One of the things I like about my job is that libraries are about sharing, and it’s great to be able to share our staff expertise, our services, and our materials with you!

From our online resources and local collection to all of the OhioLINK digital and shared resources (which allows us to reap the rewards on a much broader basis), it is extremely beneficial for a small university like Ohio Dominican to be able to share this wealth of information.

I am pleased that our staff delivers fast, friendly service in vast quantities. Take a look at our “By the Numbers” article on page 3. Our staff has been very busy this past year!

In a way, libraries have not changed much since our younger days. Oh, yes, we have the Internet and all sorts of other technological wonders, but the basic idea is still the same: libraries are about sharing, learning, and growing. At the Ohio Dominican University Library, for example, you’ll find computer and Internet access, instruction in information literacy, reliable resources, expert research assistance, and homework help. And yes, in the midst of all this wonder, you’ll still find our old friends Nancy Drew and the rest of the gang.

As always, the library staff strives to meet your reading and information needs. If you have suggestions at any time on how we can better meet your needs, please click on the “Make A Suggestion” link on the library home page. We’d love to hear from you!

Another example of sharing...We recently donated one of the older digital cameras that the library loans. It went to an inner-city New York City school and the lovely group of kindergartners seem to be enjoying it!

It’s good to share with friends.

-- Jim Layden, Director, Library Services

Database changes are coming soon.

As the saying goes, “Everything is connected to everything else.” This is definitely true with the State Budget in Ohio. Even though Ohio Dominican University is a private institution, we benefit from the state budget in good times and suffer during the bad times.

The ODU Library budget is, in fact, intimately entangled with the OhioLINK budget (a state entity). While the final decisions have been delayed until August this year, please know that the package of resources available at our library will be changing this August. We receive many databases, electronic journals, electronic books, and more directly from OhioLINK. The final form the portfolio of resources take could potentially impact your teaching or learning.

If you have specific questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Director of Library Services, Jim Layden, at laydenj@ohiodominican.edu.
Cool link
from the Reference Desk

On the ODU Library home page, one can drill down into the QuickReference Links to get to Day-To-Day Information. You can find phone directories, weather, ZIP codes, and other handy things to know. I bookmarked the page so I can get to this information whenever I need it. Weather Underground is my favorite weather site, with animated radar.

Check it out!

Matthew Heller,
Reference Librarian

Use your library and SAVE $$$!

Did you know that the average student has the potential to save $1772.70 per year by using the ODU Library?

How? Let’s say you check out...

- 3 books a year for fun (3x$25 = $75)
- 15 books for your homework (15x$25 = $375)
- 5 fun DVD’s (5x$4 rental fee = $20)
- 3 videos/documentaries for class (3x$50 = $150)

Let’s say you also...

- find 25 magazine articles online (25x$2.50 = $62.50)
- read a newspaper (subscription is $135.20)
- use the reference collection 6 times (6x $75 = $450)
- print 250 pages ($25.00)
- use the library internet connection (average savings $40/mo x12 months = $480)

BUT...you bought 3 books from the library book sales over the years, and that cost you $3.00.

Now, multiply that times all four years...$7087.80

Pretty awesome, huh?

There are some COOL new features available for My Library Account!

Would you like to keep track of all the books you’ve checked out?

Have you ever wanted to view the results of a search that you performed last week or last semester?

Now you CAN!

Log in to “My Library Account” to utilize these new features.
(From the library home page, click on LIBRARY INFO then MY LIBRARY ACCOUNT. Enter your name and last seven digits of your student ID number.)

We hope these new features in your library account summary make it easier for you to remember what you have checked out and searched for in the past. Just let us know if you have any questions about these or other library services!
**YOUR ODU LIBRARY...by the numbers**

**July 2008 - June 2009**

**What’s in the ODU Library collection?**

- Audiovisuals = 3838 items
- Curriculum Materials = 2358 items
- Dominican Collection = 546 items
- Electronic Books = 16, 299 titles
- Electronic Periodicals = 5598 titles
- Electronic Honors Theses = 4 items
- Folios (oversized) = 1052 items
- Juvenile Books = 6567 items
- Main Stacks (Middle Floor) = 30,940 items
- Main Stacks (Top Floor) = 42,873 items
- Popular Collection = 121 items
- Reference = 7189 items
- Special Collection = 1385

