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The Clarion University Libraries newsletter is published weekly when classes are in session. Through *INSIDE*, we share information about our services and resources with the campus community. *INSIDE* is best viewed with Microsoft Outlook. However, you can read a PDF version of *INSIDE* online through the [Libraries' homepage](#).

### Database Changes



Three new databases of journals and disciplinary information are available through Carlson and Suhr Libraries this year:

- [JSTOR – Arts and Sciences IV Collection](#) – contains 112 journal titles with content dating from 1842 to a three- to five-years ago moving wall of access. It has content strengths in business, education, and law, with some additional subject content in the areas of history, language, literature, mathematics, and statistics.
- [PolicyMap](#) – an interactive Web-based Geographic Information System for creating custom demographic maps, tables, and reports. Available data includes more than 10,000 indicators such as census demographics, home sale statistics, health data, mortgage trends, school performance scores, labor data, crime statistics, and much more.
- [SciFinder](#) - a research discovery tool that provides extensive references to journal and patent literature in the sciences including chemistry, biomedical sciences, and metals sciences, among others. Extensive coverage of organic and inorganic substances and predicted reactions and access to the CAS Registry is provided. **First Time Users Must Register by [Clicking here](#)**

## PILOT

Search the Libraries' online catalog

## Databases A-Z

Search the Libraries' extensive collection of electronic journals and e-books

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## Student Tip: Whiteboards



Could your study group benefit from using a whiteboard?

Carlson Library has numerous whiteboards available on Level A. The large whiteboards are on wheels and can be moved almost anywhere on Level A. The small whiteboards double as easels and they too can be moved anywhere on the floor.

Sets of markers can be checked-out at the Circulation Desk.

## Faculty Tip: VHS Tapes



Are you using VHS video tapes in your classroom?

VHS technology is quickly becoming obsolete and is being replaced by other forms of media. Manufacturers are stopping production of the old VHS players used in many of the campus smart classrooms. Although Computing Services will continue to make VHS players

available in smart classrooms, over this academic year, faculty should begin to develop plans for transitioning away from VHS to another form of media.

If you are using VHS tapes for your classes, please let the library know. Provide us with the title of the VHS tape and how you use it (face-to-face class, online class, assignment for students to view on their own time, etc.) and we will investigate the availability of the title in DVD, Blu-ray, or streaming video formats. The University Libraries will do what we can to acquire appropriate replacements.

Computing Services, who supports the smart classroom equipment, has a limited set of spare VHS players and will work with departments to meet faculty needs when a classroom VHS player failure is encountered. Blu-ray players will be used as the standard replacement when no VHS needs exist.

## Computer Tip: Cookies (Milk Not Required)



A browser cookie is a small piece of data produced by a web site that you have visited, stored in your browser, and then sent back to the web site the next time you visit. Cookies are used to save session between visits, to keep you logged in to a site, or even store your preferences.

For instance, when you visit a site and use the login page, a special cookie is placed on your computer with a unique identifier. This identifier is used the next time you click on a page to verify that you have already logged in and look up your user details.

Many people wrongly think that cookies are a privacy problem, or that Web sites can steal your cookies, or use cookies to place something bad on your computer. The reality is that cookies are just tiny pieces of text, and can only be sent back to the same Web site that originally created them. They are very useful, and when you wipe your cookies, you are simply logging yourself out of every Web site at once.

Cookies are also a delicious food...my favorite is "oatmeal" (with a tall glass of ice-cold milk).

## Cranial Candy: Flight 93



On Tuesday morning, September 11, 2001, the U.S. came under attack when four commercial airliners were hijacked and used to strike targets on the ground. Nearly 3,000 people tragically lost their lives. Because of the actions of the 40 passengers and crew aboard one of the planes, Flight 93, the attack on the U.S. Capitol was thwarted.

Located in a field outside of the rural southwestern Pennsylvania town of Shanksville, the National Park Service's Flight 93 National Memorial is only about 2 ½ hours from Clarion. Until you can make the trip in person, visit the [website](#) to read the story of these brave and selfless people.

## Something To Think About:



*Once you begin to acknowledge  
random acts of kindness  
– both the ones you have received  
and the ones you have given –  
you can no longer believe that  
what you do does not matter.  
~Dawna Markova*