

# NEUMANN NEWS

Highlighting Scholarly Information Services & Resources for the UHCL Community

## FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

In today's information landscape, online social networking has transitioned rapidly from fad to fixture to infrastructure. Facebook, YouTube, and MySpace were unknown five years ago—today they are visited daily by millions (Facebook alone has 300 million registered users), connecting communities of people in interesting new ways.

Neumann Library operates within this evolving landscape. We are designing new services that encourage interaction and collaboration. We established our presence on Facebook and launched our library blog.

We addressed the need for IM (instant messaging) contact with our students by adding that capability to our Ask a Librarian page. The Library Catalog now allows users to tag and rate books and to read online reviews and summaries.

We have transformed our public computer area, opening it up to encourage student collaboration. We are accommodating the influx of personal laptops by making laptop-friendly areas, which provide a variety of ways to work or to browse online.

Neumann Library is working hard to provide an environment to encourage exploration and learning. We welcome your feedback as we shape your information resources and services of the future.

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## Films on Demand & other recently acquired databases



**Films on Demand** provides thousands of educational films that can be viewed online in their entirety or in pre-defined segments. Show films in class or guide students to a specific title or a customized playlist for independent viewing. Access Films on Demand from the library website's [Databases A-Z](#) page, and include the library's authentication prefix in any [links](#) provided to students. Additional new research databases include:

**Publishing Opportunities** — Though it currently lacks the journal acceptance rates found in the Cabell's directories, this resource to help scholars identify periodicals in which to publish does include calls for papers from conferences and special issues in addition to journals.

**Agricola (EBSCO)** — This index to books and articles from the National Agricultural Library now is available with the EBSCO interface, which includes selected, linked fulltext and MyEBSCOhost custom options. See also *Saving Searches & Creating Folders in EBSCO Databases* ([PDF](#)).

**ArchiveGrid** — Describes the materials

available in the collections of archives, museums, historical societies, and specialized libraries throughout the world.

**CAMIO (Catalog of Art Museum Images Online)** — Includes over 95,000 images of fine and decorative art, with rights granted for educational and research use.

**Counseling & Therapy in Video** — Streaming video of therapy sessions, consultations, interviews, searchable transcripts, teaching/discussion guides, and more for counseling and psychotherapy.

**Dissertations & Theses @ UHCL** — This subset of ProQuest's Dissertations & Theses includes fulltext for most of the UHCL Master's theses written from 1995 forward.

**Early Republic** — Provides primary source content from the Johns Hopkins University Press' *Documentary History of the First Federal Congress*.

**Eisenhower Papers** — A digital version of the Johns Hopkins University Press' *Papers of Dwight David Eisenhower*, in-

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## APA Publication Manual 6th edition errors

The July 2009 release of the new sixth edition of the *Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association* contained a surprising number of errors, which have been corrected in a second

printing. The library's copies are being replaced, and links to corrections from APAStyle can be found under the library website Style Manuals & Writing Help page's [Citation Style Guides](#) tab.

## A LOOK BACK IN TIME



This stitched logo is a recent addition to the UHCL Archives. Created to commemorate the opening of UH/CLC on September 3, 1974, the framed art is signed on the reverse by many of the Charter faculty, staff, and administrators. Additional photos and information are available on the Neumann Library [Blog](#).



Photos: [University Archives](#) collections

## NEW VIDEO: HOW TO RENEW BOOKS ONLINE

Did you know that you can use the **My Account** feature in the [Library Catalog](#) to renew books owned by UHCL, UH, or UH Downtown? If not, view a short video, *How to Renew Books Online*, on the library's [tutorials](#) webpage for instructions on this useful service. See also [Borrowing & Renewals](#) for additional information regarding loan periods and exceptions.

## Potential gold mine for statistical researchers



[Data.gov](#) is a new federal website providing free public access to raw statistical data produced by the executive branch. For researchers who do their own data analysis or manipulation, this is an exciting addition to online federal information.

The site has three searchable catalogs. The "[Raw](#)" [Data Catalog](#) retrieves machine-readable files in various formats for downloading. The [Tool Cata-](#)

[log](#) finds links to data mining and extraction tools, applications, and widgets. The [Geodata Catalog](#) links to government geospatial data.

Read the [tutorial](#) or peruse the [FAQ](#) page to learn how to use this valuable new resource.

For more information, contact [Gay Carter](#), Reference/Documents Librarian, or [Heather Strawser](#), Documents Associate.

From [Government Documents](#)

## Comfy new seating area

Comfortable lounge chairs, bistro seating, and an increased number of electrical outlets have been added to a new laptop-friendly area on the library's first level overlooking the Lot D student entrance to the Bayou Building. Bring a cup of coffee or other beverage (in containers with secure lids please), and settle in with your laptop, or enjoy perusing the latest issue of the *Houston Chronicle*, *New York Times*, or *Wall Street Journal*. Newly received books are available in this area as well.

## Databases, cont.

cluding correspondence and other documents written during his military career and presidency.

**GreenFILE** — Indexes articles, books, and more on a variety of topics related to mankind's effect on the environment. Earliest coverage dates from 1913 and includes selected fulltext.

**RMA eStatement Studies** — Online version of the Robert Morris Associates Annual Statement Studies, which include industry ratios for a five-year span.

**Something About the Author Online** — Provides biographical information and critical essays on authors and illustrators of all kinds of literature for children. International in scope as long as a work is available in English.

## Google Book settlement

Curious about the Google Book legal settlement? Keep up to date at the American Library Association's [informational site](#).

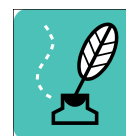


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FROM THE EDITORS...

A happy Thanksgiving holiday to all, and watch for a new look on our website in January!



This newsletter is available with active hyperlinks on the library website at [www.uhcl.edu/library/NEWS](http://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.

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