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From the Director's Desk



In this Presidential election season, it seems that everyone is talking about “change” so let me tell you about a number of changes here at McQuade Library. First, there have been some staff changes. As you may know, our Director, Barbara Lachance, left this past summer to accept a position as Director of Sandown Public Library in her hometown of Sandown, NH. I am very honored and excited to be serving as Interim Director, and I encourage you to [contact me](#) with any questions, comments or concerns about McQuade Library. I am also pleased to introduce [Marie Deuerlein](#), our new part-time Reference/Instruction Librarian. Marie will be here to help provide reference and instruction services to the community while I am serving in the interim position. Marie comes to us with extensive library reference experience, including positions at the Harvard Business School library and the Tisch Library at Tufts University. Stop in and say hello to her!

McQuade Library has also recently acquired a number of new research tools. New products such as the [Early American Newspapers](#) and [SPORTDiscus](#) databases provide valuable new research materials. [Reference Universe](#) is a new resource that improves access to the research collections we already own. Read more about these products and more later on in this newsletter. Check our web site often for ongoing updates about new services, new acquisitions, and trial databases that we are investigating. As always, your feedback is essential to help us best meet the research needs of our community and our curriculum.

So yes, McQuade Library is always evolving, but what doesn't change is our commitment to providing our community with the very best resources and services that we can. Are you a student just assigned a research paper and you don't quite know where to start? Or perhaps you are a professor looking for ways to improve the quality of your students' research. Maybe you are a student teacher who needs materials to bring into your classroom, or you're someone looking to unwind with a magazine, DVD, or the latest bestseller. We have talented staff and quality materials that can help you with all this and much more.

And getting back to that upcoming election... If you are having trouble sorting through all that talk about change and you want to learn more about the issues to make sure you cast an informed vote, we can help you out with that kind of research too!

Bridget Rawding



Looking for DVDs? Check out the ERC



The Educational Resources Collection (ERC), located on the third floor of the McQuade library, has several DVDs that are available for circulation to all patrons.

All of these materials support the undergraduate and graduate teacher preparation programs at Merrimack College.

DVD titles include instructional videos for math, science, social studies, language arts, special education as well as videos for curriculum planning and general interest for students (preK – 12).

Use the [online catalog](#) to search the ERC or come in and browse.

Librarians are available to help you with your selection(s).

A few DVD titles from the ERC:

[Getting Ahead: Mathematics](#)
[An Inconvenient Truth: A Global Warning](#)
[Liberty! The American Revolution](#)
[School House Rock](#)
[Inclusion: Issues For Educators](#)
[Band of Brothers](#)
[Polar Express](#)
And many more...

Election 2008 Research Guide



This guide provides information relating to the **2008 Presidential Election** and includes details about the candidates, issues, platforms, and media coverage. We hope this guide will help you make an informed decision for the 2008 general



What's New

NEW Library Databases **NEW**

Early American Newspapers, Series 2, 1758-1900

"Extensive coverage of the early to mid-19th century -- Series 2 of Early American Newspapers offers several hundred thousand fully searchable issues from more than 250 significant 18th- and 19th-century newspapers from all 50 present states."

SPORTDiscus

"The world's most comprehensive source of full text for sports & sports medicine journals, providing full text for more than 440 journals. With full-text coverage dating back to 1985, SPORTDiscus with Full Text is the definitive research tool for all areas of sports & sports medicine literature."

** Remember, use your 14 digit library number on the back of your MACK card to access these databases from off campus.*

NEW Reference Databases **NEW**

Reference Universe

"Searches the complete indexes of more than 10,000 reference titles. Nearly 2,000 of these titles are online editions."

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Use Reference Universe to find just the right article(s) to begin your research, build a bibliography and establish a solid research foundation.



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OverDrive

McQuade Library, in a cooperative effort with other NOBLE Libraries, will begin offering **downloadable audio books** in the late fall.

Students, faculty and staff will have anytime, anywhere access to a dynamic collection of digital audio books through this new library service with technology provided by Overdrive, Inc. of Cleveland, Ohio.

The service is easy to use!

1. Install free software to read and listen on your computer
2. Browse the NOBLE download Library list of titles
3. Check out with a valid library card or student ID
4. Download to desktop or laptop pc with easy transfer to mobile devices or (for some titles) burn to CD
5. Listen to audio books offline

The eclectic collection will include thrillers, romance, science fiction and more. Look for bestsellers or notable authors, too!

Check the [McQuade blog](#) often for the latest news and updates on this new collection.



Ebsco 2.0



McQuade Library subscribes to over 30 Ebsco databases including [Academic Search Premier](#), [PsycINFO](#), and [ERIC](#). With the launch of Ebsco 2.0, all these databases now have a new look and feel. These changes, based on usability testing and feedback, offer a clean and intuitive interface. New features and functionalities include:

- Date slider feature to limit search by date range
- Mouse over option to view citation and abstract information
- Breadcrumb trail of recent search options
- Related images appear in search results
- Bookmarking of articles
- And more!

To use the new interface, simply log into [EBSCOhost](#) and start searching. We encourage you to watch the Ebsco 2.0 tutorial below (start by clicking on arrow) and review this [help sheet](#). If you have any questions or would like a quick demonstration, don't hesitate to ask a librarian.



Fall 2008 Hours	
Monday thru Thursday	7:30am - 12:00midnight
Friday	7:30am - 5:00pm
Saturday	10:00am - 5:00pm
Sunday	11:00am - 12:00midnight



Please check our [website](#) for special holiday and intersession hours.



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