

AFIT Librarian Newsletter

Check It Out

January 2025

Quarterly
Newsletter



Welcome to the first edition of our quarterly newsletter! We are excited to share with you the latest updates from our library. Check it out:

Winter Textbook List

The Winter Textbook List is at the Circulation Desk in the library. The library staff checks to see what titles we have as e-books and in print. The Winter Textbook List was sent out to AFIT All on December 6.

Interlibrary Loan

Doing your research and found an article, book or conference proceedings that is of interest?

Check AFIT D'Azzo Library holdings first to see if we have what you need. Use an AFIT.edu computer for instant access or sign in using your AFIT Off-Campus proxy account to access AFIT's digital subscriptions from home.

Didn't find what you need? Submit a request using our new AFIT Interlibrary Loan Form.

New users need to "Create an Account". Please use your afit.edu; us.af.mil; or spaceforce.mil address when registering. After the initial registration, you may use a personal email for requests. Checkout link: [About Interlibrary Loan - Interlibrary Loan - LibGuides at The D'Azzo Research Library at AFIT](#)

Any questions please reach out by email.

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Poster Printer

The library now has a poster printer to help AFIT Students, Faculty and Staff with the academic mission, such as conference presentations, thesis defenses, departmental displays, or classroom project media. In the last few months of FY24, the library printed 55 posters, Requests are sent to the library and printed by the Digital Initiatives and Technologies Librarian.

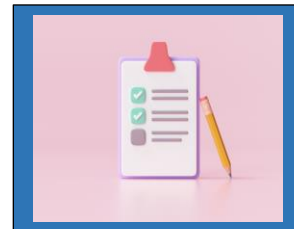
To send a job, or for any questions, please contact afit.enwl.posters@us.af.mil

Printing days are Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays, barring holidays. Please allow two workdays for turnaround between file submission to delivery of the print. Please factor more time for multi-poster requests.

Library Survey

We will be conducting a survey in February 2025. Your feedback is crucial to help us enhance future library services and resources. The survey will be sent by email to faculty, students and staff.

Please take a few moments when you receive our survey to share your thoughts to help us better understand our customer's needs.



Power of E-books. E-books continue to gain immense popularity due to their convenience and accessibility.

E-book statistics, at the D'Azzo Research Library, showed high usage of e-books among students and faculty.

16,291 e-books circulated in FY24, which is an increase from 14,651 e-books circulated in FY23.

Have you explored our e-book collections? Which e-books have you utilized the most? Let us know.

Email your feedback to:
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Ask-A-Librarian

Do you need help in finding general information? "Ask the Librarian" is an e-mail service to assist you with your information needs. If you are unable to find the information from our homepage, please fill out the form and we will reply within 48 hours, except holidays & weekends. <https://www.afit.edu/LIBRARY/ask.cfm>

Lunch and Learn

Librarian, Wheeler Hall, will be conducting a Lunch and Learn book talk *on Make a Bigger Impact by Saying Less* (2014) by Joseph McCormack. This book provides insight into concise communication. Book talk will take place on January 30 at the CIE and on MS TEAMS, 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.

AFIT Scholar

A look at the AFIT Scholar Repository (<https://scholar.ait.edu>)

AFIT Scholar is a digital repository, started in 2017 to share AFIT's public access works with the wider research communities. Anyone with an internet connection should be able to access AFIT Scholar. The largest collection is the Theses and Dissertations, with about 8,000 theses and dissertations going back to 1992, with full-text downloads. The other large collection is a set of nearly 2000 faculty publications in journals, conferences, and book chapters. Full-text is available for as many in that collection as allowable by copyright. AFIT Scholar is expanding what types of work are included, with new collections of Student Publications and AFIT Patents. Some Distribution A datasets are now posted.

AFIT Scholar Administrators contact email: afit.enwl.repository@us.af.mil

Here is a look at the global usage (downloads) of AFIT Scholar material in Academic Year 2023-24.

Distribution of downloads from 01 October 2023 to 30 September 2024.



Library Guides

Libguides is a content management system that our librarians use to curate knowledge and share information. We have 58 guides on a variety of topics. Take a look:

<https://afit.libguides.com/?b=q&d=a>

New Librarians

On October 7, 2024, we added librarian, Phillip Elam to our staff, in the newly created position of Electronic Services Librarian, in the Reader Services Department. Phillip is the liaison to CE and LS.

On November 4, 2024, Elizabeth Irvine joined our Reader Services Department filling a librarian vacancy. Elizabeth is liaison to ENP, ENY and EX.

Staff Book Picks

One Mission: How Leaders Build a Team of Teams by Chris Fussell, C.W. Goodyear, General Stanley McChrystal (Foreword). Penguin Publishing Group, 2017.

This guide will help leaders improve collaboration with a new organizational model combining the agility, adaptability, and cohesion of a small team with the power and resources of a giant organization.

What if? Serious Scientific Answers to Absurd Hypothetical Questions by Randall Munroe, Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Publishing Company, 2014.

From the creator of the wildly popular webcomic xkcd, surprising answers to important questions you probably never thought to ask.

Imaginable: How to See the Future Coming and Feel Ready for Anything-Even Things That Seem Impossible Today by Jane McGonigal, Spiegel & Grau, 2022.

Imaginable draws on the latest scientific research in psychology and neuroscience to show us how to train our minds to think the unthinkable and imagine the unimaginable.

The Little Book of Thinking Big by Richard Newton, Capstone, 2014.

You can think big, or you can think small, it all starts in the mind. Sometimes it pays off to think BIG and Richard Newton is here to get us thinking on a bigger scale than we ever imagined. With the right thinking tools and the right approach you can release your inspiration and creativity, reset your ambition and direct your attention to the things that truly matter to you.

Flight Simulators

Two Flight Simulators were installed in the library, on the third floor, in May 2024. One flight simulator is a standard large-screen presentation, and the other simulator is a virtual reality station. The flight simulators were originally built for the Awaiting Pilot Training students across the Graduate School, but they are open to anyone at AFIT.



DoD MWR's Libby

Did you know, the Department of the Air Force Libraries has resources in a variety of subjects and formats? All free and available anywhere, anytime with your DoD ID at: <https://daf.dodmwrlibraries.org/>.

STINFO

STINFO information is available at the library to foster an understanding of STINFO requirements among AFIT members. The library provides STINFO guidance and information to AFIT, briefs AFIT members on STINFO methods and provides training in selecting and building complete distribution statements.

<https://afit.libguides.com/STINFO>

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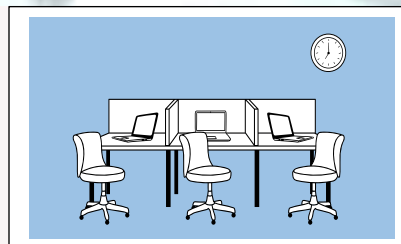


Library Hours

OPEN: Monday-Friday: 8:00-17:00

CLOSED: Weekends & Federal Holidays

We are open AETC Family Days



As we start the New Year, we extend our sincere thanks for your support. May the year ahead bring more success and growth for us all.

Happy New Year!

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