Funk Library at your Service

The Funk Library has a wealth of resources and services for your information needs with many available at your fingertips. In addition to our many electronic journals and hundreds of literature databases, we have a growing collection of e-books (easily findable and accessible via our Library Catalog).

In these times, change is a constant and so it is with information resources. We are here to make keeping up with these changes easier. Funk Library now has over three dozen research and database guides to assist in using our resources, many linkable on our website right at the same point the resource is accessed. Additionally we provide instruction sessions for classes about these resources and how to use them to help your students find the best articles and other materials for their scholarship and research.

Did you know, our Life Sciences Data Services are available to all College of ACES departments, Life Sciences schools, and Departments of Landscape Architecture and Urban & Regional Planning?

Check out our website at www.library.illinois.edu/funkaces for more about us!

“Questions?
Need Help?
Just Ask-A-Librarian!!
We IM, chat, email, phone, and do in-person consultations!

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Take a Video Tour of the Library!

With over 12 million The University Library is the 3rd largest library in the country, the 2nd largest academic library, and the largest publicly supported university library. With 25 subject / departmental libraries (and over 90 subject and other librarians!) and other units, we are always evolving to provide you the best resources and services to support your information needs. Whether you are new to the campus or you’ve been here a while, the Video Tour of the Library gives you a quick 9 minute introduction to our Library, services, and resources. From our Library Tours webpage you can take Virtual Tours of our various libraries and units, learn about our history, and get a glimpse of what happens behind the scenes.

LEARN: Insider’s Guide to the Library

LEARN: Insider’s Guide to the Library provides a wealth of information about the University Library, how to use the Library, how to find information, how to do and organize research, find help, and more.

The Savvy Researchers’ Workshops

The University Library’s Savvy Researchers’ Workshops is offering 45 unique 50 minute, hands-on workshops that will help you improve your research and information management skills. Upcoming sessions include:

- The Ways of the Web: Filter Bubbles, Search Engines, and You
- Organize Your Life!: Productivity Tools and Personal Information Mgmt.
- Choosing a Citation Manager
- The ORCID Identifier: The Free iD Number that Ensures You Get Credit for ALL of Your Research
- ABBYY FineReader: An introduction to OCR
- <introduction>XML</introduction>
- GIS for Research II: Geoprocessing, Analysis, and Visualization

And much more! For more details and registration: http://illinois.edu/calendar/list/4068.

Note: ALL Savvy Researcher Workshops can be scheduled for class sessions or faculty meetings.

Discover Full Text is a tool linking University Library full text and other resources to you in many of our literature databases and some open source ones such as Google Scholar (We have our ways!).

More information can be found at http://www.library.illinois.edu/discover/
Data Purchase Program

The University Library is soliciting applications from faculty, academic professionals, and graduate students who need to purchase numeric or spatial data for their research. Through a Data Purchase Program, funds will be awarded for such data purchases, with a maximum award of $5,000. The application deadline for first consideration is October 1, 2015.

For more details see, www.library.illinois.edu/sc/datagis/purchase/description2015, including a description of the program and how to apply, or contact Karen Hogenboom, Head, University Library Scholarly Commons, hogenboo@illinois.edu or 217-333-2472.

Your Input Sought for University Library’s Strategic Planning

University Library is in process of developing our new strategic plan. I am happy to share any thoughts, ideas, or questions you might have with our SP Steering Team for consideration. For instance, …

What opportunities should the Library take advantage of to support and augment teaching excellence in your department/unit?

What are some opportunities that the library can take advantage of to supplement the student in-class experience?

What sorts of research and learning environments/spaces should the Library be developing to meet the evolving needs of researchers and students?

How should the Library support scholarship and innovation in your discipline/unit/group?

Any and all ideas are welcome! Please send to me, Melody Allison, mmalliso@illinois.edu.

CPLA Special Collections Project

The City Planning and Landscape Architecture Special Collections BibLeaves project has made significant progress. The Collection consists of the Edward C. Banfield Collection, Evert Kincaid Collection, Robert B. Teska Collection among others.

BibLeaves is a locally developed database platform that allows us to create records for every item in the collection with title, author, item format, publication date, collection it is from, etc. Much like a commercial literature database platform, the database can be searched in a number of different ways, has facets, and more.

To date we have created records for over 50% of these collections. You can now search the CPLA BibLeaves database for content records created to date. For more information about the CPLA Special Collections see http://www.library.illinois.edu/cpla/collection/special/index.html.
Resource Highlight - LibGuides

This summer our LibGuides software was upgraded to LibGuides 2.0 with a new look and more functionality. Many of our Funk Library Research & Database Guides were created with LibGuides and we link to those guides from our website left navigation bar. We use LibGuides to highlight information about various research topics, information resources and how to use them, research tips, supplemental instruction guides, and other communications.

There are also hundreds of University Library LibGuides in a multitude of topics available from our LibGuides 2.0 website that may be of interest to you as well. You can now easily search for them by Subject, LibGuide Type (Course Guide, Subject/Topic guide, and “How to …” guide), and by librarian or library author.

LibGuide’s A-Z Database List

The most exciting feature (in my book!) is the new A-Z Database List database which has a link on the left side of the LibGuides 2.0 home-page (widen page if you don’t see it). This database is populated with databases the University Library licenses or otherwise provides access to. It allows one to search for specific database, browse for databases alphabetically, and select databases by subject, type, and vendor/provider. Subjects include areas of interest to Funk Library users such as agriculture, biology, city planning, environmental sciences, landscape architecture, and sociology. ALSO it provides a list of new and trial databases—currently StatRef and Popular Medicine in America, 1800-1900.

This is a new feature and a work in progress as we input category information for over 750 databases, which will soon be completed. Once this work is done all links from our current Databases by Subject will be converted to the A-Z Database List. But you can access the new one now via LibGuides 2.0 homepage!