Welcome, New Faculty!

At the beginning of each school year it is our pleasure to welcome new faculty to our campus and to invite them to learn about the services and support we, the librarians and staff at the Frances Willson Thompson Library, offer.

It seems fitting that in this, the first issue of the fall semester, our newsletter review some of those services for the benefit of all.

Perhaps foremost among services to teaching faculty are our teaching librarians. Instructors may contact the library and request a librarian present to their class on any subject or services which the library provides, ensuring that students will not only know what resources are available to them when conducting their research, but how to use those resources efficiently and productively.

To arrange for a library presentation to your students, you may contact the librarian who is the liaison to your department directly, or get in touch with Laura Friesen (Instruction Team Leader) to arrange for a date, time and subject coverage that would compliment your course plan. The list of librarian liaisons can be found on our library website. You can reach Laura at lflynn@umflint.edu or by calling 810.766.6781.

The online library catalog for University of Michigan libraries is Mirlyn, which includes Flint and the university library system libraries on the Ann Arbor campus. Using Mirlyn, a Flint researcher can locate any of the over 250,000 items in the Flint collection as well as the nearly 8 million items from the Ann Arbor campus. With the ease of logging in and clicking the GET THIS button, any of these items can be held for our patrons at the Circulation Desk in the Thompson Library.

Flint patrons can also use the library catalog of the Kresge Business Library (Ann Arbor) and request materials from their library be shipped to Flint.

For books or journal articles not found in Flint, we offer Interlibrary Loan service, providing access to additional titles in books and journal articles.

While our print journal collection has extensive back issues, taking up the majority of shelf space on the 3rd floor, it is only the tip of the iceberg of the journal offerings from our library.

The majority of our journal subscriptions are accessible online (many full text) through our several database offerings, easily located from either the Databases list or by using the SEARCH BY SUBJECT drop-down list found on our website.

The new Think Lab is located on the 3rd floor of the library and is equipped with a large screen monitor, webcam, data projector and smart board. Any UM-Flint patron may use the online form to reserve time in the Think Lab.

The staff at our Reserved Readings desk are here to assist staff in placing library books, faculty owned books, chapters of books, journal articles and more on Reserve for your students. While they do not make photocopies, the Reserves staff can digitalize your document and link it through COURSE RESERVES in Mirlyn, or link directly to an online article, making it easy for your students to find and use them online.

ITS has installed a computer lab inside the Library, providing 75 computers for Flint users. In addition to those machines, the library has a small collection of laptops that it can check out to patrons for use inside the library, each pre-configured to work effortlessly with the M-Wireless system connecting them to the internet.

For more information about services available from the library, contact your librarian soon!
New this fall, Thompson Library has acquired access to the Springshare software, LibGuides, and our librarians are delighted with the potential to deliver information in a clean, simple format targeted directly to our users who need that information.

LibGuides is an online accessible library tool which allows our librarians to create more than just simple subject bibliographies. They can now provide virtual one-stop centers for access to subject-specific library resources and information, organizing everything faculty and students might need to complete their research in one place and in simple easy-to-use format.

Each of our librarians have been busy this summer creating several new guides that range in subject matter from Art through Women’s & Gender Studies (alphabetically speaking) — and everything in between.

Many more guides will be coming throughout the fall and winter as new uses are found for the software that can provide quick and easy access to resources (both print and online), resources that can sometimes be obscure or difficult to locate now (through LibGuides) available in a central location.

While the guides vary greatly in subject matter, the organization of the new UM-Flint LibGuides remains constant, making them easy to navigate and even easier to use.

Each guide begins with a welcome (or home) page. Across the top of the guide are several tabs in dark blue, each tab identifying the sort of information found within.

Each tab may have additional sub-levels (appearing as a drop-down list when user does a mouse-over above a tab). Each level provides a new page. Each page contains information related to locating (and using) various resources that are specific to the subject of the guide.

This may include a simple bibliography list of books and their call numbers. It may also include a list of online resources and databases containing relevant data. For lists of online resources, each item in the list may also be a live link, taking the user directly to the source for quick access to any item described within a list.

