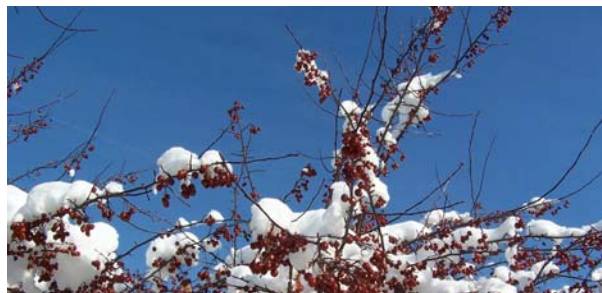


Library Notes

On the fast track to information ...



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Mott College Library and Digital Technology

Digital technology has not only changed the way information is packaged and used, but also how users seek and access information. Academic libraries, no longer restricted to print resources such as books and hardcopy periodicals, made use of new modes of information access early in the digital age.

At the Mott College Library, our first online book catalog, FALCON was introduced in 1992. InfoTrac, an online, full-text periodical database was made available to students, faculty and staff in 1993. The Mott College Library has kept pace with the changes in information and communication technology making a wide variety of library resources and services available to its users on and off-campus, 24 hours a day and 7 days a week.

All of the resources and services listed below are available from computers on the Mott campus and satellite locations. The resources and services are also available off-campus to all currently employed faculty and staff and all currently enrolled students. To access the services while off-campus, users will be prompted to enter the 14 digit number above the barcode on the front of their Mott College ID card.

Library Catalog

www.library.mcc.edu

Choose "Library Catalog"

PALnet (Public and Academic Library Network) is the library consortium to which the Mott College Library belongs. The other two members are the Baker College Libraries and Kettering University Library. For more information on the PALnet consortium, go to

<http://www.palnet.info/>

PALnet is also the name of the online catalog shared by Mott, Baker and Kettering. Patrons use PALnet to determine what books are owned by the consortium members, learn if the book is currently checked in or out and place holds on it. Mott Library students, faculty & staff can request that books at Baker or Kettering be sent here by using the "Request Item" option. Users can also renew books they have checked out (as long as the book is not overdue and there are no other blocks) and get a list of the books they have checked out by logging into PALnet. This is accomplished by using the "Login" option at the upper right hand top of the page.

Online Resources

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Online Resources contains a wide variety of databases that allow access to articles from journals, periodicals, magazines, newspapers, reference books and entire ebooks. Many of the database titles are self-explanatory; PsycArticles, Michigan Newspapers and WorldBook Online are good examples. For an overview of a particular database click on the information "i". Below is information about several of the databases.

CAMIO – This fine arts database contains over 100,000 downloadable digital images of art works and other documents dating from BC to the present. The database contains images of photographs, paintings, sculpture, decorative and utilitarian objects, prints, drawings and watercolors, jewelry and costumes, textiles, books, installations, and architecture - plus audio-video clips.

Gale Virtual Reference Library – This selection of over 20 specialized encyclopedias, containing nearly 100 volumes, provides information on a wide variety of disciplines including business, medicine, multicultural studies and science. This database is 100% full-text.

MeL eBooks – The full-text of nearly 15,000 "electronic" books can be found on this database. This collection was constructed with college students in mind and is best for reference and non-fiction titles.

Thomson – Gale PowerSearch – This "database of databases" is where patrons will locate the *InfoTrac* collection that "take the guesswork out of searching". Thomson-Gale PowerSearch contains general use databases such as Academic OneFile and General Reference Center Gold as well as subject specific databases such as InfoTrac Nursing and Allied Health Collection and InfoTrac Criminal Justice Collection. They all provide an intuitive, user friendly search interface for researchers at all levels.

Westlaw Campus Research - *Campus Research's* easy-to-use interface is divided into two content tabs, News & Business and Law. With *Campus Research*, users can search an extensive collection of information resources as easily as they use the Internet thanks to specially designed time-saving tools that use natural, basic language searching and an easy, straightforward interface.