CAS Information Services Newsletter
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1. Library extends hours

We’d be happy to help you all day every day!

In response to the results of the AlcLib07 Survey, the CAS Library is now open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and 9 a.m. to 4:30 pm on Fridays. Circulation and reference services are available during the entire workday with the help of undergraduate and graduate information assistants.
2. Current services at the Library

Our services include **book delivery to the CAS Library** from libraries located on other campuses and other academic libraries. For general information and eligibility please see:

- Delivery and Interlibrary Loan Services of Rutgers University Libraries at [http://www.libraries.rutgers.edu/rul/lib_servs/delivery.shtml](http://www.libraries.rutgers.edu/rul/lib_servs/delivery.shtml),
- Document Delivery for articles from Rutgers and other libraries using the new ILLIAD Interface at [https://www.rulil.rutgers.edu/illiad/RULILL/logon.html](https://www.rulil.rutgers.edu/illiad/RULILL/logon.html), and
- EZBorrow (or PALCI services) to locate and deliver books fast from other research libraries ([http://www.libraries.rutgers.edu/rul/lib_servs/palci.shtml](http://www.libraries.rutgers.edu/rul/lib_servs/palci.shtml))

We are happy to visit you in your office to set up and try out these services with you upon request if you haven’t used them yet.

You may often feel it will take forever to retrieve the full-text version of an article or verify a citation. These tasks belong to our daily activities now. Yes, it may take us long sometimes too. However, please don’t hesitate to challenge us if you find it difficult or time-consuming to locate an article or a book. You can contact us by phone and email, and we would be delighted to discuss your needs with you in person in the library or in your office.

You will find a **LIBRARY BOOK RETURNS** box in the mailing room across from the Business Office on the second floor to return any book you borrowed from our or other libraries. Thank Mary for making it possible!

We have been routinely **scanning articles** into pdf formats for two months, including CAS authors’ publications and other requested items. Have you had your signature digitized yet? Please contact us with your immediate scanning needs or to discuss the possibilities of starting a larger project, such as scanning and digitally storing all your publications.
3. New faces in the CAS Library

*Meet our graduate information assistants!*

Daniel Calandro and James Cox, graduate students from the School of Communication, Library and Information Science at Rutgers (i.e. almost librarians) joined us at the end of October to serve your needs at the information desk and participate in the daily routines as well as special projects of the CAS Library. They bring a wealth of experience and different perspectives to the Library, and are happy to answer your questions at the desk. They are both involved in the Library’s electronic resources assessment project.

1. Recent statistics from the Library

Dan is currently in his second year at SCILS; he is looking forward to earning his Master of Library and Information Science degree. He has worked for the New Jersey Environmental Digital Library, the Gilder-Lehrman Institute of American History and Rutgers University Archives and Special Collections. After graduating, Dan is hoping to find a job that “provides both healthcare and a decent salary so he can pay off his student loans”.

James is a first year graduate student in the Rutgers SCILS program. Prior to this, he worked in cultural resources management (archaeology/historic preservation). He received a BA in Anthropology from the University of Tennessee and an MA in History from Rutgers Camden. He enjoys collecting records, reading and esoteric art movements of the 20th century (Fluxus, Futurism and Situationist International).

*Undergraduate Assistants: Cassie, Marie, Prapti and Sejal*

Cassie has been with us since September. She is currently working on the Library’s journal project, i.e. the assessment of print and electronic journal resources. Marie, Prapti and Sejal are working on the CAS authors scanning project, and help out at the Library with routine circulation activities, shelving
My name is Cassandra Powell and I am a freshman at Rutgers University. I am from Bethlehem Pennsylvania and what attracted me to come to Rutgers were the large resources, academic status, and the general environment of Rutgers University. I love it here at Rutgers and I am so happy to be here. My major is Art History and I would like to work at the MET in New York City one day. I have done previous community service at a library. I especially enjoy working at the Alcohol Library, because it is small, convenient, and quiet. Some of my interests include playing tennis, drawing, reading, and making collages.

