THE LIBRARY’S NEW REMOTE ACCESS EZ PROXY

Researching from home has never been easier. The fall 2010 semester puts all the library’s online resources on your home computer. The EZProxy system means that students have improved access to all the library’s databases and the ability to manage the password through mySUNYOrange.

With the library now on EZ Proxy researchers will be able to use our databases from any Internet connected computer. Once your are logged in, keep your brower open to switch to another database without the need to log in again. All of the library’s databases can be accessed including PsycNET which had previously been unavailable off campus. Databases that had limited remote access like JSTOR, Naxos Music Library, ArtSTOR, and Country Watch are now fully functional away from SUNY Orange. Users will have the same database experience off campus as on campus.

To access the databases from home, use the Databases by Name or Databases by Subject page (links on the library’s home page), choose a database and click Remote. Students log in with you’re “A Number”, staff and faculty with firstnamelastname combination. The password is the same as your Angel, MySUNYOrange or your campus gmail. If you experience any problems please contact the library.

LIBRARY INSTRUCTION ROOM GOES DIGITAL

The library’s instruction classroom is ready for interactive learning. ITS installed 24 new computers that will enhance library instruction by making it a hands-on experience. Starting in 2011, instead of being limited to taking notes, students will be guided by librarians through the resources necessary for completing research assignments. USB ports on the computers mean research documents can be saved to memory sticks. For students without memory sticks access to any email account will work just as well. When class is over students will have a jump on research before leaving the library.

Newburgh Library gets ready to move

Newburgh Campus library staff are getting boxes ready for the big move into Kaplan Hall. In December all 2,500 books, magazines, computers, and all else that makes up a library, will make their way into the new library. Debbie Canzano, Newburgh’s head librarian, ordered 300 moving boxes that she hopes will contain all the library’s resources making the move. She says, “We are getting ready for the move and should be all packed up by December 17th and ready for the January 2011 opening. All the shelving, file cabinets, magazine and newspaper racks are moving and, of course, all the books.” The newspaper and magazine collection is starting with January 2011. In addition to books the library will have 35 new “smart terminals” available for student use. The open layout is set up for group work and spreading out. Bring your laptop for wireless connection to the Internet.

Borrow a Netbook or Laptop

Both Middletown and Newburgh libraries have portable computers available for SUNY Orange students, faculty and staff to borrow. The computers are to be used in the library and have wireless internet connection. They are available at the desk with your valid SUNY Orange ID. Check out one today.
Steps for Starting Research

1. Use a reference source like Credo, Encyclopedia Britannica or Gale Virtual Reference to gather information about your topic.
2. Write important concepts that will help you understand the details of the topic. Pick out important names, events, dates, etc. that will help you find specific resources.
3. From any Credo article go to the Related resources menu and click on the recommended SUNY Orange resources. This will take you to articles on the topic.
4. Use the concepts and other details to do searched in the library’s other databases. Select the articles that work best for your research.

Credo Reference: A New Research Tool

Credo Reference is an electronic book collection that interacts with SUNY Orange’s library catalog and databases. The library currently subscribes to 100 books on a variety of subjects. The biggest advantage to using Credo is that the books will have links to search for the specific topic in the library’s book collection and databases. This makes it easy to go from a summary in Credo Reference to details in the library’s database resources. Other features include a topic pages, visual search, crossword puzzle solver and many other tools for exploring and finding information.

Electronic books available from Credo are dictionaries and encyclopedias that cover a wide variety of topics including arts, sciences, history, medicine and many others. Use the books from Credo to learn the important parts of a topic and then dig deeper into the topic using the library’s other resources. Many of the entries have images that can be used in poster or Powerpoint presentations. After searching, click on the Images link to see what is available.

Topic pages, summaries and useful topic links, appear as the first item in the search and are followed by matches in Credo’s books. Each of the books in the results has one-click access to the information. Interactive links on the left column of each entry lead to more detailed information in the library’s article databases or the Library book catalog. CREDO also has organizational tools to create a bibliography, email the article information to your favorite email account and save articles to your own CREDO account for retrieval when you need it.

Give CREDO a test drive and let the library staff know what you think. The library staff appreciates your comments on the resources you use.

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Not others,
As if they weren’t sure about the timing…
Kind of like people
When circumstances or events
Surprise us,
Or make us wonder
Which way the breeze will blow
Or, how a happening will go.

If we stand tall
And face the day,
It will become clear
In the silence
What path is beckoning,
Patience wins out
As we chart our course.

Florence DeVaughn-Gersten
September 28, 2010

How CREDO works

Click the CINAHL link and go directly to research articles about Coronary Artery Disease.

Read a definition of Coronary Artery Disease to learn the important facts.

Start your Credo search by typing your search topic in the top box.

OR

Browse through the electronic books.