It’s hard to miss the changes to the library over the past year as we’ve been striving to transform our space & services to suit student needs, but we’ve also been hard at work keeping those updates going. Listed below are a few things you may notice this semester.

**New Looks**

- **Redesigned Library Catalog (BLINK)** enables a more streamlined search experience via its cleaner, more user-friendly interface.
  
  Search: [http://csluis.cincinnatistate.edu/](http://csluis.cincinnatistate.edu/)

- **Enhanced LibGuides** make it easier to find the right library guide for your class AND for your location. With improved organization, we were able to create over 50 new subject/course research guides without muddying up your ability to actually find them.
  
  Visit: [http://cincinnatistate.libguides.com](http://cincinnatistate.libguides.com)

**New Resources**

- **Popular Magazines** for study breaks, including *Rolling Stone, Mental Floss, and Vegetarian Times*. International and ESL students (& anyone wanting to brush up on foreign language skills) may also enjoy *Alma*, our new Spanish language magazine, and *France-Amerique*, our new French language magazine.

- **JSTOR** has been added to our list of interdisciplinary databases.

**New Equipment**

*Many thanks to the folks at IT for their assistance!*

- **Additional Public Computers (3)** have been added in response to an increased demand for computing resources.

- **Public Printers (2)** replaced our older models, providing great relief to everyone printing PowerPoints (or waiting behind someone printing a PowerPoint).

**New Policies**

- **Fiction First Dibs** for Cincinnati State affiliates! New high-demand fiction books will not be available to other OhioLINK libraries until you’ve had a month to borrow them. Our fiction videos continue to be available only to our students, faculty, & staff for checkout.
Spring Reminders

- **Accreditation:** Please notify the either Cindy Sefton or Kathleen Pickens if your program will be undergoing accreditation in 2014. Advanced notification ensures that we have time to construct supporting documentation of the library’s resources & services that are specific to your subject area.

- **Library Instruction:** Do you assign a research based paper or project for your class? Have you been happy with the quality of resources your students cite? If not, consider scheduling a library instruction session for your class. If you do not have a full class session to spare, we can even schedule a short, 10-15 minute visit to your classroom to show your students how to find credible resources. The calendar is getting rather full, so please email Kathleen Pickens if you’d like more information.

- **Course Reserves:** By putting a copy of your required textbook “on reserve” at the library, you’re helping students who may be waiting for their textbooks (or who left them at home) stay current on assignments. Complete the e-from at https://swebapps.cincinnatistate.edu/eforms/eform.aspx?form_id=796 & contact Ginna Witte or Don Vernatter if you have any questions.

- **You’ve Got Privileges:** Whether you are a new adjunct instructor or a seasoned staff person, you have access to all of the library’s resources, too! You can borrow our fiction videos, audiobooks, and reading collection for take home use, or even have items delivered here from all participating OhioLINK & SearchOhio libraries. You also have 24/7 access to our online resources, including over 100K ebooks, 10K streaming videos from Films on Demand & academic articles from databases.

- **Faculty & Staff Book Club:** Join us on Friday, February 7th from noon to 1 pm for a discussion of The Rosie Project by Graeme Simsion. See our Book Club guide for more details, to submit your recommendations, & to browse a list of past features. http://cincinnatistate.libguides.com/bookclub

*Contact information for all library staff is available on the “Staff Contacts” page of the library’s website.

**Shhhhhh….It’s Still a Library!**

Well, that’s what 200 of our students had to say when they had the opportunity to complete library user surveys the last two weeks of Fall semester. Here’s a quick look at some of the top responses; a more comprehensive report will be included in our annual newsletter.

On average, how frequently did you visit the Cincinnati State Library this semester?
- 2-3 times a week: 43.5 %
- Almost daily: 32%  
- 2-3 times a month: 13.5%

What was the purpose of your visit(s)? Please mark all that apply.
- Quiet space to study: 77.5%
- Computing and/or printing: 73.5%
- Borrow or return resources (books, videos, course reserves): 38.5%

**Library Hours**

- Monday to Thursday: 7:30 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.
- Friday: 7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
- Saturday: 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

The library has reduced hours during intersessions and is closed when the campus is closed.