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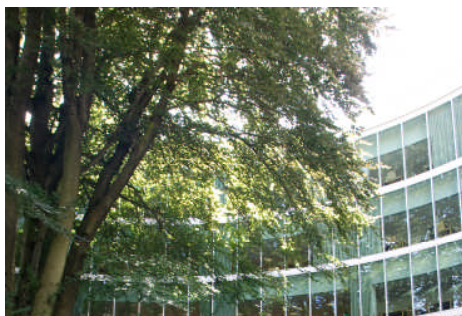
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The Place to Meet & Study!

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Welcome to the Library! We are busier than ever; during the fall term we had over 25,000 visitors per week. Why is the Library so popular? Millar Library is a great place to work and relax. There are 29 student group study rooms where you can work on projects with friends, and a student practice presentation room where you can get ready for that all-important class presentation. Check out the Learning and Research Center (2nd fl) because the Library has the most comfortable computing area on campus, provides wireless access throughout the building, and the librarians are there to answer your questions and help with your research. The Library's resources are also popular, whether print collections like the Dark Horse Comics archive, or online resources such as ARTstor, a database with nearly one million images in the areas of art, architecture, the humanities, and social sciences. The recently upgraded Summit regional catalog, with over 9 million titles that you can check out, is one of our most popular services. The Library isn't just about resources and computers; it is a center for learning on campus. In collaboration with the Writing Center, Undergraduate Advising and Support Center (UASC), and the Skills Enhancement and Tutoring Center (SETC), the Library is now hosting a broad array of academic support services, including writing help, academic advising and math tutoring. Our librarians and staff are here to help you succeed. This is your [Library](#), your place to work and your place to relax.

Tom Raffensperger
Assistant University Librarian of Public Services



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LIBQUAL 2008 SURVEY QUOTES

I've been using the reference desk a lot, and they are always very quick and knowledgeable.

--Undergraduate Student

I could not begin to achieve the necessary requirements I have for both school and work without the amazing resources of the PSU library.

--Graduate Student

This is the best university library I have ever had access to in terms of service. Librarians have always been helpful to me in my research and the classroom.

--Faculty



Relevant Resources for Engaged Learning



**Helen H. Spalding,
University Librarian**

What exciting new leaders we have in the new year! President Wim Wiewel is providing positive energy and direction for the future at Portland State, and President-elect Obama's inauguration is an historic event on many levels. Both depend on your informed input and participation.

The Portland State Library is a rich resource of information for you to mine as you explore topics in your classes, your research, your work and your personal life. What attracted many of us to Portland State is its intention to provide students and faculty with relevant research experiences, engaged with the community and often informing public decisions with local and global impact. As they develop public policy, local, state, and federal officials are influenced by those who elected them and those whom they serve. An educated, participating citizenry is the cornerstone of a strong democracy and keeps our officials accountable for their decisions on our behalf.

Now is a good time to remind yourselves of the valuable information generated by government agencies that is available in print or online in the Millar Library. There is not a subject you may be studying that does not have relevant, in-depth material produced by governmental units or funded by federal grants. Do you want to know more about landslides, or tips to save household energy, or what the decision making process is for state funding of higher education? What about the results of successful fine arts programs that received government support, or regulations being considered for the banking industry?

Make the most of your opportunities at Portland State by exploring the diverse resources in your Library, including government documents!

[FedStats](#) allows you to search over one hundred federal agencies that “provide data and trend information on such topics as economic and population trends, crime, education, health care, aviation safety, energy use, farm production and more.” Agencies include the Census Bureau, Department of Veterans Affairs, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. You can use the [MapStats](#) link to get a statistical profile of Oregon overall and then drill down to the county and city level.

Government Information: What You Need to Know!

Government information is vital to the success of students and faculty at Portland State University. The largest publisher in the world, the U.S. Government Printing Office (GPO) distributes information on almost all conceivable topics. You will want to check government publications whenever you do your research for it not only includes bills, laws, legislation, census data, maps, atlases, patents & trademarks, profiles of nations, climatic conditions, but also recipes, how to start a business, building a home, and much more.

