

NEUMANN NEWS

Highlighting Scholarly Information Services & Resources for the UHCL Community

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

In this time of budget reductions, I wish to address the cost of ebooks as compared to printed books. As more classes, courses, and programs are offered online, the library is responding with ebooks and ejournals available from any computer 24/7. This is the future growth area of higher education, and your library is ahead of the curve, already offering more than 100,000 ebooks (all listed in our catalog) and 30,000 ejournals. If you have seen the price of ebooks listed on the Amazon website, you would believe that they are relatively inexpensive. This is largely because of price restraints imposed by Amazon on publishers. When publishers pressed to increase prices, users resisted loudly and publicly boycotted publishers and authors.

Academic ebooks, however, do not have a vocal public following to press for lower prices. Academic ebooks are more expensive than their Amazon counterparts, just as printed academic books are more expensive than their mass market counterparts.

The library purchases ebooks from a variety of publishers on various platforms. The most popular and numerous are Ebrary and NetLibrary ebooks, which can be read on a PC. The library world still awaits multidevice, multifor-mat access and content portability. A project under development called Google Editions should provide this type of access and may transform the ebook landscape, allowing the library's ebooks to be read on your favorite mobile device. Stay tuned.

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Some books on critical thinking

UHCL's Quality Enhancement Plan for the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools reaccreditation review will focus on student outcomes related to critical thinking. A selected list of books on the topic follows. Click on individual title hyperlinks to access Library Catalog records, which contain location information and links to summaries, reviews, and ebooks.

- Barell, J. (2003). [Developing more curious minds](#). Alexandria, VA: Association for Supervision and Curriculum Develop-

ment. (also available as an ebook from [Ebrary](#) or [NetLibrary](#))

- Bowell, T., & Kemp, G. (2002). [Critical thinking: A concise guide](#). New York, NY: Routledge. (ebook)
- Bowkett, S. (2006). [100 ideas for teaching thinking skills](#). New York, NY: Continuum.
- Fook, J., & Gardner, F. (2007). [Practising critical reflection: A resource handbook](#).

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UHCL Pearland Campus Library opens

Visit us in Room 101 at the new University of Houston-Clear Lake Pearland Campus at 1200 Pearland Parkway. The library is open from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.,

Monday through Thursday, and from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon on Friday. [Directions](#) and additional information can be found [online](#).

Children and teens-related resources easier to find

Mouse over **Resources by Subject** in the library homepage horizontal menu to find a link to the new [Children and Teens](#) web page. A variety of children's literature-related resources used by students and faculty in the School of Education are provided, along with pre-limited Library

Catalog search boxes and links to review sources, award sites, and much more. Regardless of whether your interest is work-related or whether you're looking for great resources to share with your children or grandchildren, the materials found here will be of help.

A LOOK BACK IN TIME



The Outdoor Amphitheater, which formerly existed on the north side of the Bayou Building, was the site of an unknown number of music concerts, impromptu meetings, and even a sidewalk circus. In one event sponsored by the Humanities Club thirty years ago, Dr. John Gorman sat in the center of the outdoor venue and read poetry aloud for an hour. The UHCL Archives is looking for photographs and additional information about the Amphitheater. If you have any documentation that may be helpful, please contact Archivist Shelly Kelly at 281-283-3936 or kellysh@uhcl.edu.



Photos: [University Archives](#) collections

Celebrating 30 years as a federal depository library



A new exhibit in the library marks the 30th anniversary of Neumann Library joining the Federal Depository Library Program. Officially designated in August 1980, the library began receiving documents in January 1981.

Our fledgling collection was augmented by pre-1973 documents from Parsons College, 1960s and 1970s documents from Brazosport College, and two major microfiche collections: *Congressional Information Service* and *American Statistical Index*.

As a federal depository library, we serve the community at large as well as the curriculum needs of the university.

Critical thinking, cont.

Maidenhead, England: Open University Press. (ebook)

- Hooks, B. (2010). [Teaching critical thinking: Practical wisdom](#). New York, NY: Routledge.
- Leicester, M. (2010). [Teaching critical thinking skills](#). New York, NY: Continuum.
- Lipman, M. (2003). [Thinking in education](#) (2nd ed.). New York, NY: Cambridge University Press. (or [ebook](#))
- Moore, B., & Stanley, T. (2010). [Critical thinking and formative assessments: Increasing the rigor in your classroom](#). Larchmont, NY: Eye on Education.
- Nosich, G. (2009). [Learning to think things through: A guide to critical thinking across the curriculum](#) (3rd ed.). Upper Saddle River, NJ: Pearson Prentice Hall.

Consequently, the U. S. government documents collection contains a remarkable variety of subjects, from pesticides (*Read the Label First! Protect Your Garden*, EP 1.2:R22/5/GARDEN) to *Adult Literacy and Education in America* (ED 1.302:AD9/6).

In thirty years, we have seen four censuses, the rise of electronic access, and many historical events. Come take a stroll down memory lane by visiting our celebration exhibit.

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

From [Government Documents](#)

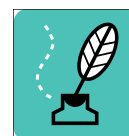
Streaming video service

When requested by a faculty member, we can digitize videos from VHS or DVD for inclusion in WebCT or Blackboard online courses or course shells. The videos must be owned by the faculty member, a UHCL school or department, or Neumann Library, and we must be able to obtain digital rights from the copyright holder. A minimum of two weeks notice is required, and requests will be processed in the order received. Find guidelines and request forms on the library's Faculty Services web page under Services & Forms: [Film/Video/DVD Service](#).



FROM THE EDITORS...

Wishing the entire UHCL community a happy and safe winter holiday!



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Saturday	9 am—6 pm
Sunday	1 pm—9 pm

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Can we be of assistance?

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