New Library Home Page: Up Front and Center

The main new feature on the home page is the central location of Quick Search boxes. Tabs highlight options to search for articles, databases, journal titles, books, subject guides, or Archives local databases.

User-friendly terms replaced library jargon; for example Books/Media replaced Stout Library Catalog, Articles/Databases replaced Indexes, Journals replaced Periodicals, Borrow from other libraries replaced Interlibrary Loan.

New links were added for the most-requested services; for example Course Guides, developed by librarians for specific classes that include best library and web resources, and Renew books/MyAccount. Some less-used links were placed under more.... An Archives tab provides access to local digital collections developed by the University Archives staff:

Your comments and suggestions on further refinement of this page are welcome. Additional user testing on the home page will be done in the spring. If you would to participate please e-mail library@uwstout.edu or click the Ask A Librarian button and let us know.

Written by: Carol Hagness
Cengage Gale Literary Databases

**Gale Cengage** takes literature, history and culture to the next level with the largest, most extensive compilation of literary commentary available. The net result is tens of thousands of hard-to-find essays at your fingertips. It's all designed to raise the level of research while providing the around-the-clock remote access that today's researcher’s demand.

**Literature Criticism Online** represents a range of modern and historical views on authors and their works across regions, eras and genres. The scholarly and popular commentaries are available from the original broadsheets, pamphlets, encyclopedias, books, and periodicals. The Gale literature Series includes: Contemporary Literary Criticism, Twentieth Century Literary Criticism, Nineteenth Literary Criticism, Shakespeare Criticism, Literature Criticism from1400-1800, Classical and Medieval Literary Criticism, Poetry Criticism, Short Story Criticism, Drama Criticism, Something About the Author, and Children's Literary Review. Cross-search these award-winning and long-standing literature series which are delivered in an easy-to-use 24/7 online format that matches the exact look and feel of the print originals. Instructions for using this database are available through the helplink on the search screen.

**Contemporary Authors** is a guide to current writers in fiction, general nonfiction, poetry, journalism, drama, motion pictures, television, and other fields. The database provides complete full text biographical and bibliographical references for more than 120,000 authors in the U.S. and around the world.

To connect to the Gale Cengage databases both on and off campus go to the library’s Articles & Databases page ([http://libguides.uwstout.edu/databases](http://libguides.uwstout.edu/databases)) and click on **Cengage Gale** in the Vendors column. If you are connecting from off-campus you will need your Stout email username and password for access. Questions about these databases or others, contact Lelah Lugo, 715-232-1552 or lugola@uwstout.edu

Written by Lelah Lugo

**Student Laptop Stations**

The library now offers new student laptop stations. These stations offer a place for students to plug in and use a 24” computer monitor, keyboard, and mouse. By using a laptop station, students can have the traditional office set up, save to their own desktop, and work collaboratively where everyone can easily view the large monitor. Most of the study rooms include laptop stations and they can also be found throughout the University Library including the 1st floor Reference Area, 2nd floor by the back wall, and 4th floor in the open study area.

*Special Note*** UW-Stout Mac users need to bring their adapters to use this service.

Written by Susan Lindahl and Jami McAuley

**Bat Biology...Did you know?**

- The amount of bats that actually carry rabies is less than 1%. However, of those bats, there are even fewer who will bite unless in a self defense situation.
- Female bats form a maternity colony. There groups of female bats fly together raising their young. Male bats generally lead a solitary lifestyle.
- There are 925 different species of Bats and Chiropterans.
- The average adult Brown Bat weighs about 6 grams.

**Mammals of the Eastern United States** Main Stacks, 3rd Floor QL719.E23 W49 1998

Written by Susan Lindahl and Jami McAuley
New DVD Area on Fourth Floor

After numerous suggestions and requests from students, the University Library created a new area on the 4th floor near the Browsing collection to hold all our feature film DVDs. All popular movies, Hollywood classics and animations, as well as award-winning films from every part of the world, are now together in one section.

Students can browse the shelves for leisure viewing, find a long-time favorite film, or check out a work of historical fiction to study the costumes and architecture of the era.

