News: Business Guides Home Page

- There is now a “home page” for Business Research Guides on the James A. Gibson Library website: http://researchguides.library.brocku.ca/business-home
  This would be a great general URL to use when referring students to the “Business Library”.
- The home page features a Chat with Linda widget; links to subject guides, course guides, and database guides; and my contact information. Tabs across the top provide links to information of interest to faculty members such as back issues of the News & Notes Newsletter, Business & Economics DVDs, Journal Rankings & Impact Factors, Finding Publishing Opportunities, and Case Method resources.

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Water, Health, & Wildfires: New Additions in Economics

The three new additions profiled in this issue demonstrate how truly diverse the discipline of economics can be. Whether the focus is on natural resources, public health, or climate change, there is something for everyone in the Brock University Library collection. Enjoy!


“In Contested Water, Joanna Robinson examines local social movement organizing against water privatization, looking closely at battles for control of local water services in Stockton, California, and Vancouver, British Columbia. The movements in these two communities had different trajectories, used different tactics, and experienced different outcomes. Robinson analyzes the factors that shaped these two struggles” (publisher).


“This third edition of Barbara McPake and Charles Normand’s textbook confirms it as providing the only properly international treatment of health economics on the market. A key tenet of the book is its analysis of comparative health systems across borders, and the text has been updated and revised to take account of changes in a host of countries….An overview of the range of mathematical techniques available to perform economic evaluation in healthcare is also introduced, although the text avoids becoming too technical. In all, the text builds on the success of the first edition and provides the perfect introduction to the fast changing world of health economics” (publisher).


“This book will reflect the first-ever forum for law and economics scholars to apply the analysis and methodologies of their field to the subject of wildfire. The only modern legal work on wildfire, the book brings together leading scholars to consider questions such as: How can public policy address the effects of climate change on wildfire, and wildfire on climate change? Are the environmental and fiscal costs of ex ante prevention measures justified? What are the appropriate levels of prevention and suppression responsibility borne by private, state, and federal actors?“ (publisher).
Oxford Handbooks Online: New Titles & Subjects

- Brock University Library recently updated its collection of titles on the Oxford Handbooks Online (OHO) database. In addition to titles in Business & Management, Philosophy, Politics, and Religion, new subject collections for 2013 include Economics & Finance, and History.
- A nice feature of OHO is the ability to search across subject areas (which enhances transdisciplinary information discovery), the ability to browse by subject at the book level, as well as the article level, and a “search within results” feature to narrow your search by keyword.
- Remember, we do have some of these handbooks in print format, so if you encounter an abstract of interest, check the Library Catalogue to locate the hardcopy edition. In the event we don’t own the online or the print handbook you need, you can order the article or chapter you need on RACER (Interlibrary loan).

New for Fall 2013

New Library Services: Ask Us and We Deliver!

- The Library recently launched a new chat platform called “Ask Us!” which is linked from the Library Home Page and monitored by Help Desk staff. Users can now get live help from any wireless browser, or by text message from a mobile phone, any time the Library’s Help Desk is open.
- Another new service is the Library FAQ page. This searchable FAQ enables users to help themselves, and get answers to frequently asked questions at any time of the day or night.
- A third new service is the electronic delivery of interlibrary loans. When you place a request via RACER for a copy of a journal article or book chapter, you may now receive an email containing a link to download the item as a PDF document.
- The Request feature in the Library Catalogue may now be used for book retrieval for “In library” items, as well as to recall books currently checked out. “In library” items will be retrieved from the stacks by Library Staff for pickup by users at the Circulation Desk within 24 hours.

New Interfaces & New Databases

- CRSP US Stock Database (via CHASS) has a new interface which includes some new functionality that makes it work in a similar fashion to the version in WRDS. This includes manual code entry, uploading code files, or extracting the entire database. Take a Look!
- Datastream will be migrating to a new web-based platform called Datastream Professional later this fall, and access will expand from 1 to 5 simultaneous users. Stay tuned for an announcement when it is available.
- SDC Platinum is now available in Taro Hall. This database from Thomson Reuters is used for researching mergers and acquisitions, new issues, and other financial transactions. Once technical issues have been worked out, it will also be available for general use on the Bloomberg Workstation in the Library. Learn more at: http://researchguides.library.brocku.ca/SDCPlatinum
Fundraising & Grant Writing—An Update

The April 2013 issue of this newsletter featured an article on resources for fundraising and grant writing, with a few titles noted as “on order”. I can now confirm that the following resources are available from the James A. Gibson Library.


In addition, the following new title has recently been added to our collection:

- *Prospect research for fundraisers: the essential handbook* / Jennifer J. Filla, Helen E. Brown. *Call No: HV 41.2 F55 2013.* [This title is part of the AFP/Wiley Fund Development Series].

Grant Connect is subscription database that is available from the James A. Gibson Library’s list of databases. It was formerly known as Imagine Canada, and is available for use by Brock students, staff, and faculty from on and off campus. Grant Connect is the online successor to the *Canadian Directory to Foundations and Corporations*, and features:

- A quick look-up search box to search by name or charitable business number.
- A funder search box to filter results by funding interest (e.g., health), or by granting region, as well as advanced search options (category, funder location, types of support, and other criteria).
- Gift explorer enables you to display recent gift records sources from Canada Revenue Agency T3010 Registered Charity Information Returns or other materials such as annual reports and websites.
- People seeker lets you search by name, organization, or city to view individuals connected with funders.