



# The North Star



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## New at the Library:

### Terrorism Information Resources:

Michael Frasier-Robinson from the Lawson Terrorism Information Center of the Memorial Institute for the Prevention of Terrorism (MIPT) in Oklahoma City will present information on how to access information on terrorism prevention. The training session will be held in the library's first floor computer lab at 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday February 11th. Everyone is welcome.

### Black History Month (February):

In honor of Black History Month, check out these new 2007-2008 titles: *African American Almanac*, *Hemingses of Monticello*, *Ralph Ellison: a biography*, *Inventing the "American Way"*, *The Race Beat*, *Almost All Aliens*, *African American Christian Worship*, *Strengthening the African American Educational Pipeline*, *Contemporary African American Women Playwrights*, and *African American Atheists and Political Liberation*.

**Sunday Hours:** The library will be open one hour earlier (Noon) on Sundays. The normal Sunday hours will be Noon-Midnight.

## EVALUATING RESOURCES



Which is a better source of information, *Wikipedia* or the *Encyclopedia Britannica*? That question has been much debated since the December 2005 article in *Nature* that compared articles in the two encyclopedias, but when it comes to academic research, the real answer is none of the above. Both encyclopedias offer good places to start finding out about a topic, but neither one offers the depth and authority needed for an academic work. So where do you find information for academic work and how do you pick the best sources?

First, what kind of information do you need?

Are you looking for facts, research results, news, opinions, the latest developments, or in depth treatment of a topic? Well known dictionaries, encyclopedias, and government documents are often the best sources for facts. News and opinions are usually best cited from respected magazines or newspapers or acknowledged experts. For research results or the latest developments in academic fields, scholarly or peer-reviewed journal articles are generally best. Finally, for in-depth treatment of most topics, a traditional book with a respected author and publisher and a good bibliography works best.

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## TRIVIA CONTEST

What does DDC stand for?

Hint and Rules are listed on the website: [www.okcu.edu/library/trivia.aspx](http://www.okcu.edu/library/trivia.aspx)

## Archives Reading Room

**Mon. - Fri. 9am-5pm**  
**Sat.-Sun. Closed**

For more information contact the archivist, Christina Wolf, via email [cwolf@okcu.edu](mailto:cwolf@okcu.edu) or call 208-5067

## February Puzzle

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## Library Events:

Library Training: Terrorism Information Resources 3:00 PM	11
Valentines Day	14
Presidents Day	16
Fat Tuesday (Mardi Gras)	24
Trivia Drawing 2:00 PM	27



"I think I should start seeing other genres."



# February 2009 CALENDAR

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1 Noon-Midnight	2 7:30am-Midnight	3 7:30am-Midnight	4 7:30am-Midnight	5 7:30am-Midnight	6 7:30am-7pm	7 10am-7pm
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## NEW BOOKS LIST-JANUARY

Two hundred and ninety-one new titles were added to the collection last month. Most new books are currently shelved on the new books display at the entrance of our newly remodeled reading room.

Titles cover several subjects including computer science, religion, nursing, political science, history, psychology, sociology, and more. For a full

listing of new titles in your subject area contact Elizabeth Jones at [ejones@okcu.edu](mailto:ejones@okcu.edu).

- *Introduction to Parallel Computing*
- *Enterprise Service Bus*
- *Behavior Analysis and Learning*
- *Ethics of Gender*
- *Business Ethics: the Pragmatic Path Beyond Principles to Process*
- *Mysticism in Judaism, Christianity, and Islam: searching for oneness*
- *Essential Theological*

### Terms

- *Regret the Error: How Media Mistakes Pollute the Press and Imperil Free Speech*
- *Virtually Normal: an Argument About Homosexuality*
- *Cities and the Making of Modern Europe, 1750-1914*
- *Multiple Intelligences in the Classroom*
- *Over Nine Waves: a Book of Irish Legends*
- *Partial Differential Equations*

By Elizabeth Jones

## MUSIC LISTENING LIBRARY

Mon.	9am-7pm
Tues.	9am-1pm, 2pm-7pm
Wed.	9am-7pm
Thu.	9am-7pm
Fri.	9am-6pm
Saturday	Closed
Sunday	3pm-7pm

For more information contact the music librarian, Abigail McBirnie at 208-5621 or [amcbirnie@okcu.edu](mailto:amcbirnie@okcu.edu)

## EVALUATING RESOURCES...

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In each case, you are looking for authority and credibility.

Authority and credibility in the academic world are found in peer-reviewed journals and scholarly books. How do you know if your source is from a peer-reviewed journal or scholarly book? For journal articles, library databases can help. You can limit your searches to "Scholarly Journals" or "peer-

reviewed." You can also find information on the peer review process for journals in the front or back of the journal issue or on the journal's web site.

Other ways of establishing authority and credibility include looking at bibliographies, verifying the expertise of the author and publisher, and examining the work itself. A substantial bibliography for the article or book is a good sign that the work is scholarly and a good source

of more references for your own work. Author and publisher credentials are also helpful. Does the author have training and expertise in the area in which their writing? Does the publisher publish other books or journals on scholarly topics or have a reputation in the field? The article, book, or web page itself also hold clues to the reliability of the information it contains. Is it well edited and printed (or designed on the web)? Does the information fit with what you already know or are finding

out about the topic? If the author or publisher has produced other materials, are they credible?

Finally, if you need help determining authority or credibility ask a librarian.

By Victoria Swinney

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Please submit any Suggestions/Questions/Comments about the Library or the Library's Newsletter to the Library Suggestion Box located on the South end of the circulation desk.