

Communication is very important for all organizations, and the Mott College Library is sending you this newsletter to inform you about some of the resources we offer to support your teaching. We encourage you, in turn, to communicate with us about any needs you may have for library resources and services or any improvements you might like to see.

Have a great Fall Semester,

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Library Orientations

One of the favorite parts of our job as librarians is teaching students (& professors) what resources we have in our library and the best way to use them. We find that patrons, especially students, seem to be embarrassed when they don't know how to find something or how to use an online database. Library orientation sessions give us a chance to introduce ourselves and let them know they are not 'bothering us' if they need to find information. Another helpful element is that we can tie your orientation into a specific assignment or make it an overview of our resources. We encourage you to contact us and schedule an orientation session if you feel it would be beneficial. In the case you are rushed for time, we can visit your class for a quick ten minute overview. To schedule a session or for more informa-

tion, contact Mike Ugorowski at (810) 762-5662 or email: mike.ugorowski@mcc.edu

Book Collection

Faculty members are encouraged to order books which would be useful to students and support the curriculum. If you come across a book you think we should own, please feel free to send the information to me via email. You can also use the "Materials Selection" form which is at the library's web site under the *Faculty & Staff* heading.

Thomson-Gale PowerSearch

If you happen to be a long-time user of the Online Resources databases at the Mott Library, you might remember that the first available database was known as *InfoTrac*. The *InfoTrac* product line is still alive and well with *General Reference Gold* and almost 30 other databases now found under the heading of **Thomson-Gale PowerSearch**. **Thomson-Gale PowerSearch** lets users search multiple databases contained in the *InfoTrac* family. An example of a power search would be a combined search of *Academic One File* and *General One File*. Each database includes over 50% unique titles plus nearly 2,600 full-text, peer-reviewed journals. In addition, close to 3,000 full-text titles listed in *Magazines for libraries*, a standard reference tool, are indexed. This is an information rich resource that is available online.

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Library Computer Labs

The computer lab located on the 1st floor of the library is open for student use unless an instructor has it reserved. The computer lab located on the 3rd floor is a classroom lab only. Faculty members can reserve a computer lab by calling the Humanities Divisional office at 762-0471.

Searching JSTOR

JSTOR: Full Text Scholarly Journals introduced a new "faceted search" feature this summer. It offers a number of different options to expand and refine search results. Faceted searching and search results allow users to easily visualize how the returned articles are distributed among categories, or "facets." With a faceted search, users can see how many of their results are in each discipline, how many are book reviews or full-length articles, and how many articles contain images, among other options. Users can modify their search results by choosing specific facets, and all search result pages incorporate the facets sidebar to make modifications easier.

Finding Online Resources

www.library.mcc.edu

- Choose "Online Resources"
- Note: From off campus, users will be prompted to enter the 14 digit number above the barcode on the front of their Mott ID cards.