News from The University Libraries



Library Collections

New York Times Subscription



The University Libraries are now providing access to the New York Times Digital edition to the active WMU community through an Academic Pass. New this year, it works like an individual subscription that you can use on your desktop, tablet, and mobile device. Features are quality news, videos, archives back to 1880s, elections app, virtual reality content, even NY Times in Education for instructors, which includes teaching tools. More information is available at: http://libguides.wmich.edu/nyt

Major Special Collections Purchase

The Libraries is pleased to announce the acquisition of *De corpore et sanguine domini (On the Body* and Blood of the Lord). This twelfth century manuscript will be our earliest complete bound book in the Libraries' holdings. The exceptional purchase was funded through a grant awarded by the B.H. Breslauer Foundation combined with Special Collections Endowment funds, including the Diether H. Haenicke Collection Endowment.

Textbooks on Reserve

Over 350 textbooks, covering several high cost texts or texts used for high enrollment courses, are available at the Waldo Library Access Services desk for 2 hour check out.

Library Services

Expanded Use of Research Carrels in Waldo

Research carrels are now available to Graduate Students who are engaged in writing and research requiring extensive use of library materials. Details and application form are available at: http://wmich.edu/library/carrels

Standardized Loan Periods

- Semester long loan periods are now standard for all University borrowers (Undergraduate, Graduate, Faculty, Staff, and Lifetime PhD) for most items
- Items can be renewed online
- Items may be recalled by another user
- Email notices will let individuals know before items are due, the day items are due, when items are past their due date, and when items are moved into "Lost Billing" status
- Details available at: http://wmich.edu/library/services/borrowing

Elimination of Fines

- Overdue fines have been eliminated for all but interlibrary loan items
- In the event an item is not returned within 45 days (5 days for videos, recalls, and reserves), "Lost Billing" fees are posted to their university account
- For most items the charges include a \$75 lost item fee and a nonrefundable \$15 processing fee
- Details available at: http://wmich.edu/library/services/borrowing

Open Earlier on Weekdays Throughout the Semester

The Waldo Library is now open at 7:30 AM Monday through Friday.

Library Space

1st Floor of Waldo Library

With support from the Western Student Association, we have purchased new tables and chairs for the west section of 1^{st} floor of Waldo. New carpet and additional furniture changes will be coming after the end of Spring semester.

Creating the Vision for a Fresh Waldo Library Building Program

Working with Facilities Management and OIT, the Libraries has selected an architecture firm, **Perkins & Will**, to help us reimagine the Waldo spaces to meet the changing needs of students and faculty. We'll be reaching out to stakeholders across the university to gain insights on what the WMU community needs from a modern academic and research library building.

