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SEVEN-WEEK LIBRARY COURSE SECTIONS FOR SECOND HALF, FALL SEMESTER

As you are advising students for the fall 2009 semester, we hope you will consider advising them to enroll in a section of LIR 1011 - Introduction to Using Electronic Information Resources. Students may earn one semester hour of elective credit for successfully completing the class. The classes meet in the Library and are taught by Library faculty.

In this course, students learn strategies for effective information research, including:

- * putting together good searches
- * choosing the best electronic and print resources
- * evaluating resources like books, magazines, articles, and websites for quality
- * selecting and using the best resources for each assignment

There are three sections that will be taught from October 13 through December 15.

There is no prerequisite for the course and it is offered in both the fall and spring each year.

To find our course listings select the subject "Library" in the "Look Up Classes" section of ASU Banner Self Service.

NEW LIBRARY HOURS

The Library will now be open Fridays until 6:00pm. We will also be experimenting with being open limited hours during the Christmas Break.

Fall 2009 [Library Hours](#)

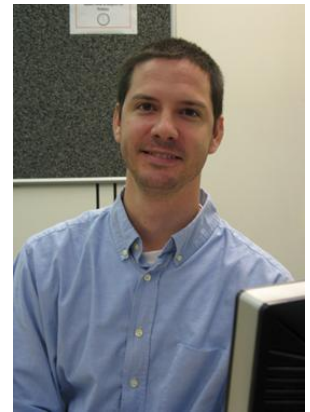
Monday-Thursday	7:00am-1:00am
Friday	7:00am-6:00pm
Saturday	10:00am-6:00pm
Sunday	2:00pm-1:00am

Christmas Break [Library Hours](#)

December 19-20	Closed
December 21-23	open 10:00am - 4:00pm
December 24-27	closed
December 28-30	open 10:00am - 4:00pm

NEW LIBRARIAN, ROBERT ROBINETTE

Robert Robinette is a Jonesboro native recently returned after five years in Memphis. Robert has more than five years of public and academic library experience in reference and instruction and especially enjoys teaching. He received his B.A. in English here at Arkansas State University and his M.S. in Information Sciences at the University of Tennessee-Knoxville. Robert is married and has a daughter, Celeste, along with two dogs, Ranger and Lola, and a fish tank with too much algae. In his spare time, he likes reading and spending time with his family.



NEW DATABASE: [GLOBAL ROAD WARRIOR](#)

The Global Road Warrior is an international resource for social, cultural, travel and business information. The database covers 175 countries and territories and includes information on demographics, economy, holidays, currencies, visas, climate, passports, immunization, entry and departure, emergencies, internal travel information, country and regional maps, airports, international dialing guides and more.

NEW DATABASE: [PERIODICALS ARCHIVE ONLINE](#)

Periodicals Archive Online is an archive of hundreds of digitized scholarly journals published in the arts, humanities and social sciences from 1802 to 1995. It provides researchers with access to more than 200 years of scholarship in 37 key subject areas. It is international in scope with the inclusion of more than 100 foreign-language titles.

NEW DATABASE: [BRITISH PERIODICALS](#)

British Periodicals is a unique digital archive consisting of periodical runs published from the 1680s to the 1930s, forming an unrivalled record of more than two centuries of British history and culture. Our current subscription consists of more than 160 journals that comprise the UMI microfilm collection Early British Periodicals, the equivalent of 5,238 printed volumes containing approximately 3.1 million pages. Topics covered include literature, philosophy, history, science, the fine arts and the social sciences.

SOUL OF A PEOPLE GRANT AND PROGRAMMING

The Dean B. Ellis Library at Arkansas State University is one of 30 libraries that has received a \$2,500 grant to present outreach programs in connection with “*Soul of a People: Voices from the Writers’ Project*,” a major documentary television program about the Federal Writers’ Project, one of four arts programs created during the Great Depression under the Works Progress Administration (WPA) during the 1930s.

For more information about the documentary and programs, visit our [Soul of a People guide](#).

Soul of a People is produced by Spark Media, Washington, D.C., and broadcast on the Smithsonian Channel HD. *Soul of a People* programs in libraries are sponsored by the American Library Association Public Programs Office with the support of the National Endowment for the Humanities: great ideas brought to life.

FRANKENSTEIN: PENETRATING THE SECRETS OF NATURE

The current exhibit on display on the third floor of the Library is *Frankenstein: Penetrating the Secrets of Nature*. The exhibition considers Mary Shelley's world and how her novel provides a framework for discussions of contemporary bio-medical advances that sometimes challenge our understanding of what it means to be human.

The exhibit is on loan from the National Library of Medicine and will run through November 1st. For more information about the exhibit or hosting your own, contact April Sheppard at (870) 972-2766 or asheppard@astate.edu.

To submit feedback or ask questions about topics covered in this newsletter, contact April Sheppard, Newsletter Editor, at asheppard@astate.edu or Jeff Bailey, Interim Dean, at jbailey@astate.edu.

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