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We publish *INSIDE The CU Libraries* weekly, when classes are in session. Here we share information about our services and resources with the campus community. Current and back issues are available online through the NEWS link on the [Libraries' homepage](#).

Tell Us What You Think - Win Super Gift Cards



The University Libraries are conducting a library service quality survey to help us assess and improve our services. Findings from this survey will help to inform decisions in the Libraries and better provide the services and resources YOU need.

Go to the LibQUAL+ LibGuide to take the survey: <https://libguides.clarion.edu/libqual2021>. It only takes 5-10 minutes! The survey will be open from October 25 to November 19, 2021.

LibQUAL+

Enter your Clarion email address at the end of the survey for a chance to win a prize! We're giving away sixteen prizes, including a grand prize \$200 Amazon gift card! Prizes are made possible through the use of CU Foundation designated library funds.
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Carlson Library Open on Saturday

Beginning this Saturday and continuing through the end of the semester, Carlson Library will be open on Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. The exceptions will be closure on the Saturday after Thanksgiving and extending hours on the Saturday before finals.

What Is Literature Resource Center?



[Literature Resource Center](#) is an online resource rich in biographical, bibliographical, and critical information about authors and literature. Included are:

- *Contemporary Authors Online*, offering biographical coverage of more than 135,000 writers from all time periods, writing in all genres (fiction, nonfiction, poetry, drama, history, journalism, and more).
- Contemporary Literary Criticism, featuring more than 13,000 bio-critical essays on authors and their works written by academic scholars.

- Various other criticism series
- Dictionary of Literary Biography
- Encyclopedia of Literature
- A wealth of other resources.

Literature Resource Center is available through the [Libraries Homepage](#). In the "Research" block, click on the [Databases A-Z](#) link, then scroll down the alphabetical list or use the link to jump to the "L" section of databases.

If you have questions or need assistance, call a reference librarian at 814-393-2490. Clarion Online distance education students may call toll-free at 866-272-5612 (press 5 for Library). Our Chat, Zoom, and other online services are available at the [Ask a Librarian! / LibAnswers!](#) link on our Website.

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Search the Libraries' online catalog

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Contact Us

Dr. Terry Latour
Dean of Libraries

Library Tip: Librarians Can Help



The librarians at Carlson Library are available to answer questions and point you in the right direction!

Phone... If a quick call will help, please let us hear from you:

Carlson Library 814-393-2490

Distance Education students 1-866-272-5612 (press 5 for Libraries)

Chat... If online chat is your style, try our [Live Chat](#)

Reference Service. It's available during the times that Carlson Library reference services are available:

Monday – Thursday	10:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Friday	10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Saturday	9:00 a.m. – 5:00
p.m. Sunday	2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Zoom... If you need one-on-one help from a librarian for a research project, consultations are available via Zoom. Please contact our librarians via email to schedule a date and time.

Text... If the question is simple and the reply is too, contact our reference librarians by texting 814-343-9324. Note: Standard messaging rates apply.

Remember that SMS stands for *Short Message Service*. If the question (or answer) requires in-depth discussion, you probably should contact the Reference Librarian using another option.

E-Mail... When reference librarians are not available and your need is not time sensitive, contact them via email using our [Ask a Librarian](#) service. A email link is located on that page.

24/7... If you need help when the library is closed, we've got it covered. Clarion University Libraries have made arrangements for librarians at a consortium of other universities to help you. They don't know your courses, assignments, or professors, but they will do all they can to help you find the resources you need.

At the [Clarion University Libraries](#) website, click on the [Ask a Librarian / LibAnswers](#) link on the right-hand side of the screen. Then, click on the [Ask Here PA](#) link on the lower left side of the screen. Follow the instructions, and link to a college librarian elsewhere.

The S.W.A.T. Minion's Tip: USB 2.0 -vs- USB 3.0



New computers have been coming with USB 3.0 ports for years...but just how much faster is USB 3.0? Will you see a big speed improvement if you upgrade your old USB 2.0 flash drives?

USB 3.0 devices are backwards compatible with USB 2.0 ports. They'll function normally, but only at USB 2.0 speeds. The only downside is that USB 3.0 devices are still a bit more expensive.

USB is a standard and defines maximum "signaling speeds" for communicating across a USB port. The USB 2.0 standard offers a theoretical maximum signaling rate of 480 megabits per second, while USB 3.0 defines a maximum rate of 5 gigabits per second. In other words, USB 3.0 is theoretically more than ten times faster than USB 2.0.

If the comparison ended here, upgrading would be a no brainer. Who wouldn't want their USB drives to be ten times faster?

In reality, this standard just defines the maximum transmission rate of data through a USB port. Devices will have other bottlenecks. For example, USB drives will be limited by the speed of their flash memory.



If you are not sure whether you have USB 3.0 ports, just look at the USB ports themselves — USB 3.0 ports are generally colored blue inside. Many computers have both USB 2.0 and USB 3.0 ports. In the photo, the port on the left is USB 2.0, and the port on the right is USB 3.0.

Never mind the theory, let's look at how USB 3.0 flash drives actually perform in the real world.

There are quite a few benchmarks out there, but [Best USB flash Drives in 2021: Top USB memory sticks](#) is particularly recent and comprehensive. What is really interesting about the test results is the huge variation in speeds. The worst USB 3.0 drive was faster than the USB

2.0 drives, but only by a tiny bit. The best USB 3.0 drive was over 28 times faster.

Cranial Candy: Word Of The Week



salacious

PRONUNCIATION:

(suh-LAY-shuhs)

MEANING:

adjective: 1. Obscene. 2. Lustful.

ETYMOLOGY:

From Latin *salax* (lustful, fond of leaping), from *salire* (to leap). Ultimately from the Indo-European root *sel-* (to jump), which also gave us *salient*, *sally*, *sautssail*, *assault*, *exult*, *insult*, *result*, *somersault*, [resile](#), [desultory](#), and [saltant](#). Earliest documented use: 1661.

USAGE:

"Billed as a salacious 'kick and tell', early indications [of the book *Lucky Jack*] suggest an anodyne lack of revelation."

Lucky Jack; Sunday Times (London, UK); Jul 24, 2005.

Although we do not "repair" computers, the **S.W.A.T. Team** (**S**tudents **W**ho **A**ssist [with] **T**echnology) on Level A of Carlson Library is always happy to help. Having an issue? Let us take a swat at it!

Something To Think About



*A man who has never gone to school
may steal from a freight car;
but if he has a university education,
he may steal the whole railroad.*

~Theodore Roosevelt
26th US president (27 Oct 1858-1919)