Reports and studies on current topics are produced by federal agencies and the U.S. Congress. 200+ years of Congressional hearings provide information and perspective on important issues of the day as well as insight on the historical eras of the nation.

Detailed population, social and economic data are available from the U.S. Census Bureau. You can discover information on the characteristics of citizens living in specific blocks, census tracts, counties, or states. Key demographic patterns and trends can be obtained from U.S. Census data and reports.

Government documents are shelved on the 4th floor of the Library and, increasingly, are also available electronically.



For assistance, go to the Reference Desk on the 2nd floor, or contact Don Frank, Coordinator of Government Information, at frankd@pdx.edu or 503.725.4709.

Visit [The Research Guide for Government Information](#) .

On the 2nd floor in the **Library Research Center (Reference)** for the Winter Term, you can use the following services:

- **Writing Center:** Mondays through Fridays, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm (right-hand consultation station). As with last term, it may take a week or so for them to fill all the shifts;
- **Advising:** Wednesdays 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm (center consultation station);
- **Math tutoring:** Mondays 4:30 pm to 7:00 pm; Tuesdays 4:30 – 7:00 pm (right-hand consultation station).

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EVERYBODY READS /
OREGON READS
EXHIBIT

WINDOW ON A COMMUNITY: NIKKEI FARMERS OF THE HOOD RIVER AREA

1/12 – 1-26

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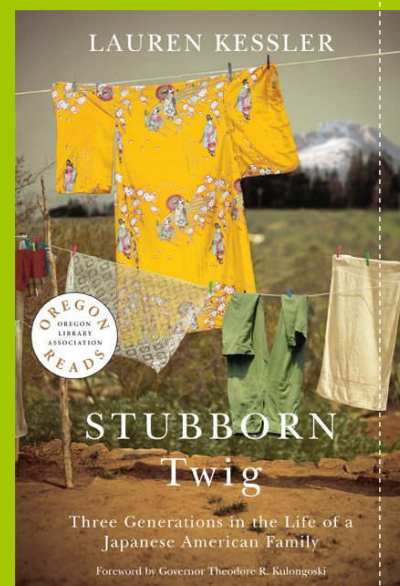
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WEB-SITEINGS –INAUGURATION 2009

The Office of the President-Elect

View President-Elect Obama’s plans for “Revitalizing the Economy,” “Ending the War in Iraq,” and “Renewing American Global Leadership.” Barack Obama’s agenda also details issues such as Education, Energy & Environment, and Foreign Policy. You can read the latest press releases and blog entries from his team and learn more about the President-Elect and Vice President-Elect and their families. As the inauguration approaches, this site continues to expand and eventually will include profiles of the people appointed as members of the Cabinet and White House staff.

U.S. Government Accountability Office – 2009 Congressional and Presidential Transition

The GAO is a resource for our new leaders. Created in 1921, the GAO is an “independent, non-partisan agency that works for Congress.” This site highlights urgent issues for the nation and the challenges facing each federal agency as Washington, D.C. gets ready for the transition. There are key reports (some published, some in the next few months) and research available on each topic and the GAO also offers a long-term look at the United States’ fiscal stability.

Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies

In addition to a calendar of events for this historic day, you can find details about each inaugural ceremony, starting with George Washington in 1789. *When did the Marine Band start playing at the Inauguration? In 1801 at the first swearing-in of Thomas Jefferson.* The site shares interesting details for each of the traditional inaugural day activities, from the morning worship service through to the inaugural ball and includes images from the U.S. Senate’s collection. (For helpful information about transportation and city closures see Washington, D.C.’s site - <http://www.inauguration.dc.gov/index.asp>).

THOMAS - Legislative information from the Library of Congress

THOMAS was unveiled in 1995 and offers federal legislative information to the public for free. You can search bills and resolutions by keyword, sponsor name or topic, review the latest activity in Congress (including roll call votes and calendars), search the Congressional Record and committee reports. Links to additional government resources about the House, Senate and U.S. Congress are provided.

