LIBRARY UPDATE

AUS Library Mission Statement

The AUS Library plays an active and integral role in furthering the educational mission of the University by connecting students and faculty to the world of information and ideas. Librarians, in curricular partnership with the faculty, provide instruction, resources and services that strengthen student research skills, promote critical reflection and foster academic excellence.

To fulfill this mission, the library will:

- Work with faculty to teach students how to locate, evaluate, and effectively use information from a variety of print and online resources using the latest technologies.
- Review, evaluate, select and maintain materials in appropriate formats in order to provide high quality collections that support the needs of the curriculum.
- Provide a comfortable and inviting learning environment to meet a variety of learning needs: group interactions, collaborative and individual computer work, quiet study areas and informal seating.
- Recruit competent, friendly and service-oriented staff who share the library's commitment to excellence; provide development opportunities and reward outstanding performance.
- Explore new and innovative technologies that will improve access to information, increase efficiency and expand learning opportunities.
- Forge effective partnerships within the campus community, with outside academic institutions and with library organizations in the Arabian Gulf region and internationally to enhance library resources and services.

Learning Modules

Can't I just Google it?

Preparing for the 21st century

Locating resources at AUS Library

The AUS Library has developed a series of online Learning Modules containing helpful guides, online tutorials, videos and quizzes to assist students with the entire research process. Designed as self-access learning materials, and as an important resource for faculty wishing to foster student research skills, these Learning Modules are an essential guide to locating, accessing and evaluating information available in the library and through our databases. Why not consider linking directly to content from within your own iLearn courses?

For more information, contact Alanna at aross@aus.edu or Chris at cfurno@aus.edu.
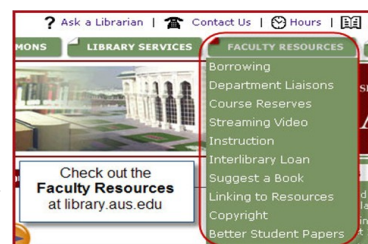
Do students know about the RHD?

In Spring 2010 we conducted a brief survey of students to find out if they were aware of the library's "Ask A Librarian" service and the Research Help Desk (RHD) and to determine their preferences for interacting with librarians. A whopping 83% of the 200 students surveyed said they prefer face-to-face interactions with a librarian – email correspondence rated second highest at only 10%! FYI, students and faculty can always reach us by **visiting** the Research Help Desk on the 1st floor, **selecting** 'Ask a Librarian' from library.aus.edu, or **emailing** researchhelp@aus.edu. For more information about our survey or reference services, contact Chris Furno at cfurno@aus.edu.

Faculty Resources & Information

The AUS Library has resources and information just for faculty! Learn about your borrowing privileges and how to submit an interlibrary loan request. Find out how to schedule a library class to help your students do better research and write better papers. Contact your liaison librarian to discuss book orders and suggest materials to help develop the library's collection. Learn about copyright and course reserve procedures as well as how to link your electronic resources to your iLearn course.

Check out the **Faculty Resources** at library.aus.edu

The Faculty Resources tab at library.aus.edu offers you a wealth of information right at your fingertips!

To learn more, browse library.aus.edu/FacultyResources

Streaming video reserves

Streaming video reserves allows faculty to make video and DVD segments available to students via their iLearn course. The library can digitize video or DVD content and convert it into a streaming format file. All you need to do is link the file to your iLearn course.

For more information, go to library.aus.edu, select Faculty Resources tab, and click Streaming Video.

Librarian Profile

Paula Deakin
Collection Development Librarian

I grew up in Buffalo and Syracuse, New York and received a BSc in Marketing from Boston College. After several years as an insurance underwriter, I left the cold of upstate New York for the sunshine of south Florida where I met my husband Alec. Key West provided me with many opportunities including: beach bum, census taker, receptionist for the Sheriff's Department, and library assistant. We then moved to the UK for seven years where I worked as a library assistant for Anti-Slavery and the University of North London. I went back to university and received my Masters in Library and Information Studies from University College London. My first job after library school was with the Economist Intelligence Unit and in 2002 we moved to Sharjah. Although having grown up a die-hard Bills and Sabres fan, being married to a Brit and spending so many years in the UK, I now more closely follow football (soccer), rugby and have even learned to enjoy cricket.

You may email Paula at pdeakin@aus.edu or call her at x2262

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For more information, contact the Copyright & Permissions Manager, Dalia Gohary, at dgohary@aus.edu, x2283.

STAFF NEWS and EVENTS

- Daphne Flanagan will serve as the *Interim University Librarian* for this academic year.
- Mary Ann Nash joined us from Panama as our *Electronic Resources Librarian* in March 2010.
- In September 2010, Nesrin Atabay was hired as the *Library Administrative Assistant*.
- This semester we welcomed back 22 student assistants & hired an additional 10 students. Student assistants work at the Information Commons Help Desk, Circulation Desk and in Technical Services.
- Fakhruddin Hasnan joined us as our temporary *IT Specialist* in March 2010.
- Dalia Mohamed joined us in October 2010 as part-time staff.
- Iman El Gamal and Fisher Xu attended the MENA IUG Conference on November 1 & 2 in Dubai.

LIAISON LIBRARIANS

Subject Area	Librarian
College of Architecture, Art and Design Visual and Performing Arts	Paula Deakin pdeakin, x2262
Mass Communication Achievement Academy International Studies	Chris Furno cfurno, x2254
College of Engineering	Daphne Flanagan dflanagan, x2255
English Writing Studies TESOL	Alanna Ross aross, x2251
Arabic Studies Translation	Dalia Gohary dgohary, x2283
Math, Statistics, Biology, Chemistry, and Physics	Mary Ann Nash mnash, x2272
School of Business and Management	Kathleen Botter kbotter, x2270

Librarian Activities

- Kathy Ray, Daphne Flanagan and Paula Deakin carried out an anthropological study on AUS undergraduate research behavior. The findings were presented by Daphne and Kathy at the AMICAL (American International Consortium of Academic Libraries) annual conference hosted by Central European University in Budapest (June 2010).

- Sally Crosby attended the American Library Association annual conference in Washington, D.C. (June 2010).

- Daphne Flanagan participated in the Leadership Institute for Academic Librarians, a collaboration of ACRL (Association of College and Research Libraries) and the Harvard Institutes for Higher Education, in Cambridge, Massachusetts (August 2010).

- Dalia Gohary attended the Arab Federation for Libraries and Information annual conference in Beirut (October 2010).

- Kathleen Botter, Christine Furno and Alanna Ross participated in the biennial Information Literacy Network Conference at Dubai Women's College, Higher Colleges of Technology (October 2010). AUS librarians presented their work on usability and the library website, conducted a workshop on IL assessment approaches, and were awarded 'Best Paper' on the rhetorical dimensions of research with first year writing students.

- Thomas Hodge and Mary Ann Nash presented their paper "Re-implementing Electronic Resource Management" at the Middle East North Africa Innovative Users Group meeting at Zayed University in Dubai (November 2010).