WELCOME

Andrew Whitis was recently hired as Reference/Web Resources Librarian for Muskingum College. Andrew graduated from The Ohio State University with a B.S. degree in Agriculture. He is currently a student at the University of Pittsburgh where he plans to complete a Master of Library and Information Science degree in April 2004. Andrew’s broad knowledge of science, technology and health science offer a new dimension to library services. Andrew authors new page content, creates website mock-ups and redesigns existing websites. To contact Andrew, call x8157 or email awhitis@muskingum.edu. Welcome to Muskingum College Library Andrew!

LIBRARY FOCUS

This month we focus on OhioLINK databases. These are free, on-line information finders that require no password. Some of these are licensed for use only by students, staff, and faculty of OhioLINK member institutions. You can access these from our homepage under the heading “Frequently Used Databases” or OhioLINK Databases. You can also access all of this data from home. Simply use the Off-Campus Access icon at the bottom of our home page and enter your name and barcode. Following are descriptions of databases.

Standards, Multicultural/Ethnic Education, Parent-Teacher Relations, Prayer in Public Schools, Preschool Education, School


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DMC

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Please note that we are very open to individual or classroom instruction on navigating these databases.

ACADEMIC SEARCH PREMIER

This EBSCO database covers general and scholarly journals back to 1988. Many are full-text. (If there is an abstract only, be sure to check the Muskie/OPAL catalog to see if Muskingum College Library holds the desired issue in paper or microform.) At the top-middle of the Academic Search Premier page press “publications” for detailed holdings. A search by author, title, journal title, and several other delimiters, can be done with the three separate search windows. Boolean terms (“AND”, “OR”, “NOT”) can be combined. By clicking on the “Choose Databases” tab you will see other subject-specific databases, and view their holdings.

MODERN LANGUAGE ASSOCIATION INTERNATIONAL BIBLIOGRAPHY (MLA)

For information on any type of literature, either in English or a foreign language, the MLA International Bibliography is the place to go. By selecting “OhioLINK Databases” from the drop down menu of the Frequently Used Databases at the Muskingum College Library homepage, click on the M under listed by name. By clicking on more you can learn more about the database. The MLA International Bibliography provides a classified listing and subject index for books and articles published since 1963 on modern languages, literatures, folklore, and linguistics. This database annually indexes over 50,000 journal articles, books, and dissertations. Coverage includes literature from all over the world. Searching is done by using keyword only. A thesaurus can be used with no search results as it is a set of words that the MLA Bibliography also indexes. Samples of subject keywords in Education Abstracts are: Adult Education, Arts, Athletics, Competency-based Education, Computers in Education, Educational Technology, Elementary Education, Instructional Media, Language Arts, Literacy Standards, Multicultural/Ethnic Education, Parent-Teacher Relations, Prayer in Public Schools, Preschool Education, School Administration, Science and Mathematics, Secondary Education, Student Counseling, Teacher Education, Teacher Evaluation, Teaching Methods and Vocational Education.

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ELECTRONIC JOURNAL CENTER (EJC)

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NEWSBANK NEWSPAPERS

This news database searches full text articles from 32 Ohio and national newspapers. It provides national, state, regional and local news topics. Begin your search by clicking on “Start Search.” You can provide search terms, phrases, an author or headline news. Click on “see a list” and get a complete listing of newspapers, including range of dates covered. Customize search by clicking on Ohio, National, Location, All Papers or Customs List. Articles will be arranged in descending order, most recent first, and alphabetically by title of source. Advanced Search allows you to refine your search using more options. To save time, you can click on “Hot Topics” or “Special Reports”.

NEWSPAPER SOURCE

This EBSCO database provides full text newspaper articles and television and radio transcripts from 23 national and international and 200 regional newspapers and national news wires. This database can be accessed by clicking on “OhioLINK Databases” and, either on “Current Events” or on the alphabetical “Listed by Name” titles. Searchable fields, author, title, source of publication can be used to locate detailed information referenced in the database. Clicking on “publications” will give the searcher a list of source titles that may be accessed by specific dates. Boolean operators, AND, OR and NOT will link and refine the search. Combing terms enclosed in parentheses will allow control and define an exact phrase in the search query.

ISI

ISI Web of Science consists of three databases: Arts and Humanities Citation Index, Social Science Citation Index, and Science Citation Index Expanded. It is similar to Academic Search Premier; it indexes general and scholarly articles from over 8500 journals since 1980 with links to the full-text for many of the articles. All databases work and look the same, and you can search all three databases at the same time. The Web of Science is unique because it is a citation database. The bibliography or works cited from each article is included. These citations provide you two powerful search features not available in our other databases. First, you can see what research the author used to write their article. Second, the database will search for articles that cite an author’s research.

LEXIS NEXIS ACADEMIC UNIVERSE

LexisNexis Academic Universe is a popular database at Muskingum. It provides access to a wide range of news, business, legal, medical, and reference information from nearly 6,000 sources, most of them available in full text. You can find information from national and international newspapers, magazines, wire services, federal and state court opinions, federal and state statutes, federal regulations, and SEC filings as far back as 1977. Although LexisNexis is popular for communications, business, and legal research, almost anyone will find it useful. For a general search on current events, use the “Quick News Search.” For newspapers and magazines, the database searches the full-text of the publication. There are no topic or subject headings like most databases. News programs, college and university newspapers, SEC Filings, U.S. Supreme Court decisions, and patents.

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The library will showcase some local authors this semester. We will present three programs in February, March and April. Our first program features two professors. It takes place at 3:30 p.m. until 5 p.m. on Thursday, February 19 in the library. Refreshments will be available and attendees can buy a copy of a book if they choose.

Dr. Rick Nutt is with the Religion Department and will speak about his book, Many Lamps, One Light. This book will interest our area Presbyterians since it details the history of the Louisville Theological Seminary. Dr. Nutt, a graduate of the Seminary, helps explain the development of Protestantism and how Louisville Seminary has kept its aim for sound theological learning and piety among its students, through the decades. He will talk about the writing process and the people and topics he met while writing Many Lamps.

Our second author on this date is Political Science Professor Emeritus Robert Munkres. Dr. Munkres will talk about his book, Saleratus and Sagebrush, the exciting and tragic story of the westward pioneers. Harsh conditions, Indian attacks, and lack of resources make for a compelling story, often told in journal entries collected by Dr. Munkres. Everyone should be informed and entertained by this event. It is free and open to the Muskingum College community and all area readers. Two more such programs will take place on March 18 and April 15. Information will follow about them.