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Library Home

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



A PASSHE bid process has resulted in changes in the vendors that provide access to two library databases. The database content is the same; however, the vendor search software is different. This is what changed:

[EconLit](#)

Citations and abstracts to economic research dating back to 1886.

Provides links to full-text articles in all fields of economics, including capital markets, country studies, econometrics, economic forecasting, environmental economics, government regulations, labor economics, monetary theory, urban economics, and much more. This database can be searched simultaneously with other databases as part of [EBSCOhost](#).

[Philosopher's Index](#)

Covers scholarly research in all major fields of philosophy, including aesthetics, axiology, philosophy of education, epistemology, ethics, philosophy of history, philosophy of language, logic, metaphysics, philosophical anthropology, metaphilosophy, political philosophy, philosophy of science, social philosophy, and the philosophy of religion.

Contains research published since 1940 including nearly 570 journals from 43 countries with content representing a variety of languages. This database can be searched simultaneously with other databases as part of [ProQuest](#), under the Social Sciences category.

Changes in a business relationship and marketing rights resulted in ProQuest Statistical Datasets becoming Data-Planet Statistical Datasets or simply, Statistical Datasets.

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

Dr. Terry Latour
Dean of Libraries

Statistical Datasets

Aggregates over 100 public domain and licensed quantitative datasets in a single, easy to use interface.

Data on banking & finance, criminal justice and law, education, energy, government & politics, health, industry, labor, natural resources, population, transportation, and more than 600 other subjects are available in tables, charts, maps and other customizable formats.

Library Tip - Simple Tip To Protect Your Money!



You probably already know that you can print from the Libraries' computers. Did you know that your student ID card comes pre-loaded with \$5 (one-time) so you can start printing right away?

Did you also know that you can add "Eagle Dollars" (\$25 minimum) to your ID card so that you can keep on printing (or purchasing goods on and off

campus)?

"Virtual" money on a student ID is so convenient! Keep in mind that it is exactly the same as cash. You have to *be careful not to lose it*.

One simple way to protect your money is to always click "End Session" after paying for a print job. That's right...if you don't click "End Session," there is the possibility of someone printing from your stash of cash.

Don't take chances...One click could save a lot.

Student Tip - Great Study Spaces



Carlson and Suhr Libraries are great places to study. They have comfortable seating, as well as plenty of desktop and laptop computers available for use.

Carlson library has group study rooms on three floors and quiet study spaces on Levels 2 & 3.

At **Suhr** on the Venango College Campus, you can borrow a laptop for out-of-the-library and overnight use.

Both libraries are wireless zones if you have your own computer or other electronic device.

If you need help locating or understanding information resources, reference librarians are available to assist you.

Faculty Tip: Streaming Videos



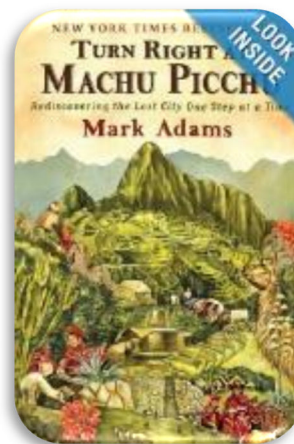
Faculty, if you would like your students to have access to commercial motion pictures for educational purposes, please contact us. We are continuing to work with Swank's *Digital Campus* service to acquire streaming video rights for individual titles that you and your students may have access to for a semester.

There *is* a cost per title for this service which the library will cover as long as the requests and costs are reasonable. If you would like more information about this service, please contact Terry Latour at 393-1931 or email the Dean at tlatour@clarion.edu.

Upcoming Book Club Events!

Wednesday, September 25
6 pm

Join us for a casual conversation about:



Turn Right at Machu Picchu
by Mark Adams

What happens when an unadventurous adventure writer tries to re-create the original expedition to Machu Picchu?

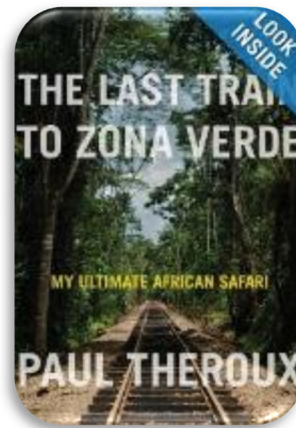
In 1911, Hiram Bingham III climbed into the Andes Mountains of Peru and “discovered” Machu Picchu. While history has recast Bingham as a villain who stole both priceless artifacts and credit for finding the great archeological site, Mark Adams set out to retrace the explorer’s perilous path in search of the truth—except he’d written about adventure far more than he’d actually lived it. In fact, he’d never even slept in a tent.

Turn Right at Machu Picchu is Adams' fascinating and funny account of his journey through some of the world's most majestic, historic, and remote landscapes guided only by a hard-as-nails Australian survivalist and one nagging question

Wednesday, October 30

6 pm

Join us for a casual conversation about:



The Last Train to Zona Verde

by Paul Theroux

Following the success of the acclaimed *Ghost Train to the Eastern Star* and *The Great Railway Bazaar*, *The Last Train to Zona Verde* is an ode to the last African journey of the world's most celebrated travel writer.

