

Mercer Library Newsletter

iMason Libraries: brbd (Be Our Buddy!)



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The University Libraries are always searching for new and innovative ways to connect with our users wherever they may be, on campus (Prince William, Fairfax, or Arlington) or off. In this quest for alternate methods of delivering easily accessible reference service regardless of location, Instant Messaging technology, or IM as it is popularly known, seemed a natural next-step. iMasonLibraries (I'm Mason Libraries!) is the name the Libraries chose for this new service. It is available via a chat program that supports AIM, MSN, and Yahoo IM conversations so users can utilize their favorite IM service seamlessly without having to adapt to a foreign or awkward interface. After running a pilot project for iMasonLibraries during the Spring '06 semester, the new service came fully online last summer. Librarians from Mercer Library help staff the iMasonLibraries service, along with colleagues from the other GMU libraries. Here are some details:

- **Who gets my IM?** University Libraries' reference staff answers the questions. If you don't get an immediate IM reply, you can contact the staff through traditional reference services (phone, e-mail, in person <http://library.gmu.edu/mudge/IM/IMRef.html>)
- **What can I ask?** Any kind of reference or research question is welcome. IM inquiries are treated like phone inquiries; if the question requires a more detailed response, you may be referred to another reference service or liaison librarian to work with you on your need(s).
- **When can I IM?** For the Spring '07 semester, IM Reference service is available during these times:
 - Monday 9am – 5pm
 - Tuesday – Thursday 9am – 5pm; 8pm – 11:30pm
 - Friday 11am – 5pm
 - Saturday 12pm – 5pm
 - Sunday 2pm – 6pm
- **Who can IM?** IM Reference service is available for Mason students, faculty and staff.
- **Can I use IM if the computer I'm using doesn't have Instant Messaging software installed?** Yes! If you're using a computer that doesn't have instant messaging software installed or do not want to install it, you can log in using the web-based version.
- **What about privacy?** iMasonLibraries is committed to privacy protection. Information collected via IM Reference service will not be shared with any third parties. Any information (NetID, personal e-mail address, etc.) collected through the service will be routinely purged.



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Visit <http://library.gmu.edu/mudge/IM/IMRef.html> for more details, and add iMasonLibraries to your buddy list to start chatting. We hope to see you online soon!

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Library Hours

Spring Semester 2007

Jan. 22 nd – May 5 th	<i>*Library hours are subject to change.</i>
Monday – Thursday	8:00am – 10:00pm
Friday	8:00am – 7:00pm
Saturday	10:00am – 5:00pm
Sunday	1:00pm – 6:00pm

Spring Break (March 11th – March 18th) – REGULAR HOURS.
Memorial Day Break (May 27th & 28th) – LIBRARY CLOSED.

Library Research & Reference Help

Introduction to Library Research

Not sure how to find and use library information resources? This class will acquaint you with the basic elements of the research process and introduce you to the GMU library system, available electronic resources, and how to organize and evaluate information. Classes are held in Mercer Library – Occoquan Bldg. Rm. 104.

* Tuesday, March 6th 12:00 pm – 1:30 pm

If you cannot attend one of the classes, you may arrange an individual appointment by calling Bill Fleming at (703) 993-8348.

EndNote: Managing Your Information

EndNote can help you organize information for both short and long term projects. Learn how to import bibliographic citations from many popular Mason Library databases into your personal EndNote database and insert citations and bibliographies into your research papers.

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Did You Know?

You have several options for “renewing” your books

Patrons may renew items three times (except affiliate members who may renew once.) Books requested by other patrons will not be renewed. Items may be renewed online (choose Renew Books under Library Quick Links on the library’s home page), in person at any library circulation desk, or by telephone (voice mail) at 703/993-2243. In hand items are renewed immediately at the desk. Voice mail renewals require one working day to process. When renewing, please provide: your name, library barcode number from library card or I.D. and book barcode numbers.