Hi, my name is Sejal, and I’m a third year undergraduate student here at Rutgers. My concentration is currently Pre-Business, and I’m hoping to be a Finance major in the Rutgers Business School. I have been working at the Center of Alcohol Studies since my freshmen year, and have since then found it to be an incredible learning experience. I initially chose to work here because the job description seemed interesting. This is my first year working at the CAS library, and I’m looking forward to learning more about the library’s systems.

4. Featured Library: University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey

The Rutgers University Libraries, in cooperation with the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey (UMDNJ) Libraries, provides select library services to UMDNJ students, faculty, housestaff, and staff located on the Piscataway and New Brunswick campuses. Services are granted for one academic year. Individuals eligible for services may register, and must re-qualify annually for continued services, at the circulation desks at either the Rutgers University Alexander Library or the Library of Science and Medicine. Borrowing privileges are available to UMDNJ students, faculty, housestaff, and staff at the Robert Wood Johnson Medical School (RWJMS), the School of Health Related Professions (SHRP), the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences (GSBS), and the School of Public Health (SPH) on the
UMDNJ New Brunswick and Piscataway campuses. These privileges include: semester loan period, renewal using the "renew your checkouts" option in the self services section of IRIS, borrowing limit of 240 items, the Rutgers Delivery Service (delivery of Rutgers books to a Rutgers pickup location, recalls, and electronic delivery of Rutgers articles), interlibrary loan, and use of reserve collections. Remote access privileges to use licensed electronic information resources are extended to UMDNJ students, faculty, and staff enrolled in or employed by the joint Rutgers/UMDNJ Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences (GSBS) and School of Public Health (SPH) on the New Brunswick and Piscataway campuses. Remote access privileges include access to electronic reserves. Access to electronic information resources and electronic reserve documents are available to all library users onsite, including UMDNJ students, faculty, housestaff, and staff at the Robert Wood Johnson Medical School (RWJMS) and the School of Health Related Professions (SHRP). Members of the UMDNJ community may direct any questions about these services to: Kerry O’Rourke, Campus Library Director, Robert Wood Johnson Library of the Health Sciences (New Brunswick), (732) 235-7606, orourke@umdnj.edu. Users can also send questions to the Rutgers University Libraries Ask A Librarian Service, accessible from the front page of the Libraries website. UMDNJ students and faculty in Camden and Newark may be entitled to either guest or full borrowing privileges limited to the campus where they register depending on the program in which they are enrolled and such cooperative statewide or regional library programs as NJALN or CHEN.

Source: Rutgers University Libraries Cooperative Access Arrangements http://www.libraries.rutgers.edu/rul/about/pub_serv_policies/pspm_06.shtml

5. Recent statistics from the Library

The chart below shows the growing number of our library users in the past three months. Kudos to CAS staff members, the most enthusiastic users of the library. In September and October, we also experienced an increase in the number of undergraduate students, but look at October which brought a significant growth in general: we had 154 visits!
And you haven’t seen it all yet... Would you like to find out what is behind the glass? Come and see it yourself!
6. Tip of the month: Create a permanent signature attached to your email

Thunderbird: In Thunderbird, you can create a vCard, which is a file format standard for personal data interchange, specifically electronic business cards. Go to Tools/Account Settings, and check the Attach my vCard to messages box. Click on the Edit Card button to key in your data.

In Outlook Express you can add your signature to emails if you go to Tools/Options, then select the Signatures tab. Click on New, then just type in your signature in the Edit signature box. You have the option to add your signature to all outgoing messages, or make exceptions on the same page.

7. Urban legends: True or false?

Goldschlager is a liqueur containing gold flakes. Some people believe the purpose of the flakes is to produce microscopic cuts in the esophageal wall and speed the absorption of alcohol into the bloodstream.

A guy was drunk and a cop pulled him over. He said the first thing he did was stuff a handful of pennies in his mouth and then spit them out as the officer approached the car. A short time later he was given a breathalyzer test and because of the copper alloy residue (or whatever) the breathalyzer tester went bonkers and they couldn’t get an accurate evaluation and was off the hook.

If you read or hear an urban legend or a myth about drugs and alcohol, please let me know. I’d like to collect them for the library’s website.

Thank you for your time. ---Judit H. Ward