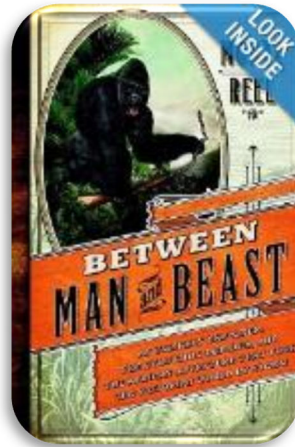
“Happy again, back in the kingdom of light,” writes Paul Theroux as he sets out on a new journey through the continent he knows and loves best.

Theroux first came to Africa as a twenty-two-year-old Peace Corps volunteer, and the pull of the vast land never left him. Now he returns, after fifty years on the road, to explore the little-traveled territory of western Africa and to take stock both of the place and of himself.

Wednesday, November 20

6 pm

Join us for a casual conversation about:



Between Man and Beast: An Unlikely Explorer, the Evolution Debates, and the African Adventure that Took the Victorian World by Storm

by Monte Reel

The unbelievably riveting adventure of an unlikely young explorer who emerged from the jungles of Africa with evidence of a mysterious, still mythical beast—the gorilla—only to stumble straight into the center of the biggest debate of the day: Darwin's theory of evolution

The book club is held at:
The Clarion Free Library
644 Main Street
Clarion, PA 16214
Lower Level

Everyone is welcome.
Please let others who might be interested
in reading travel and leisure books
know about our book club.

Copies of the book(s) will be
available to borrow from the Clarion Free Library.

Feel free to email Marilyn Harhai (mharhai@clarion.edu)
for more information or with questions.

The book club was started with a
Clarion University Community Fellows Grant.
Please join us!

Computer Tip: Increase Battery Life



Most laptops don't have all-day battery life. Rather than always using your laptop tethered to an outlet, here are some ways to squeeze more life from your laptop's battery.

None of these tricks will turn a laptop without much stamina into an all-day workhorse, but they'll help you go without an outlet for a while longer. Pay particular attention to your laptop's display — that's the big battery sucker.

Reduce Screen Brightness

The biggest battery drain on any modern portable electronic device — whether it's a laptop, smartphone, or tablet — is the display. Reducing your screen's brightness is a simple way to squeeze significantly more time from your laptop's battery.

On a typical laptop, you generally hold the Function (Fn) key and press the brightness buttons on your laptop keyboard. The lower the brightness level, the longer you can use your laptop on battery power.

Disable Bluetooth and Other Hardware Devices

Your laptop likely has a Bluetooth radio and may even have an infrared (IR) port that use battery power simply by being enabled and powered on. You can save battery power by disabling them when you aren't using them. To disable Bluetooth, you can often press the Function (Fn) key and press the key with the Bluetooth symbol on your laptop.

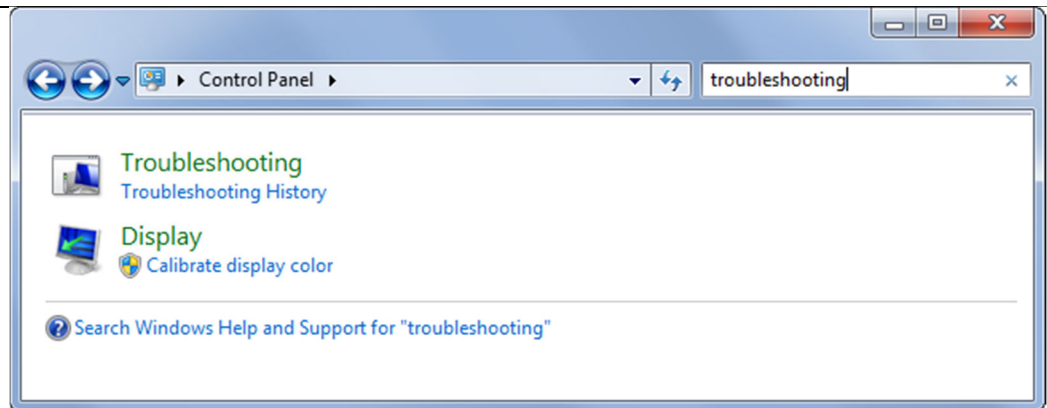
Disabling Wi-Fi can also help if you aren't using it. For example, if you're using your laptop on an airplane and not taking advantage of in-flight Wi-Fi, turn off your laptop's Wi-Fi to save some power. Wi-Fi can be turned off in a similar way using the function keys on your laptop or by disabling the Wi-Fi adapter in the Control Panel's network connections window.