Selected New Books

Tourism

Wachowiak, Helmut
Tourism and borders: contemporary issues, policies, and international research
Aldershot, England; Burlington, VT: Ashgate, c2006
Prince William Campus Stacks
G155.A1 T589336 2006

Burns, Peter (Peter M.) and Novelli, Marina
Tourism and social identities: global frameworks and local realities
Amsterdam; Boston: Elsevier, 2006
Prince William Campus Stacks
G155.A1 T5894 2006

Henderson, Joan C
Tourism crises : causes, consequences and management
Amsterdam ; New York : Butterworth-Heinemann, c2007.
Prince William Campus Stacks
G155.A1 H44 2007

Picard, David and Robinson, Mike, 1960 –
Festivals, tourism and social change : remaking worlds
Robinson
Clevedon ; Buffalo : Channel View Publications, c2006
Prince William Campus Stacks
GT3930 .F484 2006

Shoemaker, Stowe, Lewis, Robert C., 1930 -, & Yesawich, Peter Charles, 1950 –
Marketing leadership in hospitality and tourism : strategies and tactics for competitive advantage
Upper Saddle River, N.J. : Pearson, c2007
Prince William Campus Stacks
TX911.3.M3 L49 2007

Health and Recreation

O'Connell, Tom and American Sport Education Program
Coaching Baseball: technical and tactical skills
Champaign, IL: Human Kinetics, c2006
Prince William Campus Stacks
GV875.5 .C6195 2006

Max, D.T. (Daniel T.)
The family that couldn't sleep: a medical mystery
New York: Random House, c2006
Prince William Campus Stacks
RA644.P93 M39 2006

Chambre, Susan Maizel
Fighting for our lives: New York's AIDS community and the politics of disease
New Brunswick, N.J.: Rutgers University Press, c2006
Prince William Campus Stacks
RA643.84.N7 C43 2006

Metroso, Elene V.
Racial and ethnic disparities in health and health care
New York: Nova Science Publishers, c2006
Prince William Campus Stacks
RA418.3.U6 R33 2006

Moniz, Cynthia and Gorin, Stephen H.
Health and mental health care policy: a biopsychosocial perspective
Boston, MA: Allyn and Bacon, c2007
Prince William Campus Stacks
RA395.A3 M662 2007

Nelson, Kenrad E. and Williams, Carolyn Masters
Infectious disease epidemiology: theory and practice
Sudbury, Mass.: Jones and Bartlett Publishers, c2007
Prince William Campus Stacks
RA643 .I6535 2007

"Read the best books first, or you may not have a chance to read them at all." – Henry David Thoreau

AIT

Sundes, Joakim
Computing the electrical activity in the heart
Berlin; New York: Springer, 2006

Prince William Campus Stacks
QP112.5.E46 C66 2006

Kasahara, Masahiro and Morishita, Shinichi, 1960-
Large-scale genome sequence processing
London: Imperial College Press; Singapore;
Hackensack, NJ: Distributed by World Scientific,
c2006

Prince William Campus Stacks
QH441.2 .K37 2006

Schliemann, Analucia Dias, Carraher, David William
and Brizuela, Barbara M.

*Bringing out the algebraic character of arithmetic: from
children's ideas to classroom practices*

Mahwah, N.J.: Lawrence Erlbaum, 2007

Prince William Campus Stacks
QA135.6 .S427 2007

Philp, Raleigh

*Engaging 'tweens and teens: a brain-compatible approach to
reaching middle and high school students*

Thousand Oaks, CA: Corwin Press, c2007

Prince William Campus Stacks
QP360.5 .P48 2007

Fotiadis, Dimitrios Ioannou and Massalas, Christos
*International workshop on mathematical methods in
scattering theory and biomedical engineering*

Singapore; Hackensack, NJ: World Scientific, 2006

Prince William Campus Stacks
R857.M34 I55 2005

Biosciences

Bal, Harshawardhan P. and Hujol, Johnny
Java for bioinformatics and biomedical applications
New York: Springer, c2007

Prince William Campus Stacks
QH324.2 .B363 2007

Dardel, Frederic and Kepes, Francois
Bioinformatics: genomics and post-genomics
Chichester, England; Hoboken, NJ: John Wiley &
Sons, c2006

Prince William Campus Stacks
QH324.2 .B558 2006

Rigoutsos, Isidore and Stephanopoulos G.

