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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](#).

Last Week To Take The Survey!



Over 900 people have *looked* at the survey but only 641 have *completed* the survey.

Come on, we can do better!

Help us to learn what's important to you and to assess how we are doing in

meeting your needs by taking the [LIBQUAL+ Survey](#). The link to the survey appears on the [Library](#) Webpage.

This is an important library quality survey so please take about 6 minutes of your time this week to complete the survey.

After finishing the survey, enter your university email to be entered into the prize drawing (university library faculty and library staff are not eligible to win prizes).

Prizes include:

- Google Nexus 7
- \$100 Wal-Mart Gift Card
- \$75 Amazon Gift Card
- \$50 Sheetz Gift Card
- \$25 Barnes & Noble Gift Card.

Someone at Clarion University has to win these prizes and *it could be you!*

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Faculty Promotion & Tenure Recognition



Please join us this afternoon (Tuesday, November 27th) at 3:30 p.m. on Level A of the Carlson Library for the Annual Faculty Promotion and Tenure Recognition Celebration.

We are honoring six new Full Professors, two new Associate Professors, and seven newly tenured faculty members. Congratulations to all!

Papers Due?



Need assistance with that research paper or project that's due next week?

The reference librarians at Carlson and Suhr Libraries can help. Stop by the libraries or call Carlson Library at 393-2490 or Suhr Library at 676-6591. Distance Education Students may use the

special toll-free number provide just for you.

If you're comfortable with online Chat sessions, we do that to. There's a link on the right side of the Library's Website.

If immediate feedback is not crucial or if it's a time when the reference librarians are not on duty, you may also submit requests for assistance using our [Ask a Librarian](#) online reference form. It is available at the library Website, <http://www.clarion.edu/library/> under the "Services and Collection" heading or through the Chat button on the library homepage when librarians aren't available to chat.

Don't forget about all the tutorials and resource lists also available at the library Website.

Faculty Authors Speaking Wednesday: *Tilting At Windmills*



Welcome to graduate school, where all the students are above average (to borrow from Garrison Keillor).

Drs. Marilyn Harhai and Janice Krueger, professors of Library Science, will speak on the topic of student assessment, "Tilting at Windmills: Assessing High Performing Student Populations."

"Assessment is the process of collecting information about student learning to improve education. In our case, what do we want students to know at the end of the program and how will we know if they get there?"

While seemingly straightforward, we found ourselves tilting at windmills using traditional assessment techniques and try them we did: portfolios, standardized tests, grades, authentic assessments.

Joyously, we consistently found our students were high performing. Why? In graduate school, and in other disciplines such as teacher education, students must have a GPA of 3.0 or better to enter the program. We will define these students as high performing student populations. Shockingly, when we assessed these students, we found that they were high performing.

Yet another approach to assessment was needed. The development of an assessment approach, which included a review of previous assessment activities, competency/learning outcomes alignment, instrument development, and an assessment framework, will be explained."

Please join us for this presentation on **Wednesday, November 28th at noon in Carlson Library on Level A.** Light Refreshments will be served.

The Brown Bag series is co-organized by Dr. Susan Boyden and Dr. Susan Prezzano and is partially supported by Partners in Teaching.

Library Tip: Roving Reference



Need help finding information from the libraries to complete an assignment? Having trouble locating a scholarly journal article? Want some one-on-one instruction on our online library resources?

Look for our *Roving Reference* Librarians in the following locations this semester:

<i>Location</i>	<i>Day</i>	<i>Time</i>
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Still Thurs 1:30 - 3:00
Hall day p.m. p.m.
Lobby

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As always, you may visit or [contact reference librarians](#) in Carlson and Suhr Libraries during their regularly scheduled reference hours.

Computer Tip: How To Safely Clean A Touchscreen



Once you understand what to do and what *not* to do, you can safely clean a smartphone or tablet's touchscreen in just a few seconds, removing the build-up of oil, dust, and other grime that can accumulate on these devices as we rub our fingers over them all day.

What Not To Do

- NEVER use harsh chemicals, including Windex, anything with ammonia, or alcohol-based cleaners. If a liquid is necessary, use a small amount of water on the cloth. You can purchase special cleaning solutions, but these solutions are not necessary.
- NEVER use abrasive cloths, paper towels, or tissue paper, which can scratch the touchscreen. The scratches will be small and build up over time, damaging and dulling the screen.
- NEVER use a large amount of water. If water is necessary to clean the screen, slightly dampen a cloth. Do not put water directly on your screen. If using liquid, it's a good idea to power off your device.
- NEVER press too hard while cleaning the screen. This can damage your device.

If you've had the foresight to install a screen protector, this changes things a little. The plastic screen protector provides a bit of leeway and allows you to use other types of cleaning solutions.

What To Do

- Get a Microfiber Cloth

To clean a touchscreen, all you really need is a microfiber cloth. For dirtier screens, you may also need a small amount of plain water (no soap).

Microfiber cloths are cheap and readily available. You may have received one already with a pair of glasses or an electronic device. Why microfiber? It contains very small fibers that won't scratch your touch screen. It also attracts dust and oils, pulling them off your

device's screen instead of rubbing them around the screen.

In a pinch, you can use cotton, such as a cotton cloth or the corner of a cotton t-shirt, but this won't work nearly as well.

How To Clean a Touch Screen

Now that you have the appropriate cloth to clean your screen, the process is very simple:

1. Turn off the device. This step is optional, but if you'll be using any water, it's a good idea. At the very least, turning off the device's screen allows you to see the dirt more easily.
2. Wipe horizontally or vertically across the touchscreen in one repeating direction with the microfiber cloth. For example, start at the left side of the screen and wipe straight across to the right side of the screen. Some people recommend rubbing in small circles, which can help remove more stubborn grime, but this can also rub the dirt into your screen, damaging it. The wiping-across motion sweeps grime off the screen, and is the safest way to clean the screen.
3. If necessary, use a small amount of water (don't add soap or anything else to the water) to make a corner of the cloth slightly damp. Use the damp part of the cloth to clean the screen in the same way. (Rubbing in a small circle may be necessary if grime refuses to come off.)
4. Wipe the screen with the dry part of the microfiber cloth -- in the same way you cleaned the touchscreen above -- to dry it off a bit. Leave the rest of the water on the screen to air-dry; don't try too hard to dry it with the cloth.

Other Tips

- To clean the microfiber cloth itself. and prevent build-up of dirt, soak the cloth in warm, soapy water, rinse well, and let it dry. Don't use any harsh chemicals to clean the cloth, either. These can damage the cloth.
- Remember to wash your hands regularly to keep your device's screen clean - less oil on your hands means less smudges and dirt (not to mention *germs*) on your touchscreen.



There is a lot more to efficient Googling than you might think: in a recent study on student research skills, **3 out of 4 students** couldn't perform a 'well-executed search' on Google. When the success of your term paper hangs in the balance, using Google effectively is crucial, but most students surprisingly **just don't know how**.

We at the Clarion University Libraries are here to help. But if you must "Google," check out this [infographic](#) for some crucial tips for **refining your Googling**.

Something To Think About:



*Each of us will one day be judged
by our standard of life –
not by our standard of living;
by our measure of giving –
not by our measure of wealth;
by our simple goodness –
not by our seeming greatness.
~ William Arthur Ward*