

AFIT Librarian Newsletter

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Second
Quarter
Newsletter
2025



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

Spring Textbook List

The Spring 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 Spring Textbook List was sent out to AFIT All on March 10th.

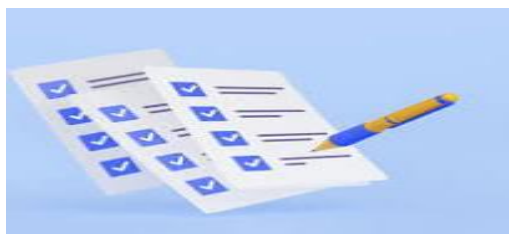
New Library Technicians

We are pleased to announce that on February 23rd Meghan Seekamp and Catherine Stahl joined our staff. Ms. Seekamp and Ms. Stahl, Library Technicians, work at our circulation desk. Please stop by and welcome them to AFIT.

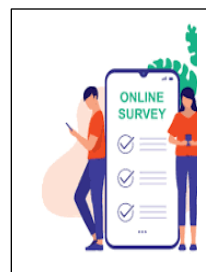
Library Survey

We want to extend our sincere gratitude to every one of you that responded to our survey.

Your valuable feedback, which helps us enhance library services and resources, is very much appreciated.



Thank you for your time and effort.



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Do you need a space to meet, study or hold a class?
You can book the computer classroom in the library as well as two conference rooms. Study rooms are on a first-come, first-served basis (some exceptions apply.)

To book a space at the library, go to the library webpage / Library Spaces:

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

Library Spaces



Lunch and Learn

Phillip Elam, Electronic Resources Librarian, will be conducting a Lunch and Learn presentation about Citation Management on April 23, 2025, at the CIE, and on MS TEAMS, 12:00 - 1:00 PM. The presentation will cover Mendeley and Zotero.

Library Presentation

Elizabeth Irvine, Librarian, will be conducting a presentation on Research Skills: Search Strategies that will take place in the D'Azzo Research Library computer classroom on May 13, 2025, 10:00 - 11:00 AM. The presentation will cover Boolean terms, parentheses, truncation and more. Review strategies, practice writing effective search queries, and start finding the articles you really need.

Interlibrary Loans

Need an item that is not in the library's collection? Submit a request using our AFIT Interlibrary Loan Form. Checkout link: [About Interlibrary Loan - Interlibrary Loan - LibGuides at The D'Azzo Research Library at AFIT](#)

AFIT Scholar

Faculty and students, let AFIT Scholar increase awareness of your published journal articles, conference papers and issued patents you've made while at AFIT.

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Library Webpage

Visit the library's webpage that serves as an information gateway to library research resources and library services. <https://www.afit.edu/LIBRARY/>

Featured Library Advocate

Major Timothy Wolfe



Major Timothy Wolfe is Assistant Professor of Electrical Engineering, Air Force Institute of Technology, Wright-Patterson AFB, OH.

Questions we asked Major Wolfe

Tell us why the D'Azzo Research Library (DRL) is important to you?

I really can't imagine doing my job as an instructor or previously as a student without the DRL, because so much of our mission revolves around a thorough understanding of "the current body of knowledge" and a library is essential to that. We can't necessarily depend on other local libraries to keep the same databases or texts that contain defense-related topics in the same way, either. I need the DRL to be a rapid access source of published information both for my research, and for my teaching, and for my own self-education.

What are the three top library services you use?

- Subscriptions to online databases, primarily IEEE/APS/IOP, to include assists in accessing material from folks like Wheeler Hall.
- Book circulation/check outs
- CIE

How do you describe the DRL to others?

The best kept secret on WPAFB. The environment, the atmosphere, the people, the materials, it's what so many of the technical organizations on this base need to do their job. It ought to be a standing alternate duty location for AFRL, NASIC (in as much as is possible with security classifications), AFLCMC, etc.

How well does the library collection align with your research interests and needs?

Very well, it's been an asset and not a hindrance. I'm a big fan of the library's "New Books" display, I usually find at least one interesting and helpful resource from that every quarter.

Are you satisfied with the availability of specialized databases in your field?

Overall satisfied

How has the library helped you do your job?

I've found materials for learning new topics I'm starting research in, or new endeavors like book publishing. I can always direct my students to the library for help. And I've yet to find a journal article or resource that the DRL has not been able to access for me if I just ask for help, and usually I get it extremely fast. I don't know enough people realize the asset they have available to them in the DRL.

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>

Staff Book Picks

2034: A Novel of the Next World War by Elliot Ackerman and Admiral James Stavridis
USN. Penguin Press, 2021

A single cyberattack ignites a conflict that changes the world forever. The casualties are not just soldiers but entire societies, crippled by invisible forces.

Brave New War by John Robb, John Wiley, 2007.

Terror-crime alliances can generate large returns on investment with small acts. Brave New War discusses how open-source warfare is a commodity that's bought, sold, and exported amid economies it damages.

Conquering the Sky: The Secret Flights of the Wright Brothers at Kitty Hawk by Larry E. Tise, Palgrave MacMillan, 2009.

Fascinating account of the Wright-Brothers secret flights at Kitty Hawk in 1908 and their rise to fame, which was a key turning point in the history of flight.

The Doodle Revolution: Unlock the Power to Think Differently by Sunni Brown.

What did Einstein, JFK, Edison, Marie Curie, and Henry Ford have in common? They were all inveterate doodlers. These powerhouse minds knew instinctively that doodling is deep thinking in disguise—a simple, accessible, and dynamite tool for innovating and solving even the stickiest problems.

Happiness: Lessons From a New Science by Richard Layard, Penguin Books, 2005.

In this landmark book, Richard Layard shows that there is a paradox at the heart of our lives. Most people want more income. Yet as societies become richer, they do not become happier. This is not just anecdotally true it is the story told by countless pieces of scientific research. What is going on? The author delves deep into the subject to explain this paradox in detail.

Library Displays

Come to the library and enjoy our new displays. We have updated our displays on many topics including: Nobel Prizes, Pilots, the Warrior-Scholar, Explore the Universe, Interesting Science, Stephen Hawking, Black Holes and Leadership Development. We have an interesting First Moon Landing display in our exhibit case on the first floor of the library, featuring an original newspaper from July 21, 1969.



Media:Scape Table

The library's media:scape table has been moved and is now located on the third floor in the open study area. Designed for collaboration and perfect for studying and working on projects. The media:scape table allows co-display from two devices onto the table's 50" monitor. Currently the table has connections for HDMI and Mini-DisplayPort installed. Adapters are available from HDMI to regular DisplayPort, Apple, and even DVI.

National Library Week

The library will be celebrating National Library Week, April 6 - April 12, 2025. For our library customers there will be several presentations held at the library that week. An email will be sent out soon with presentation dates, times and location.



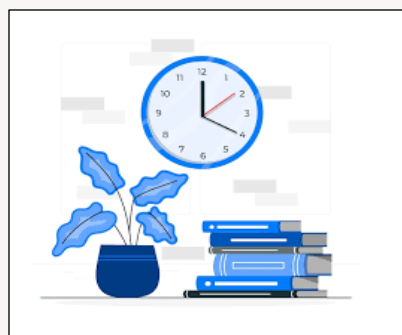
The library's digital signage is displayed on large monitors in building 642 and beyond enabling us enhanced engagement with our customers through this digital interface. We have also set up four small monitors in the library on which up to date information is displayed continuously.

Library Hours

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

CLOSED: Weekends & Federal Holidays

We are open on AETC Family Days



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