

AFIT Librarian Newsletter

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Second Quarter Newsletter 2026

Welcome to our newsletter, bringing you quarterly library highlights.

Survey Results

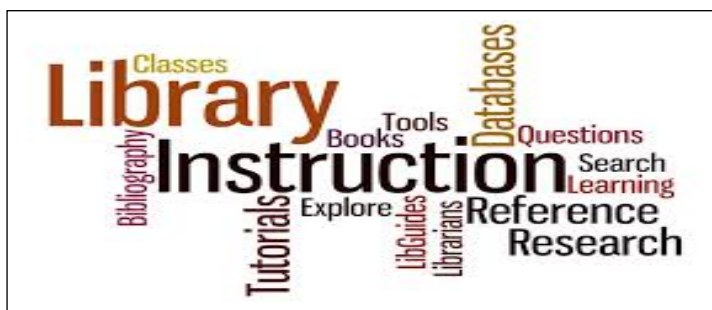
Thank you for responding to our library survey that we conducted 23 February - 1 March 2026. We greatly appreciate your comments. Your participation in our library surveys is essential. The feedback enables us to gather information on resources, appraise user satisfaction, make data-driven decisions, assess services and plan for the future, supporting overall AFIT goals by determining impact on learning and research.

Spring Textbook List

The Spring Textbook List is at the circulation desk in the library. The library staff checks the collection to determine which titles we have in our collection in print and also as e-books. The Spring Textbook List was sent out to AFIT All on 9 March 2026.

Library Instruction

Our librarians provide excellent, customized library instruction. Receive tailored sessions (in-person, online, or blended) focusing on discipline-specific research for your students. Let your librarian liaison know of any library instruction, presentations or research assistance that you need.



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Featured Library Advocate

Dr. William Cunningham, Department Head and Professor
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Photo courtesy of Dr. William Cunningham (AF Photo)

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

The library is essential for my research in terms of acquiring relevant articles and ensuring I have the important references. It is also important for me to keep up professionally in my discipline with new publications. In addition, it is a valuable asset to my students, especially in terms of their thesis research.

2. How do you utilize the library?

For all of the above reasons. My main uses of the library are to keep up with the current journals in my area and to acquire articles we do not have on the shelves.

3. How do you describe the D'Azzo Research Library to others?

As a great, probably underutilized, resource.

4. What are the top three library services that you use?

Interlibrary loan, poster creations and help from the staff.

5. What are the top three library resources that you use?

Databases, eBooks and current holdings.

6. Would you share a recent example of when a library has helped you with your research?

In getting an article through interlibrary loan.

7. Does the library's collection align with your needs?

Yes, for the most part.

8. Can you share a favorite memory of the library?

The joint AFIT / AFRL D'Azzo Research Library 25th Anniversary Event.

9. How often have you utilized the library's interlibrary loan service?

Multiple times, I am sure more than 10.

10. What is a great book you have checked out from the library?

A book on military transportation during WWII.

New Display: Inventing Flight



The library's newest display highlights the Inventing Flight 2003 celebration and Dayton's enduring connection to aviation history. The Wright brothers achieved the first successful powered flight in 1903. The 2003 centennial celebration honored their legacy and recognized Dayton's important role in the history of aviation.

Materials featured in the display include books from the library's collection as well as items generously donated by Dr. Kevin Keefer. Dr. Keefer's donation includes newspapers from the Inventing Flight 2003 event along with flight maps and aviation-related books, which help illustrate the significance of the centennial celebration and the broader story of flight. Together, these materials provide a glimpse into the historical importance of Dayton in the development of aviation and commemorate the vital, lasting impact of the Wright brothers' achievements. Thank you, Dr. Keefer, for your donation to the library.



Photo courtesy of S. Craycraft

Interlibrary Loans

Doing your research and have found an article, book or conference proceeding that is of interest? Check D'Azzo Research Library holdings first to see if we have what you need. If you don't find what you're looking for, then just submit a request using our AFIT Interlibrary Form. It can be found at: [About Interlibrary Loan - Interlibrary Loan - LibGuides at The D'Azzo Research Library at AFIT](#)

We're here to help you obtain that needed item. Contact your librarian liaison for additional information and assistance to submit your request.



