

# INSIDE The Clarion University Libraries



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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.

# Student Tip: Group Virtual Campus/Distance Education Support

If you are a Virtual Campus student or faculty member, you face unique challenges in gaining access to the information resources and services that you need to be successful. The University Libraries are committed to doing all that we can to address your needs.

Guides to our services and resources can be

accessed through the Library Home Page by clicking on the Virtual Campus Library / Distance Education link (under "Library Services). Once there, the link to the Distance Education Virtual Library leads to a handy LibGuide designed especially for you, the Distance Education teacher or student. There are other useful videos available that provide insights including:

- Searching journal articles
- ILLiad borrowing services
- Log-on information
- And much more

When you need help with distance education-related library matters. contact the University Libraries using any of these:

- By toll free number: 866-272-5612 Press #5 for the Library.
- Go to the Library Homepage and
  - Click Live Chat to connect with a reference librarian via computer - in real time
  - Click Ask A Librarian to send an e-mail that a reference librarian will usually answer in 24 hours - or less!

### Student Tip: Group Study Rooms

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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



Group Study Rooms are available in Carlson Library on Levels A, 1, and 3. The rooms are available on a first-come, first-served basis, although in special cases they may be reserved ahead of time.

Our policy states,

"Study rooms are available for either individual or group use. Priority for study room space is normally given to groups of three (3) or more. Library staff may request that an individual study elsewhere when the space is requested for group use."

In the event that groups need a study space and the room is occupied by fewer than three people, group members should first check the availability of other study rooms on Levels A, 1, & 3. If another room is not available, you may ask individuals or smaller groups to vacate a room or request that Circulation Desk staff (Level 1) ask individuals to relinquish the room for group use.

Level 3 is a Quiet Zone, so if you expect to have a spirited discussion, please do so quietly or use a Group Study Room on Levels A or 1.

Please remember that *Group Study Rooms are not sound-proof.* Those outside the room can usually hear what is being discussed inside the room.

### Faculty Tip: Faculty Study Rooms



Carlson Library offers current and retired faculty a place where they can conduct research or other business while they are in the building. Located on Level A, in room A-17, this shared space has two tables and a networked computer.

Faculty may borrow the key from the

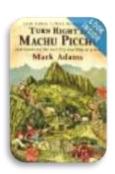
Reference Desk on Level 1.

Please remember to bring your ID Card.

## **Upcoming Book Club Events!**

# Wednesday, September 25 6 pm

Join us for a casual conversation about:



#### Turn Right at Machu Picchu by Mark Adams

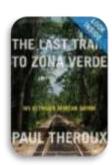
What happens when an unadventurous adventure writer tries to re-create the original expedition to Machu Picchu?

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 meets 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 (<a href="mailto:mharhai@clarion.edu">mharhai@clarion.edu</a>) for more information or with questions.

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

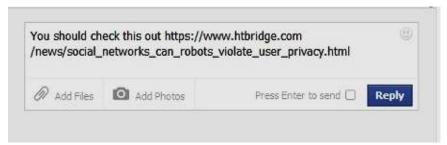
# Computer Tip: Mind Your Words...Facebook & Google Read Your Messages!



Internet security company <u>High-Tech Bridge</u> conducted a test to find out if Internet companies are spying on your private messages and their results seem to indicate that they are.

HTB sent private messages via services like Google, Facebook, and Twitter that included a special internet address, created just for the test. Then they sat back and waited to see if

those companies clicked on that link.



They tested 50 social media and free e-mail companies and six of the companies opened the link in the private message. Ilia Kolochenko from High-Tech Bridge said, "We found they were clicking on links that should be known only to sender and recipient. If the links are being opened, we cannot be sure that the content of the messages are not also being read."

By reading your e-mails, the companies would learn about your hobbies, future plans and shopping habits and be able sell that information to advertisers. Google, Facebook, Twitter, and Formspring were all caught clicking on the links. The other two companies were URL shortening services: bit.ly and gool.gl.

Service Name	Functionality Tested	Potential Spying
AOL Mail	Sent email with a link	NO
AOL Web Search	Text search of a link	NO
Ask.com	Text search of a link	NO
Ask.com	Creating new question with a link	NO
Bing	Text search of a link	NO
bit.ly	Shorting the link	YES
Facebook	Private message with a link	YES
Formspring	Creating new question to user with a link	YES
Foursquare	Text search of a link	NO
goo.gl	Shorting the link	YES

High-Tech Bridge also added, "Taking into consideration that some of the services may have legitimate robots (e.g. to verify and block spam links)

crawling every user-transmitted link automatically, we also created a robots.txt file on our web server that restricted bots accessing the server and its content. Only Twitter respected this restriction, all other social networks simply ignored it, accessing the secret URL."

Among the services that **didn't** access the link are:

- AOL Mail
- Foursquare
- Gmail (though the link was followed in a Google+ message)
- LinkedIn
- Outlook.com
- MySpace
- Skype
- Yahoo Mail

It's a good reminder that social networks and e-mail services may say they are "free," but you do end up paying with your information, which is a valuable commodity to advertisers.

### Cranial Candy: Did You Know?



All navel oranges are clones of each other as they are produced from trees made from cuttings and graftings of previous navel orange trees.

The original mutated tree that serves as the forefather of all navel orange trees is believed to have grown outside a 17th century Brazilian

monastery.

Want to know more about oranges? Visit <u>Sunkist</u> and get your orange on!

# Something To Think About:



"Learning without thought is labor lost; thought without learning is perilous."

~ Confucius