LIBRARY UPDATE

New Databases Available

The Office of Research and Graduate Studies has recently subscribed to **Pivot** and **Research Professional**, two international databases that provide listings of research funding and other opportunities. Access is available immediately, on and off campus, from the library's databases page.

AUS is the first university in the United Arab Emirates, and one of only a handful in the MENA region, to subscribe to these resources. The databases provide listings of research funding and other opportunities, accessible to everyone with an AUS email account. In addition to allowing online searches for funding opportunities, both databases allow users to set up email alerts.

Pivot, a database produced by Proquest, offers researchers a number of opportunities, including:

• A comprehensive global source of funding opportunities,
• Pre-populated scholar profiles matched against funding opportunities, and
• Collaborative workflows, connecting research development professionals and faculty.

Research Professional offers a database containing detailed information on thousands of funding opportunities from sponsors from all around the world, from large research councils to smaller, private charities. Research Professional also provides news from its flagship newspapers, *Research Fortnight* and *Research Europe*, covering UK and pan-European affairs in-depth.

The above resources are available from the library's databases page, accessed by clicking the Databases tab found on the library homepage. For access support, contact your liaison librarian or send an email to **researchhelp@aus.edu**.

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Video Streaming Platform Revamped

Did you know that the library offers a streaming video reserves service for faculty? Upon request, original DVD content owned by the AUS Library, or by faculty requestors, can be digitized and made available online to students currently enrolled in classes.

The Library is happy to announce that AUS's new and upgraded Video Portal is now live, making access to streamed video content much easier and viewing options for students a higher-quality experience. The previous video portal will be phased out by Spring 2014.

To submit a streaming request, use the Streaming Video Reserves Form on the library website's "Faculty

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Resources" section. The form and material to be digitized can also be submitted to library staff at the Circulation & Reserves Desk on the ground floor of the library. Library staff will then digitize the content and send an email notification once the video is available for the duration of the semester.

Streaming material can be found at the video portal web site (**videoportal.aus.edu**). To access the material, students must log in with their AUS user name and password.

New to the library's streaming service or require further information? Visit the library's Faculty Resources web page, or contact your liaison librarian for further details.

Library Staff Profile

Sylva Dourbaly
Information Commons Coordinator

I was born and raised in Tripoli, Lebanon. I am a proud mother of two boys; George (5 years old) and Ibrahim (2 and a half years old). My life in Sharjah started in 2005 when I got married and moved here with my husband.

I've been working in AUS for the past 7 years. My time here started as a Part Time IT Specialist. I'm currently the Library's Information Commons Coordinator, a job which I have held for the past 3 years.

As I was completing my university education in Lebanon (B.S. in Computer Science), I taught a number of Computer Literacy and Information Systems courses in various schools and educational centers. As a fresh graduate, I attained my first administrative job with Falcon International, a gas distributor. Soon after, I joined one of the biggest hospitals in Northern Lebanon as an Accountant and IT Supervisor.

I am always determined to uphold the highest levels of efficiency and innovation in my workplace, while at the same time ensuring that the best support is provided to students, faculty and staff. I am always committed to delivering excellent standards of customer service and am always eager to learn new things.

When I am not at work, I greatly enjoy spending time with my kids. Being with them is always the highlight of my day.

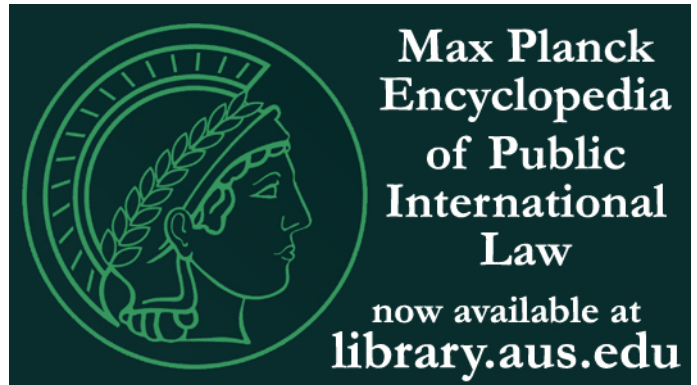*You may e-mail Sylva at **sdourbaly@aus.edu**.*

Interlibrary Loan System Implemented

This semester, the AUS Library debuted ILLiad, the automated electronic interlibrary loan (ILL) service.

Installed and implemented in the Spring, ILLiad facilitates the acquisition of materials from external libraries, including the electronic delivery of articles as PDF files.

New ILL requests can be made by logging into the library's ILLiad interface with your AUS email name and password. From there, you can also check the status of current requests, view received electronic articles, and see previous requests. (Electronically-received articles remain on the system for 30 days. It is advisable to retrieve your PDFs when you receive a notification email, automatically generated when your article is made available.)

*The library's ILLiad interface can be accessed by visiting **illiad.aus.edu**. Interlibrary loan and document delivery services are limited to AUS faculty and graduate students. Requestors should first check to make sure that the materials are not available at AUS. For questions, please email **ill@aus.edu**.*

Library News

Iman El Gamal attended the Canadian Library Association conference in Winnipeg, Manitoba, May 29-June 1, 2013.

Daphne Flanagan and **Christine Furno** attended the annual AMICAL conference in Rome, June 12-15, 2013. Christine presented "The X-CLASS Factor: Using Classroom Management Technology to Enhance the Library Class Experience."

Alanna Ross attended the 10th Northumbria International Conference on Performance Measurement in Libraries and Information Services in York, England, July 22-25, 2013.

Scott Carlson volunteered as an intern at the University of California-Santa Cruz Special Collections and Archives between July and August, 2013. Scott assisted in processing a collection for the university's Grateful Dead Archive.

James MacDonald attended the Networked Digital Library of Theses and Dissertations (NDLTD) board of directors meeting. The meeting was followed by the 16th annual ETD Symposium in Hong Kong, September 23-26, 2013, where James presented "Open Source ETD Submission Software: an Update on Jarrow ETD."

Christine Furno, **Ahmed Alwan** and **Alanna Ross** attended the Information Literacy Network of the Gulf Region (ILN) Professional Development Workshops at Zayed University, October 8, 2013. Ahmed presented "Smart Phone Library Tours" and Christine Furno presented "The X-CLASS Factor."

James MacDonald, Thomas Hodge, and **Gerry Reyes** attended the 8th Middle East North Africa Innovative Users' Group (MENA-IUG) Conference at Georgetown University in Doha, Qatar, November 18-21, 2013. James presented "Google Analytics and the OPAC." Thomas presented "YBP Gobi and Coutts OASIS Integration at AUS."