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University Libraries

WELCOME & WELCOME BACK!!

If you are a new faculty, student, or staff member – welcome to SLU!! If you are returning, welcome back!! Many new and exciting changes continue to occur in the world of University Libraries since the end of the Spring semester. In this issue you will find brief overviews of new information resources and library services. Web links are provided if you need additional information.

We continue to make great progress on our [5-Year Strategic Plan \(2007-2012\)](#).

Here are some highlights:

- [Online digital exhibits](#).
- Self-service [e-reserves](#) for faculty.
- Comprehensive online access to biomedical journal literature from the [Medical Center Library](#).
- New [Locust Street Library Facility](#).
- and much more...

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Pius XII Memorial Library will also be celebrating its 50th Anniversary from now until the end of 2009! Be on the look out for special events and activities!!



Of interest to faculty...

Saint Louis University has 4 libraries: the [Omer Poos Law Library](#), the [Medical Center Library](#), and the [Pius XII Memorial Library](#). The world renowned [Vatican Film Library](#) is located in Pius Library. There is also a library at the [Madrid Campus](#) in Spain.

The primary portal to access information is: <http://libraries.slu.edu> Through this portal you will find:

- Links to all 4 libraries
- Access to online databases and e-journals
- Access to the online catalog
- Service information including: how to do your own [e-reserves](#); all about [information literacy](#) instruction for your students; [upcoming exhibits and events](#); and so much more!

Each department has been assigned a faculty librarian liaison. Your primary connection to the libraries, this individual will provide you with updated resources in your field of study, collaborate with you on instruction, and assist you with library-related questions. Find the list of liaisons for Pius Library [here](#) and for the Medical Center Library [here](#).

Click [here](#) for both Pius Library and Medical Center Library hours.

As always, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to [contact us](#).

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Pius XII Memorial Library
3650 Lindell Blvd.
St. Louis, MO 63108
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F: 314.977.3587
www.slu.edu/libraries/pius/slulink.slu.edu

Medical Center Library
1402 Grand Ave.
St. Louis, MO 63104
V: 314.977.8800
F: 314.977.5573
www.slu.edu/libraries/hsc/

New Online Resources!!

Scopus Available for the New Academic Year

by [Georgia Baugh](#), *Electronic Resources Librarian/Associate Professor*

Scopus – Elsevier

This is one of the largest, if not the largest, abstract and citation database. It indexes/abstracts over 16,500 titles from over 4,000 international publishers. Content includes peer-reviewed journals, trade publications, book series, and conference papers. *Scopus* is particularly strong in science, engineering, technology, and medicine, but also covers social sciences and some humanities. Many types of searches are possible – from topic to citation. For more information, visit [Scopus in Detail: What does it cover?](#)

- The database that many of you have asked for is now available on trial until Saint Louis University's subscription begins September 1, 2009. Try it out!

Now available: 2008 edition of [Journal Citation Reports \(JCR\)](#) – Thomson/Reuters

JCR allows evaluation and comparison of over 6,500 journals in science, technology, and medicine and over 1,900 in the social sciences with respect to their importance in specific disciplines. For a description and discussion of how the ISI Impact Factor is calculated see [The ISI Impact Factor](#).

- Check out the new 2008 impact factors for over 8,000 journal titles.
- Other years available for comparison are 2005, 2006, and 2007.

For students.....

Best things to know about the University Libraries:

SLU has 4 libraries:

- the [Omer Poos Law Library](#),
- the [Medical Center Library](#), and
- the [Pius XII Memorial Library](#).
- The world renowned [Vatican Film Library](#) is located in Pius Library.

There is also a library at the [Madrid Campus](#) in Spain. The Medical Center Library is located on the Med. Center or South campus. All other libraries are located on the Frost or North campus.

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Through this portal you will find:

- Links to all 4 libraries
- Access to online databases and e-journals
- Access to the online catalog
- Blogs, RSS feeds, podcasts, V-casts

Pius Library is considered the main Library. At 165,000 square feet (the size of a super sized Walmart), it is the largest library at SLU. Best things for you in Pius:

Ground Floor (Lower Level):

- LL6 and LL7: two library instruction classrooms
- Current magazines, newspapers, and journals
- Curriculum collection
- Microfilm and microfiche collections, and reader/printers
- Places to study

Main Floor:

- **Café Libros:** Coffee, tea, light snacks. Great for breakfast, lunch, study food. Takes Billiken Bucks.
- **Circulation, Interlibrary Loan, Reserves:** Check out books, pick-up Interlibrary loans and reserve materials that are not available online.

