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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](#).

## Collaborative Study & Presentation Rooms



With Technology Fee and Computing Services' support, two study rooms in Carlson Library have been enhanced with new technology. Large flat screen monitors, computers, and Webcams have been installed in two group study rooms on Level A of the library.

The new equipment will make it easier for students working on group projects, or collaborating as a study group, to achieve their goals. Visibility will be enhanced with the large screen monitor, making it easier for students to see data and contribute to group efforts.

Available Webcams will provide the opportunity to practice, record and critique presentations, or to involve others in a collaboration via software such as Skype.

Once you have "claimed" the room for your group, please bring your Student I.D. Card to the Circulation desk. Let the staff member there know which room you are using (either A-18 or A-20) so you can pick up the wireless keyboard and mouse.

Technical assistance is available at the nearby S.W.A.T. (Students Who Assist with Technology) Service Desk.

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

## Student Tip: Help Is Available!



Need help getting started with a research assignment? The librarians at Carlson and Suhr Libraries are available to answer questions and point you in the right direction!

Can't make it to the library? You can *still* benefit from the helpful advice of a reference librarian by giving us a call, or contacting us via our online Chat, Texting, or E-Mail Reference Services.

**Phone** If a quick call will help, please let us hear from you:

Carlson Library: 814-393-2490

Suhr Library: 814-393-1242 or 814-676-6591, ext. 1242

Distance Education students may also contact the Reference Department using the toll-free telephone number: 1-866-272-5612 and press 5 for Libraries.

**Chat** If online chat is your style, try our **Live Chat Reference Service**. It's available during the times that Carlson Library reference services are available:

Monday – Thursday            10:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Friday                                10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Sunday                                1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

**Text** If the question is simple and the reply is too, you may contact our reference librarians by texting us at: 814-343-9324  
*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.

**E-Mail** When reference librarians are not available, and your need is not time sensitive, you may contact us via email using our **Ask a Librarian** service. A link is located at our **Website**.

**24/7** If you need help when the library is closed, we've got it covered.

Clarion University Libraries have made arrangements for librarians at a consortium of other universities to help you. They don't know your courses, assignments or professors, but they will do all that they can to help you find the resources you need.

At the Clarion University Libraries' **Website**, click on the "Chat Live With a Librarian" button located in the lower right section of the screen. If a Clarion Reference Librarian is unavailable and you need answers *now*, click the link (toward the bottom of the screen) to talk

with a librarian from another school. The link will take you to the **Ask Here PA** Website where you should follow the instructions and link to a college librarian elsewhere, including nights and weekends. This service is provided by the State Library of Pennsylvania and funded by Pennsylvania tax dollars.

## Library Tip: iPads At The Library



Carlson Library has ten iPads that may be checked-out of the library and are due an hour before closing the next day. Suhr Library at Venango College in Oil City will soon have 5 iPads that may be checked-out.

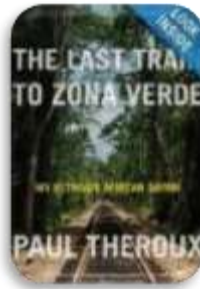
The iPad loan program is made possible by Student Technology Fees and the Center for Computing Services

## Upcoming Book Club Events!

**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 ([mharhai@clarion.edu](mailto:mharhai@clarion.edu)) for more information or with questions.

The book club was started with a Clarion University Community Fellows Grant.

Please join us!

## Cranial Candy: Did You Know?



All the written texts stored in the [Library of Congress](#) could fit on a modest 15TB hard drive array.

## Computer Tip: Avoid The “Junk”

The web is littered with traps when downloading software – from fake “Download” buttons that are actually advertisements to installers full of bundled toolbars and other junk software. Learning how to avoid the junk is an important skill.

### Fake Download Links

When downloading free software, the first trap you may encounter is a fake download link — or multiple fake download links — on the software’s web page. You’ll often find large, brightly colored buttons with text like “Free Download” or “Download Now.” These are often just advertisement banners designed to mimic real download links, tricking you into clicking them and installing different software.

Be aware that such advertisements are trying to trick you — that’s the first step. To identify fake download links, you can generally hover your mouse cursor over the link and look at where it leads.

In the below example, the fake download link leads to a page at “googleadservices.com” — clearly an advertising link. If we moused over the real download link, we’d see that it leads to elsewhere on “winaero.com”, the current website we’re on.



## Additional Software Bundled on Web Pages

Even legitimate, popular software providers want to trick you into installing additional software you probably don't want.

For example, when trying to download the Flash Player from Adobe's official download page, you'll find McAfee Security Scan Plus is checked by default. Users who accept the default option – or simply don't read it – will end up with this additional software on their computers. McAfee is clearly paying Adobe for this inclusion.

To avoid this sort of thing, be careful on download pages — uncheck any additional software you don't want to install before downloading the intended installer.



## Junk Selected By Default in Installers

Software installers often bundle browser toolbars and other junk software. The developer distributes their software for free and makes some money by including this junk. Some installers may even try to change your browser's home page and default search engine to a different home page or search engine — almost always a clearly inferior one with a worse user experience.

Don't be fooled — the installer may say the developer "recommends" the software, but the only reason they recommend is it because they're paid to do so. The bundled software is probably fairly bad — if it were good, you would seek it out and install it on your own.

When installing software, always be careful to uncheck any toolbars, junk software, or home page and search engine changes. It's usually possible to disable this stuff during the installation process. Read carefully — sometimes you may have to check a box saying you don't want to install the software or click a Decline button instead. Developers are hoping you'll quickly click through the installation wizard and install the junk



## Uninstalling the Junk and Reverting Your System Settings

If you slip up and accidentally install some of this stuff, you'll have to remove it later. While you can generally turn down the additional software by unchecking it during the software installation process, it's often harder to remove it afterwards.

For example, the "Ask" toolbar bundled with Oracle's Java and other software is sneaky. After you install the software, it lies in wait for ten minutes before installing itself. If you accidentally leave it checked during the installation process and try to uninstall it right afterwards, you won't find it there. It will only appear in your list of installed software ten minutes later.

To remove the bad software, you'll generally just need to hunt it down in the list of installed programs in the control panel and uninstall it. A particularly bad installer might pull in multiple junk programs that you'll have to remove. You may also have to install the toolbar or other browser extensions from within your browser. If you're having trouble removing something, perform a Google search for it — you may need a specialized removal tool or instructions.

If an installer changed your browser's home page and default search engine, you'll have to change those back manually. These changes won't be reversed, even if you uninstall the unwelcome software. Use your browser's settings to change your home page and search engine back to your preferred choices.

If you have an infestation of particularly bad junk software, you may need to use an antivirus or antispyware program to remove it from your system.

Sadly, we probably won't see the situation improve any time soon. Bundling unwanted software with installers has become widely accepted in the Windows software ecosystem, with companies as big as Adobe and Oracle bundling junk software along with their free downloads.

## Something To Think About:



*“The best time to plant a tree  
is twenty years ago.  
The second best time is now.*

*~ Chinese Proverb*