Systems Biology

Oxford; New York: Oxford University Press, 2007-

Prince William Campus Stacks
QH324.2 .S97 2007

Lim, Hwa A.

*Multiplicity yours: cloning, stem cell research, and regenerative
medicine*

Singapore; Hackensack, NJ: World Scientific, c2006

Prince William Campus Stacks
QH442.2 .L56 2006

Johnson, Glen D and Patil, Ganapati P.

Landscape pattern analysis for assessing ecosystem condition

New York, NY: Springer, c2006

Prince William Campus Stacks
QH541.15.L35 J64 2006

Tuchin, V.V (Valerii Viktorovich), Wang, Lihong V.
and Zimnyakov, Dmitry A.

Optical polarization in biomedical applications

Berlin: Springer, c2006

Prince William Campus Stacks
QH642 .T83 2006

*“The fact of knowing how to read is nothing, the whole point is knowing
what to read.” – Jacques Ellul*

Biosciences continued...

Hatfield, Dolph L., Berry, Marla J. and Gladyshev, Vadim N.
Selenium: its molecular biology and role in human health
New York, NY: Springer, c2006
Prince William Campus Stacks
QP535.S5 S445 2006

Bewley, Carole A.
Protein-carbohydrate interactions in infectious diseases
Cambridge [U.K.]: Royal Society of Chemistry, c2006
Prince William Campus Stacks
QP552.G59 B48 2006

Vial, Christian
Creatine kinase
New York: Nova Science, c2006
Prince William Campus Stacks
QP606.C73 C729 2006

Silverman, Scott K.
Nucleic acid switches and sensors
Georgetown, Tex.: Landes
Bioscience/Eurekah.com; New York, N.Y.:
Springer Science+Business Media, c2006
Prince William Campus Stacks
QP623.5.C36 N83 2006

Welson, Linda T.
Triglycerides and cholesterol research
New York: Nova Biomedical Books, c2006
Prince William Campus Stacks
QP752.C5 T75 2006

Peel, Thomas.
Vitamin C: new research
New York: Nova Science Publishers, c2006
Prince William Campus Stacks
QP772.A8 V58 2006

Biosciences continued...

Braunstein, Matthew H.
Focus on vitamin E research
New York: Nova Science Publishers, c2006
Prince William Campus Stacks
QP772.T6 F63 2006

McCormick, Beth A.
Bacterial-epithelial cell cross-talk: molecular mechanisms in pathogenesis
Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2006
Prince William Campus Stacks
QR175 .B28 2006

Gualde, Norbert.
Resistance: the human struggle against infection
Washington, D.C.: Dana Press, c2006
Prince William Campus Stacks
QR177 .G8313 2006

Lerner, Barron H.
When illness goes public: celebrity patients and how we look at medicine
Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press, 2006
Prince William Campus Stacks
R703 .L47 2006

Minarovits, Janos, Gonczol, Eva and Nagy, Tibor
Latency strategies of herpesviruses
New York: Springer, 2007
Prince William Campus Stacks
QR201.H48 L38 2007

Overberg, Kenneth R.
Ethics and AIDS: compassion and justice in a global crisis
Lanham, Md.: Rowman & Littlefield, c2006
Prince William Campus Stacks
R724 .O94 2006

"We thought like scientists and failed like scientists." - Fayaz Seifuddin

Education

Booth, David W. (David Wallace), 1938-
Reading doesn't matter anymore: shattering the myths of literacy
Portland, Maine: Stenhouse Publishers, 2006
Prince William Campus Stacks
LB1050 .B665 2006