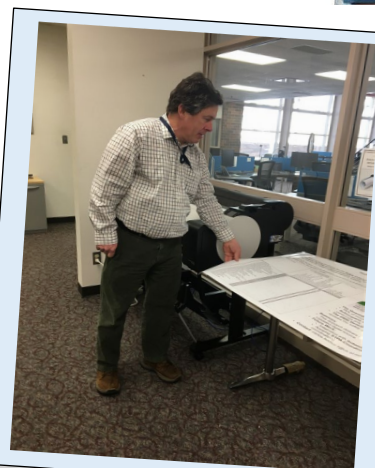
Behind-the-Scenes: Bringing You the Information You Need



K. Siry with Library Customers



E. Beteck by the Spark Collection



R. Mansfield Printing Posters



A. Cottrell Cataloging



W. Hall Creating a Book Display



P. Elam at the Reference Desk



C. Clausen Updating Journals



R. Randall Filling Interlibrary Loans



S. Craycraft at the Reference Desk



C. Stahl at the Circulation Desk

All photos above courtesy of K. Siry



New Librarian *Congratulations*



Photo courtesy of K. Siry

We are pleased to announce that Catherine Stahl is our new Librarian, filling the position that became vacant in December 2025. Catherine has been a Library Technician at our library since February 2025. Before arriving at the D'Azzo Research Library, she was employed at the Franzello Aeromedical Library. She will bring a great deal of library experience to her new role, which she will begin on 6 April 2026. Congratulations, Catherine!

Theses and Dissertations on AFIT Scholar



Theses and dissertations of AFIT graduates are on AFIT Scholar to boost visibility of student productivity and AFIT's sponsored graduate-level research efforts. These works are found at <https://scholar.afit.edu/etd>. This collection presents the publicly released works of the Graduate School of Engineering and Management from 1990 to 2025. Theses in the repository before 1999 include graduate work of the School of Logistics and Acquisitions Management while that was a degree-granting unit. The collection has 7300 theses and 790 dissertations. It grows as new graduate works are produced, and as old works are uploaded. A 12-month embargo is applied to posting the latest works of the graduating students. The embargo is implemented by the School of Engineering and Management to protect the capability to publish articles, conference papers and patents based on the graduate's research. Before the embargo, journal publishers and the Patent Office found corresponding theses through due diligence and declared them to be prior art that rendered the respective manuscript or patent submission unpublishable in those valuable scholarly communication venues. Unclassified theses and dissertations with limited distribution are not included on AFIT Scholar but are available to eligible readers at the DTIC Research & Engineering Gateway. <https://www.dtic.mil>.

Reference Desk: Navigating the Sea of Information



Kathleen Siry at the Reference Desk

Photo courtesy of C. Stahl



Librarians are at the reference desk to help you navigate the sea of information and will chart your course through the library's resources. Visit the library and set sail in an ocean of knowledge.

Staff Book Picks for Spring Reading



Bell, Richard (2025) *The American Revolution and the Fate of the World*. Riverhead Books.

The American Revolution manifested itself as a sprawling struggle that changed the lives of millions of people and fundamentally transformed the way the world works. Bell's book reveals the full breadth and depth of America's founding event. Vivid characters are presented who reveal the global stage and high stakes of a revolution that was American and much more.

Fishman, Stephen (2024) *The Copyright Handbook: What Every Writer Needs to Know*. Nolo.

In Fishman's excellent handbook learn what copyright law protects and doesn't. Includes details on how to transfer ownership of a copyright; get international copyright protection; understand the fair use rule and obtain permission to use copyrighted work.

Hanson, V. (2013) *The Savior Generals: How Five Great Commanders Saved Wars That Were Lost, from Ancient Greece to Iraq*. Bloomsbury Press.

The Savior Generals gives us the story of five wars that were all but lost and the five commanders who transformed defeat into victory. Their dramatic feats are unforgettable moments of history, lessons in the dynamic nature of war, courage, and leadership.

Lloyd, N. (2024) *The Eastern Front: A History of the Great War, 1914-1918*. W.W. Norton & Company.

A well-researched account of the World War I conflict between Germany and Imperial Russia. The narrative feels intense and insightful. Recreates the battlefields of the Eastern Front, Italy, and the Balkans in this thrilling history.