The videos themselves are behind the Circulation Desk—to check out a DVD simply bring the box to the Circulation Desk and we can charge it to you.

Because documentaries are subject-oriented, we’ve left them on the Main Stacks shelves on floors 3 through 5, so that they can be browsed with other resources on similar subjects.

Our staff is loaded with movie freaks, too, so if you need a recommendation, ask one of us and maybe we can suggest a good title for you.

To see reviews of some of our videos, both popular movies and documentaries, go to our library blog, UW-Stout Library News.

Written by Bill Johnston

Check out one of these feature films at the University Library!

- Toy Story
- My Darling Clementine
- The Godfather
- Top Gun
- Seabiscuit
- Changeling
- Gran Torino
- Munich
- Superbad
- 3:10 to Yuma
- Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs
- Avalon

Did you know?...Brain Facts

- The brain makes up only 2% of the total body weight of a human.
- There is little to no relationship between brain size and intellect.
- Men typically have larger brains than women; however women have more folds in their brains making it so they generally have more surface area.
- The neuron is the basic type of cell in the brain that supports cognition. There are about 100-150 billion neurons in the human brain.

The Student’s Guide to Cognitive Neuroscience Main Stacks, 3rd Floor QP360.5.W37 2006
**bX Scholarly Recommender Service**

**Give It A Try**

bX is a new scholarly article recommender service that provides researchers with recommendations about articles based on the researcher’s area of interest. This service will aid researchers in finding additional relevant articles. bX is similar to the “More Like This” or “If You Liked This, You’ll Also Like …” services on consumer websites such as Amazon. It is based on article usage by nearly 2,000 users at research institutions around the world.

To access bX, perform a search in any of the library’s databases such as EBSCO, Wilson, ProQuest, etc. When a result list is displayed, simply click on the Find It! button as usual, then scroll down to the “Users interested in this article also expressed an interest in the following:” section of the menu. A recommended article may be listed. Click on the buttons to the right of the citations to see if our library has access to these recommended articles. Sometimes there may be no recommendations because this is still a relatively new service and not every article will have recommendations.

If you have questions, please contact Lelah Lugo, Electronic Resources Access Librarian at 715-232-1552 or email: lugola@uwstout.edu.

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**Distance Learning**

As Stout’s Distance Education Librarian, my job is to help you and your online students succeed! I can assist whether your classes are through Learn@Stout, hybrid, or cohort in nature.

There are useful resources in several formats: Distance Learning Services; course guides custom designed to match your course research objectives; Jing screen capture videos to succinctly introduce resources; Echo lecture capture for presentation of library web pages and more. Especially useful are telephone or email consultations to work directly with a student and a particular need.

For additional information, contact: Jana Reeg-Steidinger, Reference/Distance Learning Librarian, reegj@uwstout.edu 715.232.1553

Written by Jana Reeg-Steidinger
Our society is undergoing profound changes for a number of reasons. While the economy and the political situation demands attention, there is another subtle revolution driven by computer and information technology. This year the University Library passed a new milestone. The increased pace of digitization means that the Library now has a fully hybrid print/digital collection. The following statistics tell the story.

234,344   Print Books   203,054   Electronic Books
891   Print Periodicals   100,796   Electronic Journals
1,292,457   Microforms   671,793   Full Text Electronic Documents

This increase in digital materials means that the Library Staff is busier than ever. Instruction in use of these varied and sometimes difficult to locate materials has become important. The Library has a strong Library Instruction program. In addition, the Reference Staff works directly with students to insure that they get the information they need from the best sources, print or digital. Information is not limited to either print or online versions and the Library is dedicated to insuring that students and faculty receive the information they need, whatever the format. The shift to digital materials is accelerating and will make for interesting times ahead.

As a final note, at the same time the Library has seen an increase in the number of students actually visiting the Library. The Library continues as a place for study as well as a place to meet for collaborative projects and the Library was again rated the highest campus service by undergraduates this past year.

Written by Paul Roberts