AMICAL Conference

The AUS Library hosted the American International Consortium of Academic Libraries (AMICAL) Annual Meeting and Conference from April 4-7.

AMICAL is a consortium of American-model, liberal arts institutions of higher learning made up of 26 institutions from 21 countries.

Over 100 delegates from around the world attended this year’s conference which explored the theme “The Value of Library and Information Services: Sharing Data and Assessing Impact.” Delegates heard from international experts and had an opportunity to share knowledge and insight on important issues facing libraries and information services.

For more on the conference please see the conference website at www.aus.edu/amical

New Library Website

During the mid-semester break the library unveiled a redesigned website featuring the new AUS branding. In addition to the new look, we’ve incorporated new and useful features such as the daily hours on every page and a website search box. At the same time, all the information you’ve come to rely on is still available and organized in the same way as it was before.

Take a look at library.aus.edu

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Librarian Profile

Scott Carlson
Technical Services Librarian

I came from Chicago. Though I spent the bulk of my teen years in Wisconsin, I returned to the Second City for college and still refer to it as my birthplace (which is not strictly true). The only thing I miss much is Chicago’s Italian beef sandwich.

A career in librarianship was not a foregone conclusion. I arrived at my decision by exhausting a number of possible careers and a handful of pipe dreams – psychology, graphic design, journalism, cartooning. The closest I came to tethering myself was journalism, but the ulcer it birthed begged me to reconsider. Suddenly my student work in college libraries didn’t seem so temporary.

I was halfway through my Master’s degree in Library Science when I started my first professional gig: a non-profit aiding theological libraries. I stayed there for five and a half years. My longevity was as much a surprise as it was satisfying. But nothing lasts forever, and in the interest of widening my horizons, here I am.

Now, can anyone tell me where I can get an Italian beef sandwich?

You may e-mail Scott at scarlson@aus.edu

Introducing DSpace

The library is in the process of loading data from the AUS Archives into its new open digital repository system, DSpace. Used by academic institutions worldwide, DSpace preserves and enables easy and open access to all types of digital content including text, images, video, audio and data sets.

The first collection to be added will be AUS Masters’ theses, which will be available in full-text and searchable. Additional AUS created content including photos, videos and historical university documents will be added later.

Look for the DSpace link on the library homepage later this Spring.

Media Collection

Did you know the library has over 6000 DVDs and videos?

Many patrons have discovered our great collection of classic and current movies, but the library also has a varied selection of documentaries, performance, instructional, and non-English language movies. Items in this growing collection are useful for showing in class and can also be put on Reserve or iLearn.

To keep current on new media arrivals visit
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Library News

Thomas Hodge was promoted to Assistant University Librarian for Technology and Technical Services (January 2012).

Vincent Mani, Library Clerk, received the Chancellor’s Award (March 2012).

Zuzana Tassa was hired as a full-time assistant for Acquisitions (March 2012).

Scott Carlson joined as Technical Services Librarian (March 2012).

Saad Farooqui was hired as a part-time library assistant (March 2012).


Thomas Hodge, Kathleen Botter and Mary Ann Nash presented “Discovery Tool Evaluation: A Three-Pronged Approach” at the annual AMICAL conference hosted by AUS (April 2012).