

NEUMANN NEWS

Highlighting Scholarly Information Services & Resources for the UHCL Community

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

As Neumann Library transforms to embrace the online environment, it is good to pause and reflect on our traditional values. The library staff has done just that, distilling and defining our values into a [statement](#) to share with our community of learners. We place a high value on providing welcoming, courteous and professional service to all our community. We provide diverse, scholarly collections and technologies to encourage and make possible the achievement of personal, institutional, and community goals. We work actively to protect the intellectual freedom and privacy rights of our users in order to promote an environment for teaching, learning and the pursuit of knowledge.

Libraries are so much more than warehouses of books. We are passionate about adding value to our students' learning experience and equipping them with lifelong information skills. These basic foundations are increasingly important in virtual environments. Librarians strive to create both physical and virtual spaces in which students and faculty can pursue intellectual inquiry.

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Easier access coming for government information



Access to official, authenticated government information from all three branches of the federal government currently is at your fingertips on the Government Printing Office (GPO) web site [GPOAccess](#). Legislative resources include congressional bills, the *Congressional Record*, the *United States Code*, and public and private laws. Executive branch resources include the *Code of Federal Regulations*, the *Federal Register*, presidential materials, and links to agency web sites. Judicial resources are the Supreme Court web site, with access to the court's dockets, arguments, opinions and slip opinions, and a link to other U.S. court sites. Additionally, you can search the *Catalog of U.S. Government Publications* (CGP), order from the U.S. Government Bookstore, locate other federal depository libraries, or be introduced to the federal government process through *Ben's Guide to U.S. Government*.

In December 2008, the GPO expects to launch the first phase of its *Federal Digital System*, or *FDsys*, as it will be known. *FDsys* will replace *GPOAccess* and will have better and easier search features. The first phase will contain the following collections: the *Federal Register*, congres-

sional bills, public and private laws, *Compilation of Presidential Documents*, *Congressional Record*, congressional reports, congressional documents, and congressional hearings. The two systems will co-exist until all collections have migrated to *FDsys*. The target for completing the migration is the summer of 2009. For more information about *FDsys*, visit <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys>.

Two additional web sites now help you find elusive regulatory information: [Regulations.gov](#) and [RegInfo.gov](#). Both sites have user-friendly search interfaces, so if you ever get frustrated trying to search the *Federal Register* or *Code of Federal*



Regulations on *GPOAccess*, give one of these sites a try, or contact [Gay Carter](#), Reference and Documents Librarian (281-283-3914).

One thing that isn't changing is GPO's commitment to federal depository libraries and free public access to government information. Their new ad campaign says it all: **Free** information, **Dedicated** service, and **Limitless** possibilities — as easy as FDL!

Faculty authors: Where have you been cited?

To find out where and how frequently your publications have been cited, start with a cited reference search in the arts and humanities, social sciences, and science citation indexes of [Web of Science](#)

database. Follow up with similar searches in selected EBSCO research databases and in [Google Scholar](#). For tips and examples, see the library's illustrated PDF guide [Cited Reference Searches](#).

A LOOK BACK IN TIME



Dr. Philip G. Hoffman (on the right), former President of the University of Houston and the first head of the UH System, is pictured with founding UHCL chancellor Dr. Alfred R. Neumann (date of photo unknown). Dr. Hoffman spoke with UHCL Archivist Shelly Kelly in 2005, and the oral history transcript is now available in PDF through the new [Archives Catalog](#). Dr. Hoffman passed away on October 29, 2008, at the age of 93.

Photo: [University Archives](#) collections

THESIS & DISSERTATION STUDENT PRIVILEGES

Master's students who have registered for the thesis course and doctoral students working on dissertations receive semester-long checkout privileges for UHCL general stacks library books, as well as priority for renting the library's enclosed carrels. Inquire at the Circulation Desk, or contact [Frances Roppolo](#), Access Services Librarian, at 281-283-3918, for additional information.

New research databases

The following databases have been added since last spring and are available on the library's [Databases A-Z](#) webpage:

AnthropologicalLit — Indexes journal articles and essays in social, cultural, and physical anthropology, archaeology, and related research. Coverage begins in the early 1800's and includes documents in over 50 languages.

Educational Administration Abstracts — Indexes articles from some of the most important journals for educational administration, leadership, and management. Coverage currently dates from 1943 to present with selected full text beginning in 1965.

FAITS (Faulkner Advisory for Info Tech Studies) — A virtual library of full-text reports on products, companies, services, and trends in the information technology industry.

Project Euclid — Provides indexing and mostly open access coverage for "low-cost and independent society journals" in theoretical and applied mathematics and statistics. Selected monograph and conference proceedings also are included.

SPORTDiscus with Full Text — Provides full text for over 440 sports and sports medicine journals from around the world, as well as selected full text and indexing for related books, book chapters, government documents, theses, dissertations, and more. Full text coverage currently begins in the 1950's.

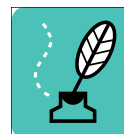
Tests in Print — A directory of English-language, commercially published test instruments relevant to psychology, education, and business. Entries include information about instrument purpose, scoring, administration, and availability, and include citations to critical reviews in *Mental Measurements Yearbook*, which also is available in [Databases A-Z](#).

Women and Social Movements (Scholars Edition) — An extensive collection of primary source documents related to the history of women in social movements in the United States from 1600 to 2000.

Note: If a database doesn't provide immediate full text for a desired document, look for an **ArticleLinker** button or *check-for-possible-full-text* hyperlink to see whether the library provides full text through another source.

OED online

Neumann Library provides online access to the *Oxford English Dictionary*. The OED illustrates the use of English language words from the earliest known occurrence to the present day with quotation examples. This landmark historical resource is available from the [Library Catalog](#), the [Dictionaries and Quick Facts](#) webpage, or from [Databases A-Z](#).



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We wish the entire UHCL community a happy and healthy Thanksgiving holiday!

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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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Can we be of assistance?

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