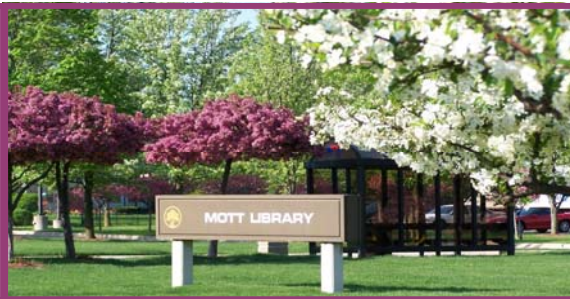


Library Notes

On the fast track to information ...



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Hidden gems and lost leaders

This special edition of *Library Notes* highlights a number of databases, features and services that can be found on the Mott Library's web page. Our goal is to maintain up-to-date Mott Library web pages and to keep Mott College faculty and staff informed of any changes we make to the web pages. So, while we know you spend a bit of each and every evening at www.library.mcc.edu, we thought we might still be able to point out something new or remind you of something you may have forgotten.

ERIC (Educational Resources Information Center)

Perhaps you remember ERIC from graduate school. ERIC is alive and well and can be found in the OCLC FirstSearch family of databases which is located in the Mott Library's *Online Resources*. ERIC is undertaking a digitalization project that is converting microfiche documents to online documents. This project generally includes "gray literature," conference papers and reports, rather than journal articles.

LearningExpressLibrary.com

Are you aware of a student or friend who would be interested in successfully completing the TOEFL, U.S. Citizenship test, the Nursing Entrance Test or Police Officer Practice Test? LearningExpressLibrary.com is a database that provides an interactive, online platform with these tests and many others. It can be found under the Mott Library's *Online Resources*. It is free and the tests can be taken as many times as you wish, 24/7.

Citation Guides

Examples of citations using the MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers, 6th ed. and a variety of web-based "citation builders" can be found here under the "Students" section of the Mott Library's web page. The citation builders will provide you with MLA, APA or Chicago style citations.

MeLCat

What a great service! Since the beginning of this year, the Mott Library has been participating in this Library of Michigan program. MeLCat allows you to search for and request materials from over 100 Michigan libraries. A good way to describe it is a "self-directed" interlibrary loan. The link for MeLCat can be found in the lower, right hand corner of the Mott Library's web page. You only need to know your 14 digit barcode number to get started.

InfoMarks

InfoMarks are a feature found on most of the Thompson-Gale databases. These databases include *General Reference Center Gold*, *InfoTrac OneFile*, *Health Reference Center Academic* and quite a few more. The InfoMark feature allows you to create a "shortcut" for individual articles by cutting and pasting the URL to a Blackboard site or emailing the URL to students. More information on InfoMarks can be found on any of the Thompson-Gale databases, in the *Help* link, under the subsection, *Managing the Information You Find*.

On the wire

Chem1 Virtual Textbook

A virtual introduction to chemistry textbook that was created by Professor Stephen Lower of Simon Fraser University is found on this site. The site also has links to a variety of interactive tutorials and exercises.

<http://www.chem1.com/acad/webtext/virtualtextbook.html>

HVACReduction

This site provides a variety of comprehensive and training programs for students in the related fields of heating, ventilating and air conditioning. While the website does have a number of professional development programs for more advanced learners, it also features a number of instructional modules and learning exercises for novices.

<http://www.hvacreduction.net/>

Drummerworld

Drummers and music lovers in general will enjoy this comprehensive website dedicated to the art and practice of drumming. Reports from drumming conventions, information on drum clinics and video clips demonstrating various drumming techniques and grooves can be found on the site.

<http://www.drummerworld.com/index2.html>

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