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Inside The Clarion University Libraries

Read back issues of the Libraries' newsletter

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.

What Is Statistical Datasets?



<u>Statistical Datasets</u> (formerly, ProQuest Statistical Datasets and now known as Data-Planet

Statistical Datasets) provides easy access to an extensive repository of standardized and structured statistical data. It contains more than 90 billion data points from more than 70 source organizations. The easy to use interface presents data in charts, maps, graphs, tables and customizable forms.

The data is organized into 16 major subject categories:

- Agriculture and Food
- Banking, Finance, and Insurance
- Criminal Justice and Law Enforcement
- Education
- Energy Resources and Industries
- Government and Politics
- Health and Vital Statistics
- Housing and Construction
- Industry, Business, and Commerce
- International Relations and Trade
- Labor and Employment
- Military and Defense
- Natural Resources and Environment
- Population and Income
- Prices, Consumption, and Cost of Living
- Transportation and Traffic

This electronic information resource is available through the <u>Libraries</u> <u>Homepage</u>.

Library Home

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 Under the "Research Resources" column, click on the Databases A-Z link, then scroll down the alphabetical list or use the link to jump to the "S" section of databases.

If you have questions or need assistance, stop by the Libraries or call:

- Carlson Library at 393-2490
- Suhr Library at 676-6591
- Distance Education students may call toll-free at 866-272-5612
 - (Press #5 for Library).

Our Chat and other online services are available at the *Ask A Librarian* link on our Website.

Winter Break Hours

The University Libraries reduce operating hours during Winter Break:

Carlson Library		
Saturday- Sunday	March 15-16	Closed
Monday - Friday	March 17-21	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Saturday	March 22	Closed
Sunday	March 23	1:00 p.m. – 12:00 a.m.
Suhr Library		
Saturday - Sunday	March 15-16	Closed
Monday - Friday	March 17-21	8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Saturday - Sunday	March 22-23	Closed

For more information contact Carlson Library as 814-393-2301 and Suhr Library at 814-676-6591.

Library Tip: Borrowing At Other Libraries



Thinking about visiting another library over break? Or maybe you are a distance education student located elsewhere and want access to an academic library?

Clarion University students and faculty have use and borrowing privileges at each of the fourteen Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education (PASSHE) Libraries. Your University ID is needed to

borrow materials from these institutions and *their* rules govern borrowing. Check out the Websites of the other <u>PASSHE Libraries</u> for more information about their collections and services.

Faculty have onsite access and in-person borrowing privileges at approximately 40 additional academic libraries through the <u>PALCI</u> library consortium. Contact the Reference Department for more information.

Cranial Candy: Bananas Are My Favorite, Because They Have Appeal (A "Peel")!



Did you know that a black light can be used to test for ripeness in bananas?

In 2008, researchers working on a collaboration between the University of Innsbruck and Columbia University discovered a novel way to test bananas for ripeness: using a black light.

The yellow appearance of bananas under normal light is mainly due to natural pigments (carotenoids). But as bananas ripen, the chlorophyll in them breaks down

and will cause them to fluoresce brightly (with a blue glow) under a black light. What's most interesting about the discovery is that it appears to be unique to bananas, other plants don't exhibit the same fluorescing process during the breakdown of their chlorophyll.

While we are discussing bananas, check out this <u>video</u> on how to *properly* peel one...just like a monkey!

Computer Tip: Find Something Specific On A Webpage

Whether you are using Internet Explorer, Google Chrome, or Mozilla Firefox, find a specific word or phrase by pressing the keyboard shortcut **<CTRL> + F** keys. A small search box opens where you can enter the text you wish to find.

Press the **<ENTER>** key to move through the found word or phrase on the page. There are also "up" and "down" arrows to move forward and backward through the page.

Press the **<ESC>** key to close out of the find dialog box.

Something To Think About:



"Minds are like parachutes; they work best when open." ~ Lord Thomas Dewar