

NEUMANN NEWS

Highlighting Scholarly Information Services & Resources for the UHCL Community

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

In times of tight budgets, endowment funds can make all the difference. Thanks to the generous vision of Kathy Tamer, Neumann Library has funds devoted to incorporating new technology into our library. This year the librarians have chosen to focus on two projects that will offer our students and faculty innovative capabilities.

Four Sony ebook readers are on order and will be available for check out. Each handheld reader will be loaded with an assortment of non-fiction leadership and management books, as well as popular fiction. The ebooks are licensed from Netlibrary, the same provider of the majority of the 86,000 ebooks already available through the Library Catalog.

The other technology investment will be a "smart" projection system, which offers the benefit of an interactive whiteboard that connects to a computer with an easy-to-use USB device and captures notes electronically. It will allow access to the Internet or other applications directly from the board and will include a presentation pen that performs like a mouse. The system will give our students an opportunity to enhance collaborative learning and practice their presentation skills.

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Resources to help combat student plagiarism

The UHCL student publication *The Signal* recently included an article about student plagiarism and on-campus efforts to address this academic honesty concern.* Helping students understand and avoid plagiarism is particularly challenging in a digital environment. To make matters more difficult, plagiarism, an *ethical* issue related to using someone else's intellectual property without appropriate acknowledgement in the form of a citation, also can be confused with *legal* issues of copyright infringement and fair use.

This article spotlights plagiarism education-related articles, books, and web sites. Off-campus access to fulltext for most of the articles listed will require authentication with your UHCL faculty, staff, or student [library barcode number](#).

- Blum, S. D. (2009). [Academic integrity and student plagiarism: A question of education, not ethics](#). *Chronicle of Higher Education*, 55(24), A35.
- Christenbury, L. (2009). [It's not as simple as it seems: Doing honest academic work in an age of point and click](#). *Knowledge Quest*, 37(3), 16-23.
- Kaner, C., & Fielder, R. L. (2008). [A cautionary note on checking software engineering papers for plagiarism](#). *IEEE Transactions on Education*, 51(2), 184-188. One of ten related articles in this [issue](#).

* Rodriguez, L. Y. (2009). Plagiarism pitfall. *The Signal*, 37(5), 1, 10.

- Pittman-Munke, P., & Berghoef, M. (2008). [Tackling plagiarism: Linking hi-tech, low-tech & no tech methods for detection](#). *Journal of Social Work Values and Ethics*, 5(1), Article 79/55. Part of a [special issue](#) on academic honesty.

- Walker, A. L. (2008). [Preventing unintentional plagiarism: A method for strengthening paraphrasing skills](#). *Journal of Instructional Psychology*, 35(4), 387-395.

The hyperlinks in the following book references lead to the Library Catalog, which provides location, status, and additional information, including links to fulltext for those that are identified as ebooks. Use the Catalog's *Request* feature if a UHCL copy is not available.

- Blum, S. D. (2009). [My word!: Plagiarism and college culture](#). Ithaca: Cornell University Press.
- DeSena, L. H. (2007). [Preventing plagiarism: Tips and techniques](#). Urbana, IL: National Council of Teachers of English.
- Eisner, C., & Vicinus, M. (Eds.) (2008). [Originality, imitation, and plagiarism: Teaching writing in the digital age](#). Ann

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To find more articles on this topic, perform the search below in *Academic Search Complete* or other library research [databases](#). Images from EBSCO's *Academic Search Complete* used with permission.

A LOOK BACK IN TIME



Charter faculty member Dr. Gretchen Mieskowski served as Commencement Marshall for the May 1976, 1977, and 1978 graduation ceremonies. The 1976 program was the first to be held in the Bayou Building. These images are from the May 1977 ceremony.



Photos: [University Archives](#) collections

MAY MINI-SESSION HOURS

Library interim hours have been extended to better serve students, faculty, and staff during the May Mini-Session (May 18 to June 7, 2009). Library hours will be:

Monday through Wednesday:

8:00 a.m. to 10:30 p.m.

Thursday: 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Friday: 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Saturday: Closed

Sunday: 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Regular [summer session hours](#) will begin on Monday, June 8.

Getting a handle on the financial crisis



The current economic crisis is far from over, but the good news is that many government agencies are providing information for consumers, investors, and anyone else trying to make sense of it all.

The library's Government Documents department has put together a display using a number of government resources to highlight changes in the local economy. You can view the display on the third floor of the library, next to the elevators. Below are a few of the web sites that are featured.

- [Bank Card and Mortgage Delinquencies Map](#)
- Speaker of the House's [job loss comparison chart](#)

- St. Louis Federal Reserve Bank's [Financial Crisis Timeline](#)
- [Rebuilding America's Infrastructure map](#)
- [Texas Economy at a Glance](#)
- [Houston-Sugar Land-Baytown Economy at a Glance](#)

See also the Government Documents Collection [Special Interest](#) web page tab for more information on the economic crisis.

As a federal and state depository, the Neumann Library is committed to providing public access to government publications. For more information, contact [Gay Carter](#), Reference/Documents Librarian, or [Heather Strawser](#), Documents Associate.

From [Government Documents](#)

Plagiarism resources, cont.

Arbor: University of Michigan Press.

- Lathrop, A. (2005). [Guiding students from cheating and plagiarism to honesty and integrity: Strategies for change](#). Westport, CT: Libraries Unlimited.
- Lathrop, A. (2000). [Student cheating and plagiarism in the Internet era: A wake-up call](#). Englewood, CO: Libraries Unlimited. (ebook)
- Marsh, B. (2007). [Plagiarism: Alchemy and remedy in higher education](#). Albany: State University of New York Press. (ebook)
- Sutherland-Smith, W. (2008). [Plagiarism, the Internet, and student learning: Improving academic integ-](#)

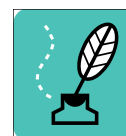
[rity](#). New York: Routledge.

The library provides links to plagiarism education-related web sites under the Faculty Services page's [Information: Copyright and Plagiarism](#) tab and also under the Research a Topic: Style Manuals & Writing Help page's [Avoiding Plagiarism](#) tab. Some of the resources for the latter include humorous videos and interactive quizzes. Help also is available from the UHCL [Writing Center](#).



FROM THE EDITORS...

Thank you to Heather Strawser for her excellent work on the economic crisis display.



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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.

Can we be of assistance?

Call the Reference Desk at 281-283-3910 or email us at library@uhcl.edu.