Happier...Healthier...Wealthier!

Having recently joined the staff at Portland State University, I am constantly amazed by the passion, commitment, and integrity of our students, faculty, staff, and friends. Everywhere I go, people are enthusiastic about Portland State University. I am particularly proud to work at the heart and soul of the campus – the Portland State Library. Did you know that the Library serves nearly one million visitors each year? Wow!

In the [fall 2008 Library Newsletter](#), University Librarian Helen Spalding shared with you how some of our new donations support student success. We are excited about these important gifts and the vital role they are playing in the Library and the community. However, as the Library's new fundraiser, I would be remiss if I did not tell you that your support is important now more than ever.

The good news is that giving can make you happier, healthier...and wealthier! According to a study, "[Why Giving Matters](#)", by Arthur C. Brooks, professor of public administration and director of nonprofit studies program at Syracuse University's Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, charitable giving is positively linked with income. He determined that for every dollar given, you will receive \$3.75 back in the future. This means that your gift to the Portland State Library will not only advance the academic success of PSU students and faculty, it may just be the smartest investment of your life!

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For more information about Databases at the Portland State Library visit <http://library.pdx.edu> and click on "Find Databases & Articles."

New Databases!

PsycBOOKS (1806-2008) is a full text database of the American Psychological Association's books and its *Encyclopedia of Psychology*.

SimplyMaps is an Internet-based mapping application that enables users to develop interactive thematic maps and reports using thousands of demographic, business, and marketing data variables.

**Living the Legacy:
The Avel Gordly Papers
Exhibit**

1/12 – 2/27, 2009

**As a part of the annual
Dr. Martin Luther King
Commemoration at
Portland State University,
the Library will display
key pieces from the
Senator Avel Gordly
archives from the Portland
State Library
Special Collections.**

**CRYSTAL HUDELSON'S
PAINTINGS –**

1/12-2/27, 2009-

**PORTLAND STATE
UNIVERSITY STUDENT,
CRYSTAL HUDELSON,
RECIPIENT OF THE
AFRICAN-AMERICAN
VISUAL ARTS
SCHOLARSHIP
AWARDED BY THE PSU
DEPARTMENT OF BLACK
STUDIES, WILL
DISPLAY HER WORK IN
THE LIBRARY AS A
PART OF THE DR.
MARTIN LUTHER KING
TRIBUTE.**

**BOTH EXHIBITS WILL
RUN UNTIL FEBRUARY
27, BLACK HISTORY
MONTH, ON THE FIRST
FLOOR OF THE
BRANFORD P. MILLAR
LIBRARY.**

Winter Term 2009 – Events

Everybody Reads / Oregon Reads 2009

Tuesday, January 13, 10 am –8 pm & Wednesday, January 14, 10 am–8 pm
Multnomah County Central Library, Collins Gallery
801 S.W. 10th Avenue
Portland, OR 97205

Reading Out Loud: A Public Readathon

Parallel University **Sandy Sampson**, MFA candidate in Art and Social Practice at Portland State University. Sandy and friends will read *Stubborn Twig* out loud. Take a turn reading out loud, or come and listen!

Thursday, January 15, 2009, 11am & 7 pm,
Smith Memorial Student Union, Ballroom, 3rd Floor
1825 SW Broadway
Portland OR 97201

The Other Oregon Trail: A Conversation with Lauren Kessler

Lauren Kessler, Oregon author of *Stubborn Twig: Three Generations in the Life of a Japanese-American Family*, will present at the Multnomah County Library's Everybody Reads / Oregon Reads 2009 Kick-off at PSU! For more information, please visit <http://www.multcolib.org/reads/>

Thursday, January 29, 7 pm
Smith Memorial Student Union, Room 238/Browsing Lounge
1825 S.W. Broadway
Portland OR 97201

To Cry Down Injustice? Oregonians and Japanese American Removal During WWII

Ellen Eisenberg, professor of history at Willamette University and author of *The First to Cry Down Injustice: Western Jews and Japanese Removal during WWII*, will speak about Jewish response to Japanese internment in three West Coast cities.