- **iCommons:**
 - **Reference Information:** Place to ask questions. Librarians can also be contacted by [email](#), [phone](#), and [chat](#).
 - **Computers:** PC's available to search for information. You will need your SLU ID and password to log-on. Printing is available with Billiken Bucks.
- [Vatican Film Library](#)

2nd Floor:

- Newly refreshed study areas!
- **Call numbers D – HC**
- Great views of [Cupples House](#) and [SLUMA](#).
- 2nd floor AB Tower: [Reinert Center for Teaching Excellence](#).
- AB Tower is a dedicated Quiet Study area.

3rd Floor AB Tower:

- [Undergraduate Writing Center](#): when you need help with writing papers and projects
- [University Testing Center](#): when you miss an exam
- AB Tower is a dedicated Quiet Study area.

3rd Floor:

- **St. Louis Room:** houses the University Libraries special collections & archives.
- **Call Numbers HD – HV.** Lots of places to study.

4th & 5th Floors:

- 4th floor: **HX through P**
- 5th floor: **Q through Z** and the [Graduate Writing Center \(Room 503\)](#)
- 5th floor: Oversized books
- More places to study.

The Lewis Annex:

- **Call Numbers A – C**
- Access Lewis Annex from the 2nd Floor of Pius Library.
- Level 2 of Pius Library = Level 4 of Lewis Annex
- Even more places to study.

Need to Knows.....

- Bring your [SLU ID](#) card to the libraries at all times. You will need it to enter the libraries and to check-out materials.
- Bring your [Billiken Bucks](#) card to print from computers and to photocopy. Photocopiers are located throughout Pius Library. A [Billiken Bucks](#) machine is located on the main floor of Pius Library.
- Lockers and study rooms are available in Pius Library on a first come, first served basis. Click [here](#) for more information.
- [All libraries are wireless!](#)

The libraries at SLU are great places to study, to do research, and to work on group projects. We look forward to seeing you!!

Upcoming Library Events @ Pius Library

2009

September 25th (Friday), 1:00pm-3:00pm

[Pius Library 50th Anniversary Birthday Bash!](#)

Pius Library

Join us in celebrating the 50th anniversary of the opening of Pius XII Memorial Library! Enjoy cake; view before-and-after photos, and learn about the history of the Library from John Waide, University Archivist, and Dr. Ronald Crown, Professor/Faculty Librarian Liaison. Everyone is welcomed!

October 1st (Thursday), 4:00pm – 8:00pm

[Pius Library Annual Game Night!](#)

Knights Room, 1st floor, Pius Library

For SLU students only. FREE!

Bring your video or board games, or use ours! Light refreshments and snacks will be available.

October 7th (Wednesday), 5:30pm – 6:45pm

[43rd Saint Louis Literary Award to Salman Rushdie.](#)

Busch Student Center. Wool Ballroom (lower level of BSC)
20 N. Grand Blvd.

Award winning author Salman Rushdie will receive the 43rd annual Saint Louis Literary Award. Listen to Dr. Joya Uraizee talk with Mr. Rushdie about being an author. Event is free and open to the public. Presentation is followed by a dinner at the Coronado. Dinner requires reservations and purchase of tickets.

October 15th, (Thursday), 4:00pm – 6:30pm

Books 'n Brews @ Humphreys

For SLU faculty, staff, and administrators only. FREE!

Join the faculty librarians and staff of the University Libraries for light-hearted conversation, snacks, and give-aways!

October 16th – October 17th (Friday – Saturday)

[36th Annual Saint Louis Conference on Manuscript Studies](#)

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Vatican Film Library

Pere Marquette Gallery, Du Bourg Hall

Registration required.

Friday, Oct. 16th, 4:00pm

Lowrie Daly, S.J., Lecture on Manuscript Studies

Patricia Stirnemann (Institut de Recherche et d'Histoire des Textes, Paris)

“The Albani Psalter: One Man’s Spiritual Journey”

Pere Marquette Gallery, Du Bourg Hall

Lecture is free and open to the public.

December 1st, (Tuesday), 4:30pm – 6:30pm

Holiday @ Pius

Information forthcoming.