O'Hanlon, M. (2024) *Military History for the Modern Strategist*. Brookings Institute Press.

An intriguing book. Provides a comprehensive overview of key military conflicts in American history since the mid-1800's. O'Hanlon searches for themes along with lessons for military strategists and political leaders of today. Looks at America's past wars analyzing what they tell us about how to prepare for future wars.

Randall, D. (2024) *Into the Skies: The Unlikely Team, the Daring Race and the First Flight Around the World*. Mariner Books.

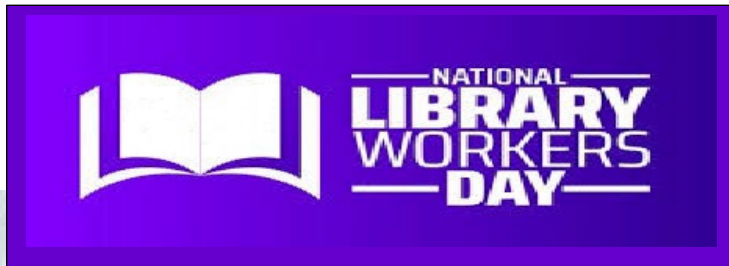
This book tells the riveting history of the 1924 race to circumnavigate the globe for the first time by air, a contest that pitted the US pilots against their European rivals, created technology that changed aviation, and convinced America that its future was in the sky.



National Library Week

National Library Week is 19 - 25 April 2026. Please visit the library during National Library Week, and explore all that the library offers.

Tuesday, 21 April 2026 is National Library Workers Day.



Celebrating the power of libraries and the communities they inspire!

Showcasing AFIT Faculty



The library began a new initiative in March 2026, in which each month we highlight a faculty member with a poster displayed in the library to actively promote faculty and their scholarship. The poster includes a photo and biography of a faculty member as well as information about a recent project or publication.

Previously we featured Dr. Rama Gorla (ENY) in March. This month, in April, the library is showcasing faculty member Dr. Sanjeev Gunawardena (ENG).

We are very excited about this new initiative. If you are a faculty member interested in being featured on a spotlight poster, please let us know.

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Focus on a Library Resource **ENGINEERING**



Did you know that the library subscribes to Access Engineering from McGraw-Hill? It is a comprehensive, award-winning online platform for engineering students, faculty, and professionals. This resource offers vast digital engineering content (handbooks, textbooks, videos, interactive tools) to solve real-world problems, prepare for exams, and streamline learning.

Newly Renovated Third Floor

The library's third floor received new lights, a new ceiling grid, and new diffusers from 19 January to 6 March 2026. During that time the third floor was closed. This update has greatly improved the function and aesthetic of the library. We want to express our appreciation for the patience and understanding shown by our library customers during the renovation.

Library Archives



Looking for an AFIT historical document? The library's archives are essential for preserving AFIT's history, acting as a memory and supporting research and teaching. Our archives safeguard unique, valuable sources, that require specialized, long-term preservation such as photographs, papers and official records. Archives provide primary sources for scholars, students and historians to study various topics, including institutional, social and cultural history. Contact one of our librarians or stop by the reference desk if you are searching for a historical document.

Library Webpage

Visit the library's webpage. It is your gateway to valuable information about library research resources and services! <https://www.afit.edu/LIBRARY/>

On the library webpage look at LibGuides, a content management system our librarians use to curate knowledge and share information. Each libguide contains valuable information for our library customers. <https://afit.libguides.com/?b=g&d=a>



"Not to alarm anyone, but is there a librarian on board?"

Library Outreach



The library provides outreach services. Our librarians reach out to attend faculty meetings and present on new library resources and services. We can provide a customized library presentation for your department. We are eager to participate with our faculty community and attend department events. The librarians will bring library resources and services to you. The library is a partner in your goals.



Libraries: Everywhere You Are

The D'Azzo Research Library is your gateway to unique scholarly resources, a hub for expert research help from librarians, a center for technology access, and a space for collaborative learning, all designed to build academic success.

D'Azzo Research Library

Hours: 0800 – 1700

Open: Monday - Friday

Closed: Saturday, Sunday and Federal Holidays

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