Bailey, Alison L.
The language demands of school: putting academic English to test
New Haven: Yale University Press, c2007
Prince William Campus Stacks
LB1576 .L2967 2007

Kumar, Ravi, 1975-
The crisis of elementary education in India
New Delhi; Thousand Oaks, Calif.; London: Sage, 2006
Prince William Campus Stacks
LA1152 .C75 2006

Guillaume, Andrea M., Yopp, Ruth Helen and Yopp, Hallie Kay.
50 strategies for active teaching: engaging K-12 learners in the classroom
Upper Saddle River, N.J.: Pearson Merrill Prentice Hall, c2007
Prince William Campus Stacks
LB1025.3 .G85 2007

Rowsell, Jennifer, 1969-
Family literacy experiences: creating reading and writing opportunities that support classroom learning
Portland, Me.: Stenhouse Publishers; Markham, Ont.: Pembroke Publishers, c2006
Prince William Campus Stacks
LB1576 .R763 2006

Gordon, Gary and Crabtree, Steve.
Building engaged schools: getting the most out of America's classrooms
New York: Gallup Press, 2006
Prince William Campus Stacks
LB1775.2 .G67 2006

Administration of Justice

Decker, Kathleen P.
Fit, unfit or misfit?: how to perform fitness for duty evaluations in law enforcement professionals
Springfield, Ill. : Charles C. Thomas, c2006
Prince William Campus Stacks
HV7936.P75 F58 2006

Nelson, Sharon D., Olson, Bruce A. and Simek, John W.
The electronic evidence and discovery handbook: forms, checklists, and guidelines
Chicago, Ill. : ABA Law Practice Management Section, c2006
Prince William Campus Stacks
KF8947 .N45 2006

Dubber, Markus Dirk and Valverde, Mariana, 1955-
The new police science: the police power in domestic and international governance
Stanford, Calif. : Stanford University Press, 2006
Prince William Campus Stacks
K3220 .N49 2006

McCue, Colleen
Data mining and predictive analysis: intelligence gathering and crime analysis
Amsterdam ; Boston : Butterworth-Heinemann, c2007
Prince William Campus Stacks
HV7936.C88 M37 2007

Smith, Daniel Jordan, 1961-
A culture of corruption: everyday deception and popular discontent in Nigeria
Princeton : Princeton University Press, c2007
Prince William Campus Stacks
HV7165.5 .S65 2007

Repetto, Thomas A
Bringing down the mob: the war against the American Mafia
New York : H. Holt, 2006
Prince William Campus Stacks
HV6446 .R473 2006

E-Resources: International Financial Statistics database

Featured databases and updates

International Financial Statistics produced by the International Monetary Fund (IMF) provides electronic access to statistics on international economics and serves as a standard source of international statistics on all aspects of international and domestic finance. This online resource contains both Country and World level data covering a variety of monetary indicators including employment, bank balances, exchange rates, interest rates, indebtedness, inflation and financial flows. Its user interface offers great flexibility.

Possible output formats include Comma Separated Value files (CSV), Microsoft Excel files, HTML files, and TAB Delimited files. Country table documents may also be downloaded in PDF format. The IMF provides additional help on using the database within the product itself or online at <http://ifs.apdi.net/imf/help/ifshelp.htm>

GMU-affiliated researchers can access International Financial Statistics online from the **Databases** category on the GMU Libraries HomePage.

“CAUGHT IN THE ACT” AWARDS - Ever had a Library or other ITU employee go the “extra mile” for you? Let them know you noticed!

Send an e-mail to itucustomerservice@gmu.edu with a short description of what made you notice the service. Include the ITU staff member's name, and if you know it, the department. The Customer Service Standards Team will recognize the exceptional customer service immediately on the ITU Customer Service Web site, itucustomerservice.gmu.edu, and send them a small reward as an acknowledgement that they've been "Caught in the Act".