Tweak Your Power Plan

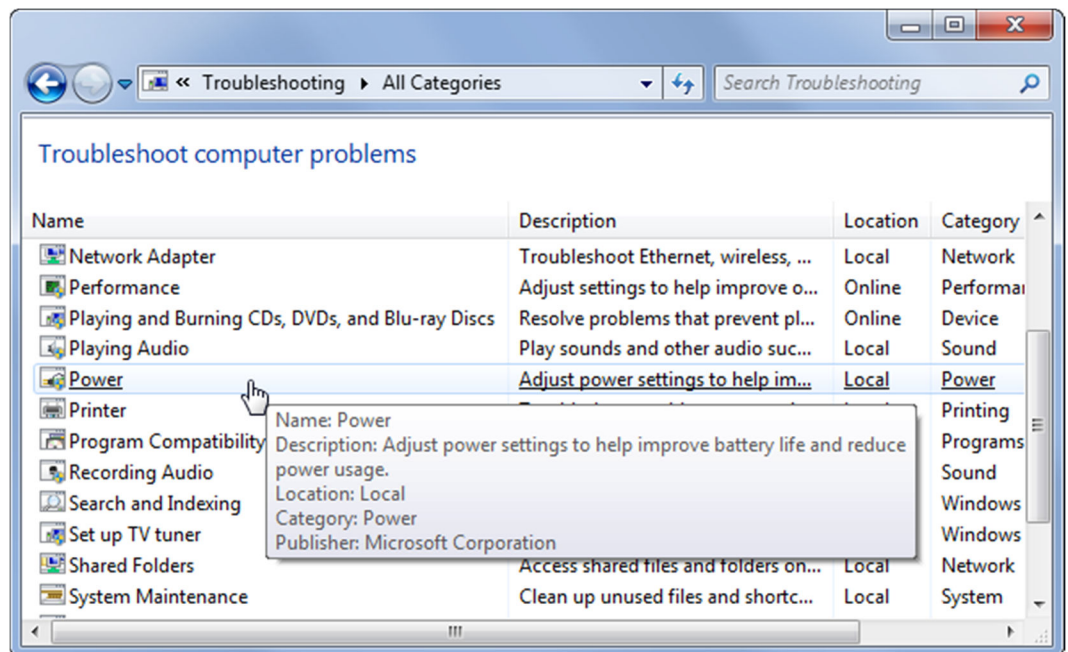
Windows offers power plans that can quickly change your laptop's power settings to different profiles. For example, you can have your computer in Balanced mode most of the time and switch to Power saver mode when you need every bit of power you can get. Each power plan's settings can be modified individually. You'll find power plans in the Control Panel's Power Options window.

Use the Windows Power Troubleshooter

Windows 7 and 8 include a power troubleshooting tool that will scan your system for common battery drains and automatically fix them. To load this tool, open the Troubleshooting pane in the Control Panel — perform a search for Troubleshooting to find it.



Select the View All option in the Troubleshooting pane and launch the Power troubleshooter.



Windows will look for common issues and automatically fix them. This is a quick way to check if a laptop's settings are optimal without digging through many different options dialogs.

Slim Down Startup Programs, Use Lighter Software

To save power, make your computer does less in general:

- Don't use a screensaver. Instead, let your computer sleep or hibernate.
- Run fewer programs in the background. Examine your system tray for programs you don't need and uninstall them or disable them from automatically starting with your computer.
- Reduce CPU usage. If you use heavy programs that have your CPU doing a lot of work all of the time, your CPU will use more power and your battery will drain faster. Running fewer programs in the background can help with this, as can selecting lightweight programs that are easy on system resources.

- Avoid maxing out your RAM. If your computer fills its RAM and needs more memory, it will move data to the page file on its hard drive, and this extra hard drive usage can drain battery. This shouldn't be a problem on modern computers with a decent amount of RAM. If your laptop's RAM is full, try to make more RAM available — close programs running in the background or even upgrade your laptop's RAM.

Hibernate Instead of Sleep

When your laptop goes to sleep, it uses a small amount of power to power its RAM and keep its system state loaded in memory, allowing it to wake up and resume in just a few seconds. When your laptop hibernates, it saves its system state to disk and powers off, using almost no power.

If you're not going to be using your laptop for a few hours, place it into hibernate mode rather than sleep mode to conserve even more battery power. Sleep mode doesn't use a lot of battery power, but hibernation is similar to having the computer powered off.

If you've had your laptop for a while and the battery is holding less power than it used to — but you're not ready to upgrade to a new laptop just yet — you can try replacing your laptop's battery with a new one for even longer battery life. Sometimes, batteries simply wear out.

Cranial Candy: Did You Know?



Over half of regular cellphone users report either hearing their cellphone's ringtone or feeling the vibration of their cellphone's vibratory alert when there is, in fact, no incoming communication. In a study specifically focused on the latter (phantom vibrations), 13% reported experiencing vibrations — when there was no stimulus from the phone — at least once per day.

The principal culprit in both the ringing and vibratory hallucinations seems to be the hyper vigilance of the human brain in detecting patterns in our environments. Because we know the sound/feel of our devices alerting us of something, our brains are primed to respond to any stimulus that sounds or feels remotely like the alert on our phone.

Something To Think About:



*Courage is what it takes
to stand up and speak;
courage is also what it takes
to sit down and listen.”*

~ Winston Churchill