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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](#).

Thanksgiving Break Hours



With Friday classes meeting Tuesday, and no classes being taught on Wednesday, Carlson and Suhr Libraries are operating on special hours:

Carlson Library

Tuesday, November 26	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday, November 27	8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Thursday – Saturday, Nov. 28-30	Closed
Sunday, December 1	1:00 p.m. – midnight.

Suhr Library

Tuesday, November 26	8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Wednesday, November 27	8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Thursday – Sunday, Nov. 28-Dec. 1	Closed

Don't forget that many of our information resources are available at the [Libraries](#) website, and various tutorials and resource lists are accessible there too.

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

The CU Libraries Are Closed?



If you need help when the library is closed, we've got it covered. Clarion University Libraries have made arrangements for librarians within a consortium of universities to do what they can 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 section of the screen. If a Clarion Reference Librarian is unavailable and you need answers **now**, click the link 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, even on nights and weekends. This service is provided by the State Library of Pennsylvania and is funded by Pennsylvania tax dollars.

Library Tip: Research Guides & Tutorials



With crunch time approaching and late work hours a necessity, don't forget to take advantage of the dozens of research guides, resource lists, and how-to-do-it tutorials available at the [Libraries Website](#). Check out the links under the "Library Help" column. You'll find a wealth of helpful information that should make your research and writing easier.

Cranial Candy: The Week Ahead



Some silly – and some serious – "holidays," observances, and events in the week ahead. You may want to start planning for ...

Today, Tuesday, November 26th

SHOPPING REMINDER DAY You've less than a month until Christmas, so it's time to make sure that you've bought all of your

gifts! If you've still got presents to buy, Shopping Reminder Day is a stark reminder that you're running out of time!

Wednesday, November 27th

□ **PINS AND NEEDLES DAY** ...has nothing to do with tingly, itchy limbs – rather, it commemorates the opening of a historical Pro-Labor Broadway Play called Pins And Needles in 1937.

Today, most people look upon Pins and Needles Day, as a nervous and anxious day. It's a day of eager anticipation, as we await an event or for something to happen. One could argue that kids are on pins and needles from now until Christmas, as they nervously wonder if they have been good enough to receive a visit from Santa in a few weeks.

Of all the special days on the calendar, this is a nerve racking day. You are on pins and needles until that special future event successfully unfolds. And, if it doesn't..... well we will just think positively.

Thursday, November 28th

□ **DAY OF MOURNING IN THE U.S.** An annual protest organized since 1970 by Native Americans of New England on the fourth Thursday of November, the same day as Thanksgiving in the United States. It coincides with an unrelated but similar protest, Unthanksgiving Day, held on the West Coast. The organizers consider the national holiday of Thanksgiving Day as a reminder of the democide and continued suffering of the Native American peoples. Participants in the National Day of Mourning honor Native ancestors and the struggles of Native peoples to survive today. They want to educate Americans about history. The event was organized in a period of Native American activism and general cultural protests. The protest is organized by the United American Indians of New England (UAIINE).

Friday, November 29th

□ **BLACK FRIDAY** The day after Thanksgiving is traditionally when retailers begin seriously marketing for Christmas. Many report some of their highest profits on Black Friday. The black portion of the name, "Black Friday" relates to businesses recording their losses in red ink and gains in black. This tradition lives on in modern accounting software, hence the name.

□ **YOU'RE WELCOME DAY** encourages us to simply say "You're welcome". It helps to put manners back into society. On Thanksgiving Day, we say "Thanks" for what we have. So, it only seems natural, that "You're Welcome" immediately follows a thank you. Participating in this day can happen anywhere that you are, and anywhere that you go today. Just speak a profusion of "thank you's" for even the slightest of reasons. When you say thank you, make sure to be sincere. It will go a long ways. Are you enjoying this special day? If so, You're welcome!

Saturday, November 30th

□ **STAY AT HOME BECAUSE YOU'RE WELL DAY** Maybe you call it a "mental health day." Why use all of your sick and personal days when you're sick?

If you don't get sick frequently, call in to work so you can actually enjoy a day off. It is recommended that you call in "well" instead of pretending you're sick. It may save your conscience, but your boss may strongly suggest you show up.

Sunday, December 1st

- **EAT A RED APPLE DAY** Apples are delicious and nutritious, as well as being incredibly varied – we only tend to eat a few varieties, however. Start small, and expand your apple horizon by eating a red apple on Eat A Red Apple Day.
- **WORLD AIDS DAY** Observed December 1 each year, this day is dedicated to raising awareness of the AIDS pandemic caused by the spread of HIV infection.

Monday, December 2nd

- **NATIONAL FRITTERS DAY** Before you can begin to celebrate this very important day, you need to know what a "fritter" is. Many people do not know, making it all the more fun to eat your first fritter today. A fritter is a fried cake or dough with fruit or meats inside. Whatever you do, do not *fritter* this day away without eating at least one fritter.