Three of Mercer Library’s staff have recently been “Caught in the Act” of providing outstanding customer service! *Congratulations!!*

FAYAZ SEIFUDDIN – December 2006

“Mr. Fayaz Seifuddin...was extremely helpful one weekend when the library's computer system went down. Knowing that I had a big paper due, he allowed me to use his computer at his work station as he did his own work. During the semester, when I saw Mr. Seifuddin interact with customers, he was always helpful and generous of his time. He is truly an employee who goes the 'extra mile' not just for his few selected favorites, which hopefully I am one, but for EVERYONE.” - *Mimi Schaeffer - English Department, Graduate Student*

CHRISTINA WULF – November 2006

“I am sending you this note in appreciation for the assistance provided to me by....Christina, and she is suffering from a cold this evening. Nevertheless, she was wonderfully pleasant and helpful in assisting me with a problem in connecting to our library resources from off campus. I am a graduate student at GMU, several times over, and am currently working on my doctorate. This means that I am a little older than most of the student body - and actually older than most of the members on my doctoral committee. Having said this, I sincerely appreciate when someone goes out of their way to be helpful in the normal course of just doing their job. This was my experience this evening and I just wanted to say thank you in some meaningful way.” – *Dan Schultz*

BILL FLEMING – October 2006

“I wanted to thank you for the information on Dio Lewis. When I picked up the information packet I was astounded at the amount of work you put into helping me. I had heard from other graduate students about how incredibly helpful you were to them, and now I can see what they mean. I really am excited about this opportunity for historical research... I always love learning new ways to use a library. Thank you again for your efforts.”
– *Maureen Kayes*

George Mason & Virginian Life in the 18th Century



George Mason was committed to his family and his personal affairs, but as an educated freeholder, he took his civic responsibilities seriously. Although he could be reclusive and disagreeable, the strength of his convictions compelled him to stand up for what he believed in, even in the face of scorn and ridicule from those he respected and considered friends. Through these selected excerpts, we see a humble man, not without a sense of humor, and a devoted husband and father.

“About four years ago I had the Misfortune to lose my Wife: to you, who knew her, & the happy Manner in which we lived, I will not attempt to describe my Feelings: I was scarce able to bear the first Shock; a Depression of Spirits, & settled Melancholly followed, from which I never expect, or desire to recover. I determined to spend the Remainder of my Days in privacy & Retirement with my Children, from whose Society alone I cou'd expect Comfort ...”

George Mason, October 2, 1778 upon the death of his first wife Ann Eilbeck Mason

“This cold weather has set all the young Folks to providing Bedfellows. I have signed two or three Licences every Day [as a Fairfax Justice of the Peace] since I have been at Home. I wish I knew where to get a good one myself; for I find cold Sheets extremely disagreeable.”

George Mason, in a letter dated Feb. 5, 1780 to his nephew James Mercer, commenting on one of his duties as Fairfax justice of the peace

Retrieved 2007, from the Gunston Hall Plantation web site <http://gunstonhall.org/georgemason/quotes.html#on>

“Knowledge is of two kinds. We know a subject ourselves, or we know where we can find information upon it” - Samuel Johnson

Kite Festival

Saturday, March 24th (Noon – 5:00pm) – Gunston Hall Plantation

You will want to bring your family to this event, described by the *Washington Post* as one of the region’s favorites. Bring your own kite to fly in the pasture or purchase one at the Museum Shop. Hands-on colonial activities, a period puppet show, hearth cooking demonstrations, engaging costumed characters and an exploration of a modern-day fire truck make it a day of fun and frolic. A colonial plant sale is planned by The Garden Club of Fort Belvoir. Food service will be available for a picnic on the grounds.

\$8 for adults, \$7 for seniors, \$4 for ages 6-18, free for children under six.

Retrieved January 2007, from the Gunston Hall Plantation website, <http://gunstonhall.org/events/index.html>

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