Academic* contains:

- News reports – current & historical
  - More than 3,000 newspapers from around the globe
  - More than 2,000 magazines, journals, and newsletters
  - Broadcast transcripts from major media companies
  - Wire service updates throughout the day
- Legal resources – primary & secondary
  - Federal and state laws from 1988 to date
  - Federal and state court decisions
  - State codes and regulations
- Business resources for 80 million companies
  - Business news sources
  - Business financial information
  - SEC filings

*LexisNexis Academic* is available through the [Libraries' Homepage](#). In the green "Research" block, click on the [Databases A-Z](#) link, then scroll down the alphabetical list or use the link to jump to the "L" section of databases.

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## New Library System Software Coming



Clarion University Libraries and other state system libraries are migrating to a new library services platform software from the ExLibris company. Alma, the new ILS, is replacing our Voyager software that has been in use for over 20 years. Voyager was used for cataloging books and other items, circulating items, and was visible to library users as the PILOT library catalog.

This has been a busy year with staff working behind the scenes to get Alma and the patron/user side, Primo, ready for use. There will be problems

as not all records transfer very well from older technology to newer technology. If you see item records that are unreadable or hyperlinks that don't work, report them to the Reference Desk.

Please be patient as the Libraries work out the kinks with Alma and the patron/user side called Primo. Library employees are receiving training now and student employees who work at the Circulation desks at Carlson and Suhr will be trained soon. We will begin checking items in and out of the libraries with Alma on April 28. **Circulation staff will be working on the transition from April 25th – 27th so please be especially patient to workers at the Circulation Desks at Carlson and Suhr Libraries during this time.**

The new Library catalog, Primo, will be visible to users on April 28th with the link on the library webpage. If you have any questions or need assistance, stop by the Libraries or call Carlson Library at 393-2490 or Suhr Library at 393-1242. Clarion Online distance education students may call toll-free at 866-272-5612 (press 5 for Library). Chat and other online services are available at the Ask a Librarian!/LibAnswers! link on our Website.

## The S.W.A.T. Minion's Tip: Time To Save!



As we approach the end of the semester, the Minions at the Carlson Library S.W.A.T. desk want to remind you...

- **Save Early.** When you start writing that paper that's due all-too-soon, get in the habit of saving it as soon as you have the first paragraph complete.
- **Save Often.** You work really hard to get the wording just right. Don't risk losing that work. Click "save" at least twice per page.
- **Don't Save To a University Computer.** In order to keep University lab computers "clean" and

as fast as possible, all documents are deleted when the computer is restarted – *for any reason.*

If the power fails, if the power plug accidentally get knocked loose, if the computer freezes and can only be fixed with a restart, the result is the same. Any file or document saved to the hard drive is erased!

- **Use A USB Thumb Drive or Cloud Storage.** There are no guarantees in life, but you can improve your chances of preserving your work by using one of these options.
- **We Are Here To Help!** As always, if you have a question about computers, printers, or scanners, the S.W.A.T. Team is available on Level A of Carlson Library.

## Cranial Candy: Word Of The Week ...



### niggle

#### PRONUNCIATION:

NIG ull

#### MEANING:

This word has several meanings. We'll focus on these two useful ones:

1. When something niggles you, it's **really bugging you even though it's a small thing.**
2. And when you niggle over something, or niggle with something, or niggle away at something, you're **spending a lot of time and effort getting the little details right, but they really don't matter.**

#### PART OF SPEECH:

*Verb.*

The first meaning is transitive: something niggles someone.

The second meaning is intransitive: you niggle over something, or niggle with something, or niggle away at something.

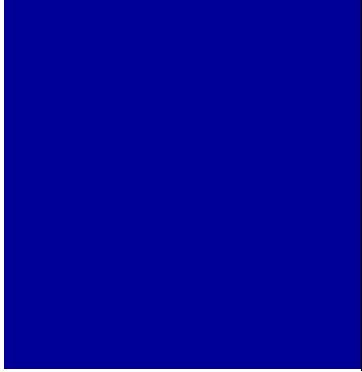
#### USAGE:

For the first meaning, talk about something small yet annoying and persistent that niggles a person: "Nervousness niggled him all morning." "Nothing niggles me more than my own typos." "The possibility of failure became a niggling thought."

For the second meaning, talk about niggling **over** something, or niggling **with** something, or niggling **away at** something, when you mean that you're obsessively getting all the little details right in a fussy way: "I niggled over the lettering on the poster for fifteen minutes." "He keeps niggling with the wording of his ad." "The cat niggled away at her fur."

Although we do not "*repair*" computers, the **S.W.A.T. Team** (Students **Who Assist** [with] Technology) on Level A of Carlson Library is always happy to help. Having an issue? Let us take a *swat* at it!

## Something To Think About



*The meaning of life  
is to find your gift.  
The purpose of life  
is to give it away.*

*~ Pablo Picasso*