

# NEUMANN NEWS

Highlighting Scholarly Information Services & Resources for the UHCL Community

## FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The student Library Use Fee is one of the library's major funding sources, the other being state funds. After four years of state budget cuts, the cumulative effect is being felt most definitely in the library's materials budget. Funding decreases as prices soar, something with which we're all familiar. Also factored into this simple but dramatic dynamic, however, is the migration from print to electronic formats. Once upon a time, printed books were purchased once, cataloged, processed, shelved, and circulated. In today's high tech environment, the library pays for access to ebooks on an annual basis. Since electronic formats are billed every year, there is an unfortunate opportunity for annual price increases. Some of the increases are mind-boggling as publishers pull content from aggregator databases and repack-age it to sell separately.

Electronic formats are much more expensive than print to start with, and given regular price increases, they become even more so. Librarians handle this shifting landscape by constantly re-evaluating usage, priorities, and need. All this adds up to a strong case for increasing the Library Use Fee. All of us want UHCL to be the best educational experience for our students. The library needs to serve them well and provide the best resources possible to help them achieve their goals. We are proud that our students have voted to increase the Library Use Fee, which they pay, in order to secure the very best.

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## Faculty Senate Fireside Chat follow-up

The fireplace may have been virtual, but it still provided cozy ambiance for the February 11th Fireside Chat event, which was hosted by the Faculty Senate Research Committee and Neumann Library. Librarians responded to questions from faculty during this informal gathering. Some of the discussion concerned:

- [OneSearch](#), the contents of which include almost all Neumann Library databases, the Library Catalog, and selected public domain digital collections such as ebooks from [Project Gutenberg](#) and from [HathiTrust Digital Library](#). Expand results even further by selecting *Add results beyond your library's collection* (under *Refine your search* on a results screen display). When full text isn't available, the *Citation Online* display now includes a big orange *Request* button that links to interlibrary loan forms.
- [Karen Berrish](#), Associate Director for Library Digital Services, can provide and

## New databases

Recent additions to relevant [research guides](#) and the library's [Databases A-Z](#) webpage include the following:

**Applied Science & Technology Source** — Selected full text for over 1,200 journals and proceedings in the applied sciences and computing.

**Art Source** — Selected full text for over 600 journals, yearbooks, and museum bulletins in the commercial, fine, and decorative arts.

**Cabell's Health Administration** — Information about Health Administration journals (acceptance rate, review process,



troubleshoot any issues concerning library streaming video links in Blackboard.

- For on-campus wireless access to library databases, the UHCLPrivate network must be used. Related instructions plus other technical and troubleshooting help are provided in the library's [Database Access](#) guide.
- The library's [Downloading Ebooks from Library Databases](#) guide provides instructions for various ebook sources and portable devices.
- [Streaming video service](#) options can be found on the library website.



etc.) has been added to **Cabell's Publishing Opportunities Directories**.

**Emerald Emerging Markets Case Studies** — Full text, peer-reviewed case studies for accounting/finance, entrepreneurship, environmental management, international business, human resource management, and more.

**Humanities Source** — Selected full text for over 1,400 journals in all areas of the humanities.

**ProQuest Statistical Abstract of the United States** — Full text, online edition

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## A LOOK BACK IN TIME



The University of Houston-Clear Lake (then University of Houston-Clear Lake City) Women's Association scrapbook can be viewed in University Archives. Contents span the group's first organizational meeting on May 20, 1974, to an Aloha Luncheon on May 1, 1981. The scrapbook has a needlepoint cover and a hand-made, quilted case.



Photos: [University Archives](#) collections

## DATABASES, cont.

of the "social, political, and economic" U.S. data formerly published by the United States Department of Commerce.

**PsycTESTS** — Primarily full text psychological instruments and scales that can be used in research and teaching. Also includes information on some commercial tests.

**VAST: Academic Video Online** — Online videos for a wide range of subject areas. Includes instructional, documentary, and performance videos and more.

## Finding census facts just got easier



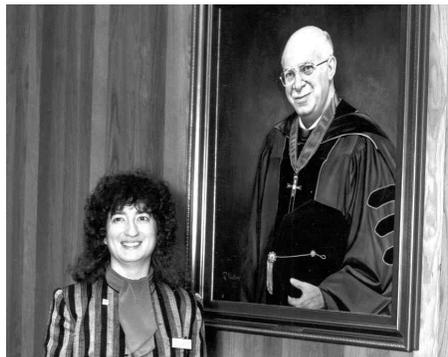
The Census Bureau's [American FactFinder's](#) new interface makes finding population profiles a snap. With the **Community Facts** search option, you can search on a state, county, city, town, or zip code and instantly have tables on various demographic data.

## Welcome, Amanda

We're very happy to announce that Amanda Ros joined Neumann Library in February in the position of Catalog/Discovery Librarian. Amanda's M.L.I.S. is from Florida State University.

## Save the date

Neumann Library's last remaining UHCL charter staff member, Gay Carter, will retire at the end of May. Please join us on Wednesday, May 1, at 3:00 p.m. in the Garden Room as we celebrate Gay's contributions to the library and to UHCL. Gay is shown below circa 1987 next to the portrait of UHCL founding Chancellor Alfred R. Neumann.



The **Guided Search** walks you through the selection of variables for a more specific search. The **Advanced Search** gives you access to all available data points. For more help, see [Using American FactFinder](#), or contact [Gay E. Carter](#), Reference/Documents Librarian.



From [Government Documents](#)

## JournalTOCs

Tables of contents from over 21,500 academic journals are provided at [JournalTOCs](#), a project based at Heriot-Watt University in Scotland. After creating a free account, one can receive alerts for up to 300 "followed" or saved journals.

## Library Catalog material types expanded

More detailed material format types (e.g., book, e-book, etc.) now appear in the Library Catalog with corresponding limiters provided in [Advanced Search](#). Video formats, for example, now include DVD, online video, Blu-ray, and video cassette.



FROM THE EDITORS...



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Library hours during regular academic session:

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

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.