**14,220**

electronic items added

**16,874**

items circulated

**870**

award-winning books

**428**

periodical subscriptions

**2.5**

ave. # of OhioLINK items per student

**4834**

items loaned to other libraries

**120,025**

items owned

**16,874**

items added

**3.339**

miles of books

**1227**

In-depth questions

**1798**

Ready-reference questions

**The most popular items checked out last year:**

- *New Moon* by Stephenie Meyer (juvenile)
- *Multicultural Education in a Pluralistic Society* by Donna M. Gollnick, Philip C. Chinn (main stacks)

**3632 questions answered**

**Hours open per week: 60**

**Busiest months: September & March**

**14,220**

items from OhioLINK

**6767**

items purchased

**2245**

items added

**14,220**

electronic items added

**3.339**

miles of books
Mansions, plantations, and bayous! Oh, my! Cajun food, country music, and casual living. Oh, my! Alabama, Georgia, and Louisiana. Oh, yes! Lynyrd Skynyrd, Miley Cyrus, and Toby Keith. Oh, yeah! Slavery, politics, and intolerance. Oh, no! No doubt you recognize this modified refrain from the Wizard of Oz, but are you familiar with the sights, sounds, and struggles that characterize the American South?

Woven through the literary terrain and political landscape of this geographical region are stories of both struggle and emancipation, beauty and poverty, and honor and shame. Whatever your memories and images of the American South, many authors have unfolded, unveiled, and unleashed the diverse humanity that exists in the culture, history, politics, and people of this region of Americana. You can travel through the landscape of this region through the ODU Library’s literary collection from these notable classic and contemporary Southern authors:

- Maya Angelou
- Erskine Caldwell
- William Faulkner
- John Grisham
- Sue Monk Kidd
- Barbara Kingsolver
- Carson McCullers
- Pat Mora
- Toni Morrison
- Flannery O’Connor
- Anne Rice
- Mark Tuvin
- Alice Walker
- Eudora Welty
- Tennessee Williams

“Tell me about the South… What’s it like there? What do they do there? Why do they live there? Why do they live at all?”
- William Faulkner from Absalom, Absalom

Perhaps more familiar are some of these titles that emerged from the minds and voices of Southern writers:

- God’s Little Acre 823 C147go
- The Heart is a Lonely Hunter 823 M133h
- Their Eyes Were Watching God 813.52 H966t, 2005
- Wouldn’t Take Nothing for My Journey Now 814.54 A584w, 1993

Experience the heart and soul of this region through these films in the audiovisual collection:

- Beloved 813.54 B4188, 1998
- The Color Purple 813.54 W1512c
- Toni Morrison 813.54 T665, 1987
- Elizabethtown 791.4372 E48, 2006
- Flannery O’Connor 813.54 O18fo, 2006

Websites:
- The Fellowship of Southern Writers @ http://thefsw.org/
- Library of Southern Literature @ http://docsouth.unc.edu/southlit/
- Society for the Study of Southern Literature @ http://web.wm.edu/english/sssl/?svr=www
- Southern Literary Review @ http://www.southernlitreview.com/

So if you can’t visit the American South in person, why not feast your senses vicariously through the eyes, ears, and touches of the many literary artists whose savory works invite you to dig deeper into many corners of the human experience?
**ODU Traveling Books Series:**

**The Books That Went To England: King Harald’s Saga**

Dr. Matthew Ponesse led a group of students as they traveled to England for May Term 2009 for the class “The Making of Britain.”

In preparation for our trip, we read several novels that introduced us to the history of England, including King Harald’s Saga. The part of the book that we focused on for our trip was the end where Harald of Norway had been defeated by King Harold of England. Shortly after, the King of England was defeated by William the Conqueror at the Battle of Hastings in 1066 which brought England under Norman rule.

On our trip, we visited the remains of the Hastings and Pevensey Castles where all this history had taken place centuries ago.

The book King Harald’s Saga was a great introduction to this historical time, but visiting these medieval sites made all this history come to life!

-- Allison Collins, senior majoring in Business, from West Jefferson, OH

### From the POPULAR COLLECTION

*Check ‘em out!*

**Be sure to visit the 1st floor PHOTOGRAPHY DISPLAY**

presented by ODU graduate Adam Lefevre.

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