NEW STREAMING MEDIA RESOURCES

Would you like to stream more media in your classrooms? As some of you may already know, Fintel Library offers a subscription to Films on Demand, which boasts 22,000 titles and over 200,000 segments of academic videos. But if you’ve exhausted the Films on Demand collection and would like to offer something else to your classes, perhaps you can check out these FREE streaming video sites on the Internet. We have placed a link to each one in our Complete List of Resources available on our website (http://libguides.roanoke.edu/az.php?t=12129). The following offer free video content: American Indian Film Gallery, American Memory Collection, Archive of American Television, British Pathé, Cinemargentino, C-SPAN, Internet Archive, Korean Film Archive YouTube Channel, LearnersTV, The Living Room Candidate, Mosfilm, National Film Board of Canada, Open Culture, ScienceCinema, SnagFilms, U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum Film Archive, and WGBH Open Vault.

OPEN ACCESS — TEXTBOOKS

“The traditional college textbook of today is expensive… Alternatives need to appear as the current textbook model is unhealthy and likely unsustainable.”

These words are from the APEX: Affordable Print & Electronic Textbooks website (http://www.apexcalculus.com/apex-philosophy/). Virginia Military Institute (VMI) math faculty sought to provide an alternative to the traditional textbook model. The faculty collaborated to create APEX Calculus version 3.0, a calculus open textbook. The text is freely available at the APEX website. Adopters of APEX Calculus are encouraged to collaborate with the original authors to modify this e-text by adding or subtracting content. All source files are available on GitHub and covered by a Creative Commons license.

If college students are no longer buying the required textbook(s) for courses*, or if you are not satisfied with the depth and/or quality of your selected textbook’s content, it might be time to consider adopting (or at least investigating) college open textbook sources. Alternatively, you can guide struggling students (who might just need a background review, or an additional illustration to understand a concept) to a specific open textbook chapter – even if you do not select that title as the required text for your course! Fintel Library can add your recommended title to the library catalog (e.g. http://fintel.roanoke.edu:80/record=b1603911~S5).

Listed below are a few resources that provide additional information about open textbooks:

⇒ About Open Textbook Adoption: http://cnx.org/contents/9IIZLZOX@9/Open-Textbook-Adoption

⇒ Listing of Open Textbooks by Subject: http://collegeopentextbooks.org/textbook-listings/textbooks-by-subject

⇒ Peer Review of Open Textbooks by the College Open Textbooks Collaborative: http://collegeopentextbooks.org/about-us/who-are-we

⇒ FIPSE “Open Access Textbooks Project” (includes links to testimonial videos “What users are saying” and to the FIPSE Online Survey on Open Textbooks): http://www.openaccesstextbooks.org/

**CUPS on Campus**

As you may have heard, Cups coffee shop was acquired by Rockfish Grill owners Olivia Byrd and Joe Porfert last fall. Olivia and Joe are working towards turning Cups into a third wave coffee shop that takes pride in sourcing locally roasted beans from Floyd County's Red Rooster, various baked goods from Roanoke Bagel, Kneadful Things, Willow Pond Farms, Blondies (gluten free and vegan options) as well as providing new and different options from the Rockfish kitchen itself.

The changes made to the Grandin location will slowly start to take hold at the Fintel Library location as well. Cups' sizes will be changing (8 oz., 12 oz., 16 oz.) and the shop will begin to offer fair trade organic coffee. Cups will also be experimenting with different drink options including traditional macchiatos, cappuccinos, and cold brew coffee.

The Spring semester hours for Cups are Monday through Thursday, 8 am to 8 pm, Friday 8 am to 5 pm, and Sunday 12 pm to 5 pm.

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**JOURNAL REVIEW 2016 IS UNDERWAY**

Fintel Library will resume the departmental journal review process beginning in spring 2016. From February 15 – March 31, 2016, department liaisons will be working with faculty to obtain feedback on continued relevance of journals subscribed to in their disciplines. Print and online journals subscriptions in fine arts, biology, chemistry, and sociology will undergo review for possible format changes (print to online), additions, and/or cancellations. Titles recommended for addition and/or format changes will be reviewed in line with budgetary impact. Faculty input is critical to collection development decisions regarding journal resources. Please contact your liaison directly for any questions related to the process ([http://libguides.roanoke.edu/faculty](http://libguides.roanoke.edu/faculty)).

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**Faculty Showcase—March 2016**

Fintel Library is pleased to announce that it will once again host the showcase of faculty scholarship and creative efforts. The showcase will be held March 7—31, 2016. The library will create displays of articles, book chapters, monographs, and creative works produced by faculty since the last showcase in 2012. Department liaisons will be contacting faculty to obtain updated information about their scholarship and creative efforts. As part of the showcase, the library would also like to feature faculty talking about their works. Faculty interested in presenting their work(s) during the March showcase are encouraged to speak with their liaison ([http://libguides.roanoke.edu/faculty](http://libguides.roanoke.edu/faculty)).