Friday, February 6, 7 pm
Saturday, February 7, 7 pm
5th Avenue Cinema
510 S.W. Hall St
Portland OR 97201

Alton Takiyama-Chung's Documentary, Okage Sama De

Through the history-based stories of five Japanese American men, **Alton Takiyama-Chung** explores the complexity of the Japanese American experience during World War II from the U.S. internment camps to the front lines in Europe and the Pacific. Takiyama-Chung introduces the film and answers questions.

Friday, February 13, 11 am
Portland State University
Smith Memorial Student Union, Room 333
1825 S.W. Broadway
Portland OR 97201

The Thirteen Club:

How Narrative Nonfiction Brings the Past Alive

What is narrative nonfiction? How does it differ from other literature? How do writers use it to bring history alive? Beginning with the literary recreation of a Victorian-era Friday the 13th club, award-winning author **Paul Collins** discusses how various authors use narrative nonfiction to animate works like *Stubborn Twig*. Collins, a professor at Portland State University, is the author of five books and regularly appears on NPR's *Weekend Edition Saturday* as the program's "literary detective."

Thursday, February 19, 11 am and 7 pm
Smith Memorial Student Union, Room 294
1825 S.W. Broadway
Portland OR 97201

The History of Racism in Oregon

Join us on the National Day of Remembrance of Executive Order 9066, which authorized the internment of Japanese American citizens during World War II. Explore Oregon's historical relationship to racial and cultural differences with **Patti Sakurai**, professor of ethnic studies at Oregon State University; **Darrell Millner**, professor of black studies at Portland State University; and **Randy Blazak**, professor of sociology at Portland State University. The Oregon historical artifacts are provided by local collector **Kevin Thomas**.

Living the Legacy: Engaging Today's Leaders
The Dr. Martin Luther King Tribute

Thursday, January 22, 3 pm to 4:30 pm
Smith Memorial Student Union, Browsing Lounge 2nd floor
1825 SW Broadway
Portland OR 97201

Student Interactive with Ambassador Andrew Young

Ambassador Andrew Young introduces an organized discussion about the facets of local poverty and what can be done by us to help. The panel will include the executive director of Portland Impact, three students from PSU and several other community organizers/activists. Women's Studies instructor **Roslyn Farrington** will moderate. This event is open to the public.

Thursday, January 22, 7pm
Smith Memorial Student Union, Ballroom, 3rd Floor
1825 SW Broadway
Portland OR 97201

The Keynote Address: Ambassador Andrew Young

The marquee event of the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Tribute, this year's evening lecture will feature civil rights icon **Ambassador Andrew Young**. There will also be a special musical performance by **E.D. Mondane & Belief**. Admission is \$10 for the general public, free with valid PSU student ID. Call 503-725-3307 for more information.

Friday, January 23 & Saturday, January 24, 7pm
5th Avenue Cinema,
5th & Hall SW
Portland OR 97201

Paul Jacobs & the Nuclear Gang

Saul Landau presents his Emmy award-winning documentary about reporter Paul Jacobs' investigation of the health effects of exposure to low-level radiation on soldiers and civilians who participated in atomic bomb tests in the Nevada desert.

From Protest to Resistance

Saul Landau presents this provocative documentary which captures the rapid changes in the students' movement of the 1960s that brought forth the pacifist anti-war movement, the free speech movement, and the black power struggle.

STAFFORD BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

Thursday, January 29
Branford P. Millar Library, Room 160
1875 SW Park Avenue
Portland, OR 97201

A Gathering of Portland Poets

Come and celebrate William Stafford's Birthday with Portland poets reading their favorite Stafford poems and a few of their own. Poets include **Shelley Reece, Michelle Glazer, Verlena Orr,** and **Portland State graduate students, Michael Achterman, Kate Bucko and Chris Cottrell.**

Questions? events@lists.pdx.edu