Computer Tip: Secrets Of Google Search



Using Google should be second nature for most people, as it is the biggest and most powerful force on the Internet. However, there are probably ways you can improve how you search. Here are a few tips to help you search out anything from a college ranking to Miley Cyrus doing her half naked Brittany Spears impression.

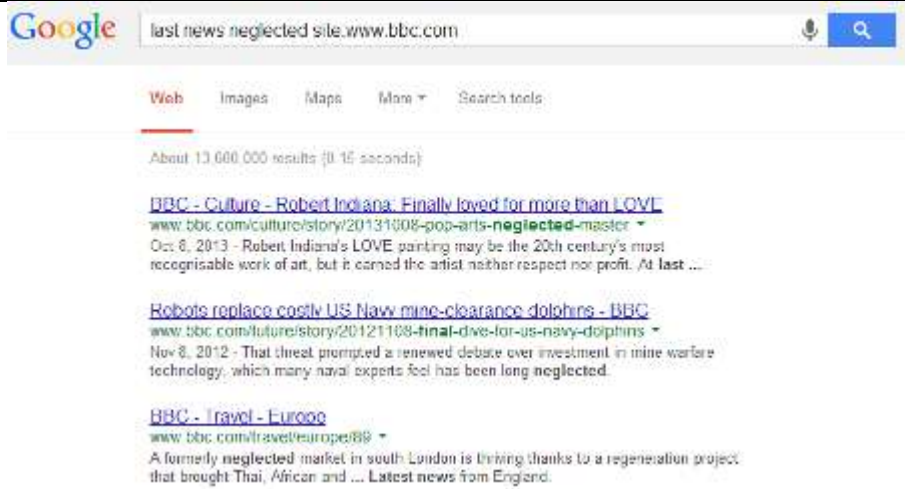
1 – Keep on trying...or don't

There are two schools of thought on this.

- Some people think that if you do not find your desired result on the first two or three pages that you should try another search query.
- Other people say that the right results are hidden away, and that you have to get through a lot of the over Search Engine Optimized (SEO) stuff first.

The first opinion is probably the better option, as most web masters know about SEO, so you could spend days trawling through the over optimized pages before you find a usable result.

2 – Use the site search function



You are going to come across results where throughout you will find pages from the same website. If you suspect that your answer is on one of these pages then use the site search function. This is where you search a website for a word specifically. Here is an example using the word "Calendar"

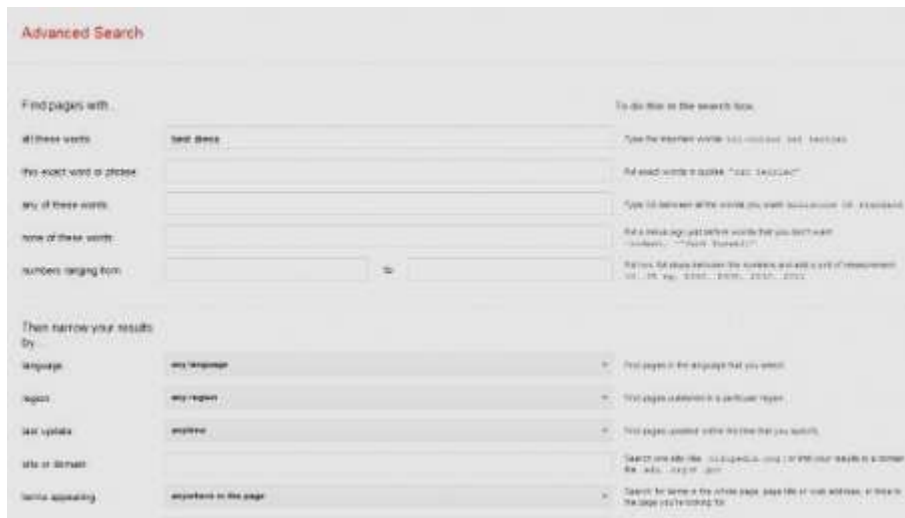
Calendar site:www.clarion.edu

3 – The minus symbol is quite helpful

It helps you to remove results that you do not want. Words may mean multiple things, and this may mess up your results on your search engine. For example, if you are looking for a song that is also the title of a TV show, then you could use the minus symbol in order to exclude the word TV. You can also use it to eliminate any undesirable results. You would have to put it at the end of your search query such as in this example.

Lotions and oils, -adult, -explicit

4 – Use the advanced search settings



It has a number of features that are going to help you find what you want a lot quicker. If you do have trouble using Google or you want something quite specific, then the advanced search features will be very helpful.

5 – Alternate your search queries radically

If you run a search and get few usable results, then alter your wording and even your question radically and see how that works out. Part of searching with Google is guesswork, and you can waste a lot of time by just changing one word at a time in your search query.

Remember that even though Google is an awesome search tool, is not necessarily the **best** search tool. Consult with a Reference Librarian to get meaningful, authoritative results for your **serious** research.

Something To Think About:



*Your assumptions are your
windows on the world.
Scrub them off
every once in a while,
or the light won't come in.*

~ Alan Alda