Each guide may also contain useful information on how to conduct research in a given area, instructions for using various tools and databases or other information useful to the researcher.

What else might a user find in a LibGuide? Perhaps quick-links back to other library services, such as Mirlyn, Interlibrary Loan, RefWorks — or even other LibGuides.

The guides provide librarians with the ability to insert useful widgets into pages as well, so you might find a widget that lets you chat in real time with a reference librarian. Or another that lets you search Mirlyn, Course Reserves or Summon directly from a guide page.

As instructors, you may want to assigned your class a research project that requires your students to use library resources. You can work with your liaison librarian to include a LibGuide page for your course with special instructions or links specific to your assignment.

LibGuides do not require login. Information within any online LibGuide is open to public view. As such, the guides do NOT take the place of library Course Reserves (which restrict access for online resources to Flint students via login or Flint campus IP address). However, they are a great place to direct your students to begin their research. And you can work together with your librarian to customize a LibGuide to improve their research support for you, your students and your discipline.

LibGuides. A new way to provide information to the people that need it, when they need it.

LibGuides help us to better fulfill our Library motto:

Linking People with Ideas!
Normally this column is dedicated to bringing you information about the people who keep your library running all day, every day year around.

For this, the first issue of our new academic year, we’re doing something a little different. “Little” being the operative word...

Our library family has expanded by three over the past two years, with the most recent edition being Owen Hudson Wolverton, born earlier this month to librarian Matt and Emily.

Last spring, librarian Emily Newberry and her husband Jason Bias welcomed young Vesper into her family.

Our oldest bundle of joy arrived just 18 months ago to librarian Mickey Doyle and his wife, Amanda.

Our Future Librarians:

- **Owen Wolverton**
  (and parents Matt & Emily)

- **Vesper Bias**
  (and parents Emily Newberry & Jason Bias)

- **Liam Doyle**
  (and parents Mickey & Amanda Doyle)

Liam:
Favorite TV show: Bubble Guppies
Loves: Reading, Dancing, and Playing outside
Favorite food: Pizza

Our first time parents are all a little tired, but very happy and excited about their new family members.

Stop by and ask about their new babies. Pictures always available upon
Some of the New Databases Available from Thompson Library

For a complete list, see the NEW RESOURCES — a link on the Frances Willson Thompson Library website.

- **Academic Video Online** — Features a single, fully integrated platform, offering access to tens of thousands of full-length streaming video titles. Virtually every video in the collection is fully transcribed in addition to being indexed for subjects, people, places, release date, language, publisher, and video type.

- **AgEcon** — A repository of full-text scholarly literature in agricultural and applied economics, including Working papers, Conference papers and Journal articles.

- **Comprehensive Handbook of Social Work and Social Welfare** — Full text online, includes 22 chapters in both html and .pdf

- **GreenFILE** — Offers well-researched information covering all aspects of human impact to the environment. Its collection of scholarly, government and general-interest titles includes content on global warming, green building, pollution, sustainable agriculture, renewable energy, recycling, and more.

- **Oxford Handbooks** — The complete texts in Business and Management, Philosophy, Political Science, and Religion.

- **PsycTESTS** — Research database that provides access to psychological tests, measures, scales, surveys, and other assessments as well as descriptive information about the test and its development and administration.

- **Rehabilitation Reference Center** — Evidence-based clinical reference tool for therapists and students at the point-of-care. Information in Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Speech Therapy, and more.

- **Scholarpedia** — A peer-reviewed open-access encyclopedia written and maintained by scholarly experts from around the world, inspired by Wikipedia and aims to complement it by providing in-depth scholarly information.

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**New from Thompson Library!**

Databases in:

- Academic Videos
- Agriculture
- Conservation
- Psychology
- Social Work
- Physical Therapy

... and more!

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**Reading Tables in Atrium Receive a Facelift!**

The old incandescent lights have been removed and new LED lights have been installed. The new lights are activated by motion sensors (center of table, underside of light fixture). The lights will remain on for 45 minutes before shutting off automatically.

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“We may sit in our library and yet be in all quarters of the earth”

— John Lubbock