

NEUMANN NEWS

Highlighting Scholarly Information Services & Resources for the UHCL Community

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Early in the digital revolution people believed that technology was making libraries irrelevant, ignoring the larger cultural and educational role of academic libraries. Far from being a warehouse of obsolete books, the library offers active opportunities to learn, to search, and to inquire, as well as to discuss and explore ideas as an extension of the classroom. Technology has enriched the library experience, allowing us to blend traditional materials with up-to-the-minute digital resources in a laptop-friendly environment.

Students today are multitaskers, engaging in many activities and demanding a wide variety of stimuli. It's no surprise that students come to the library to do many different things. They are looking for an environment where they can discuss and explore ideas and find a blend of traditional and digital resources, a comfortable, quiet place to study, and great services designed to save their time and improve their grades. Whether done in groups or individually, all of these activities support sustained engagement with teaching and learning.

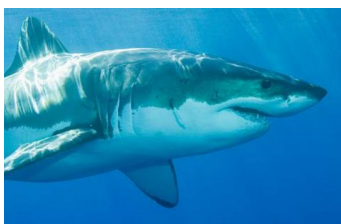
By acknowledging these distinct functions, the **library as a place** enhances the excitement and adventure of the academic experience, fosters a sense of community, and advances the institution's educational mission. Upon entering the library, a student becomes part of a larger community imbued with the richness of the tradition of scholarship. This is a significant part of the academic life—the feeling that one is part of something larger, inspirational, and important.

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CHE article warns of "predatory online journals"



In *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, Michael Stratford recently wrote of

faculty members who say they were misled into agreeing to serve on editorial boards and submitting manuscripts for questionable, open-access, author-pays-model journals. A particular company, OMICS Publishing Group, which publishes

approximately 200 journals, was singled out. Stratford spoke also with University of Colorado at Denver librarian Jeffrey Beall, who writes the blog [Scholarly Open Access](http://scholarlyopenaccess.org). Mr. Beall's blog site includes lists of predatory, open-access [publishers](#) as well as questionable, individual [journals](#).



Stratford, M. (March 9, 2012). "Predatory" Online Journals Lure Scholars Who Are Eager to Publish. *Chronicle of Higher Education*, 58 (27), A1, A6-A7. [Online version](#) March 4, 2012.

Critical thinking display

Visit the Critical Thinking display on the library's first level through April 2012. The display includes puzzles, logical fallacies in the form of jokes, and brainteasers, in addition to scholarly resources about teaching critical thinking and material related to the university's accreditation reaffirmation quality enhancement plan.

QEP Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS	DOWN
1. The number of years between one major UHCL reaccreditation and the next	1. The "T" in ACT (the UHCL QEP topic)
3. The acronym for our regional accrediting association	2. The "P" in QEP
5. The "A" in ACT (the UHCL QEP topic)	4. The "C" in ACT (the UHCL QEP topic)
6. The "E" in QEP	
7. The "Q" in QEP	

Welcome, Casey

We are pleased to announce that Casey Roberson joined Neumann Library on March 1 in the position of Reference & Instruction Librarian, Humanities. Casey earned a B.A. in German from Berry College, the M.S.L.S. from University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, and served as a librarian at Davis Memorial Library, Methodist University, Fayetteville, North Carolina. In addition to **Humanities**, Casey's [subject liaison assignments](#) include **Anthropology**, **History**, and **Literature**. Contact him at roberson@uhcl.edu or at extension 3913.



A (recent) LOOK BACK IN TIME



The University of Houston-Clear Lake community bid farewell on February 1, 2012, to Shelly Henley Kelly, who served as University Archivist for ten years. Shelly's work was of the highest caliber. We wish her only the best in her new position at her family's telecommunications business. Shelly is shown above between Karen Wielhorski, Executive Director, Neumann Library, and William Staples, President, UHCL.

Photo by Ashlynn Wicke

HELP US ENSURE FILMS ARE AVAILABLE WHEN YOU NEED THEM

Most instructional films purchased by the library are kept on the Media Shelves (first level of the library). They're available for in-house viewing and also for outside borrowing. If you plan to show a film in class, or if it's required viewing for your students, please submit a [course reserves request](#) at the beginning of the semester for which the film is needed. In addition, please email the [Circulation staff](#) with the dates you want to show the film in class.

As an alternative, check for suitable streaming video films in the library's [Films on Demand](#) subscription database ([more](#) about streaming video).

Big changes for government documents



For almost two decades, the Government Printing Office (GPO) has been following a Congressional mandate to "go electronic." GPO's first website to aid in this process was *GPOAccess*.

In 2008, GPO rolled out *FDsys*, a replacement for *GPOAccess* (see [Neumann News, Fall 2008](#)), making it easier to search and view documents. After 16 years of keeping America informed, *GPOAccess* officially closed on March 16, 2012. You will need to update any bookmarks. Redirects will be active for one year. For more information about the transition, [click here](#).

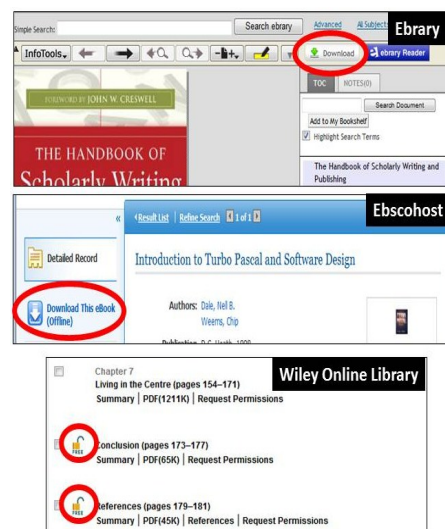
The Neumann Library's depository is also in transition to reflect GPO's

transformation to primarily electronic distribution. As a result, our paper collection will occupy less room and will be moved to the first level of the library near the [Current Periodicals shelves](#). The move is to be completed before September 1. For more information, contact [Gay Carter](#), Reference/Documents Librarian.

From [Government Documents](#)

Downloading ebooks

Many of the library's 127,600 plus ebooks can be downloaded to a personal computer or portable device. When viewing an ebook, look for a *Download* button or link or, in Wiley ebooks, an open lock icon. See detailed [instructions](#), and please [contact us](#) if you have questions.



Archives expansion and temporary closure

Construction to expand the University Archives located on the Neumann Library's second level is expected to begin within a month. It is anticipated that the Archives and Johnson Space Center History collections will be closed to the public sometime in mid-April and will reopen approximately three months after construction begins.

CMOS online

Neumann Library offers an online version of the current, 16th edition of [Chicago Manual of Style](#). If you prefer to consult a physical copy, stop by the Reference Desk.

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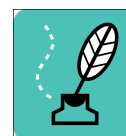
Monday—Thursday	8 am—12 midnight
Friday	8 am—5 pm
Saturday	9 am—6 pm
Sunday	1 pm—9 pm

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This newsletter is available with active hyperlinks on the library website at www.uhcl.edu/library/NEWS.

Can we be of assistance?

Call the Reference Desk at 281-283-3910 or see other [Ask a Librarian](#) options.



FROM THE EDITORS...

Thanks again to Shelly K. for creating the Neumann News template. You are missed.