# AOK Library & Gallery Newsletter



# Clicks & bytes

Written for Students
by Library Staff and Student Workers

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# Meet Our New Web Services Librarian:

Hi,

I am Sarah New. My first library job was as a circulation assistant at the University of Virginia. After graduation (2007, Classics), I started the MSLS program at Catholic University and got a job in the Semitics library, a really cool special collection.



I graduated in 2009 and then headed out to Las Vegas! I spent almost 4 years as Digital Services Librarian at the College of Southern Nevada, where I got to implement a discovery platform (Summon) and design an entirely new website.

I'm very happy to be back on the East Coast, and excited to continue my work in the digital realm!

# Your Questions, Answered How can I save my work on library computers?

Most programs save files to the My Documents folder unless you select another location. Files can be saved directly to:

- The computer desktop
- USB Flash Drive
- UMBC students can also save files to their personal disk space on the S: drive.

After saving to the My Documents folder, files can be emailed or copied to:

- USB Flash Drive
- CD-R, CD-RW, or DVD-R
- Students can save files to their personal disk space on the S: drive.

# eBooks at UMBC



UMBC eBooks may be read on typical PC and Mac desktop computers, laptops, and a wide range of handheld devices. For information about finding, borrowing, and downloading eBooks, consult our complete eBooks at UMBC guide:

lib.guides.umbc.edu/ebooks.

It also contains a list of free and open access eBook collections.

# Exciting news: Equipment Loan Program!

The Digital Media Lab officially opened at the start of the fall semester. It provides spaces and equipment for recording audio and video projects.

In addition, there are Mac workstations equipped with Final Cut Pro and other audio/ video related software.



We are very excited to announce the

Equipment Loan Program. With generous support from the New Media Studio and DoiT, the Albin O. Kuhn Library and Gallery will now have a limited number of cameras, camcorders and audio recorders available for short term loan.

### Meet Our New Science Librarian:



Hi,
I'm Semhar Yohannes. I obtained my
undergraduate degree from McDaniel
College and my Master of Library Science
(MLS) from the University of Maryland,
College Park.

Prior to coming to UMBC, I worked at Capitol College, which is a small private college in Laurel, Maryland with a large computer science and engineering student population. I also worked at the Himmelfarb Health Sciences Library of The

George Washington University.

I look forward to working with you!

# Check us out online!



Facebook page

myUMBC group page





@UMBCLibrary

# **Library Workshops Spring 2014**

# After 5 Session for Returning and Working Learners

March 5 (5:15 pm – 6:15 pm) LIB 259

RSVP to Simmona E. Simmons simmons@umbc.edu.

# Library Research for New Students

March 12 (12 pm – 1 p.m.) LIB 259

RSVP to Gergana Kostova at <u>g.kostova@umbc.edu</u>.

### **EndNote Basic Workshop**

March 26 (12 pm – 1 pm) LIB 259

RSVP to Katy Sullivan at <u>sullivan@umbc.edu</u>.

# **Illustrating Your Point**

March 28 (12 pm - 1 pm) LIB 259

RSVP to Jodi Hoover at hooverj@umbc.edu.

# Zotero Workshop

April 9 (12-1pm) LIB 259

RSVP to Semhar Yohannes at semhar@umbc.edu.

# How Do You Google?

April 16 (12 pm -1 pm) LIB 259

RSVP to Gergana Kostova at g.kostova@umbc.edu.

If you want to share your library experience with other students, send your story to Gergana Kostova at g.kostova@umbc.edu.

# Meet us on campus

Librarians @ PAHB Lobby February 27th 12-1p.m. Library Q&A March12th, Library Rm 259 12:00-1:00 p.m. Credits

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# Library Resources and Services for Graduate Research

I had to do a literature review on Economic Development in South Africa, referring specifically to the Black Economic Empowerment program (BEE), and I needed some ideas about where to start, what to explore. Consulting a resource librarian occurred after I had already made my own attempts and gathering sources on the subject, but with little success. I had a research consultation with the liaison librarian for Language Literacy and Culture Program who introduced me first to the number of available databases and sources, that I had previously not been acquainted with; different techniques in phrase and subject searches using combinations of words; and also the significance of dissertations, which I had previously never even regarded as valuable resources.

I learned, through her, that dissertations were valuable because they covered the most recent literature on a particular subject, at least ideally, and from their conclusions one could determine the gaps and possible areas of expanded research that could still be done in the field. I also use the library website religiously for articles and books. The interlibrary loan system has also been extremely reliable and consistent resource in my research.

### Ian Brown

Language, Literacy, and Culture PhD student Research Assistant

# Discovering Interlibrary Loan Service



During my years here at UMBC, I have done a fair share of research for various classes. I've grown accustomed to the slightly overwhelming feeling that

accompanies starting out on a research project, and the sometimes-frustrating task of finding sources that are not only relevant and useful, but also accessible.

Fortunately, the Interlibrary Loan department at the UMBC Library offers a simple way for students to access sources that are not owned by UMBC or other libraries in the University of Maryland system. All of the information you need to set up and access your account is available on the Library's website. Once you set up an account, you can submit requests for books and articles from other universities outside of USMAI.

I fully realized how invaluable Interlibrary Loan was while I worked on my capstone historical research project, when I needed two collections of memoirs that neither UMBC nor any of the USMAI libraries had. I requested the books through Interlibrary Loan and both were available for me to pick up just four days later. These particular sources became the most vital components of my research and ones that I would never have been able to get if it were not for the Interlibrary Loan department.

Interlibrary loan is an incredibly useful resource for anyone starting out on a research project and one that I wish I had taken advantage of sooner. It is an easy, simple way to vastly expand the sources available to you for all of your research endeavors.

### Sarah Klimek

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