

University of Alaska Southeast William A. Egan Library



Danel Griffin, Egan Library Super Staff

Danel Griffin worked as a student in the Egan Library for several years before getting hired as the new Circulation Assistant in Fall 2004. He met recently with instruction librarian Elise Tomlinson to talk about his life plans.

ET: You've been a student at UAS for awhile now, what would you say has been your favorite class so far?

DG: As an English major, it's difficult to pinpoint a "favorite" class. That said, if school is like throwing pancakes onto the ceiling to see what sticks, I would say that the courses that have resonated most in my mind are a Utopia/Dystopia course I took with Nina Chordas, a Gothic Literature class with Alexis Easley, and a Language of Film class with Ben Bohlen.

ET: Any plans on how you'll put your English major to good use in the future?

DG: Well, I hope to stay on as the Circulation Assistant for a while, as I enjoy the job and the people I work with.

Eventually, my wife (Donna) and I would like to go to grad school and continue our career goals. We also have dreams of buying a camper trailer and traveling around the US before we settle down and raise a family.

But truth be told, my biggest aspiration is to pursue a career as a professional film critic; I already run a well-read website called **Film As Art** and I would eventually like to take my plans into a direction that will give me a broader opportunity than just a self-run website. I'd kind of like to be a household name and have lots of Publishing Awards.

ET: I've actually read your site and I think your reviews are insightful. So, have you seen any good movies lately?

DG: Let's see—*March of the Penguins* (probably the best family film since *Whale Rider*), Werner Herzog's *Lessons of Darkness*, the documentary *Capturing the Friedmans*, George A. Romero's *Land of the Dead*, *Osama* (the first film from Afghanistan made after the fall of the Taliban), Terrence Malick's *Badlands*, and Lawrence Kasdan's *The Accidental Tourist* - all of which you will find reviewed on my website: <http://uashome.alaska.edu/~jndfg20/website>

JSTOR – Online Journal Archive

<http://www.uas.alaska.edu/library/search/quick.html> > JSTOR

JSTOR is a searchable archive with the full text of articles in *hundreds of scholarly journals* from the humanities, social sciences, business, and natural sciences. Each issue of a journal is available, starting with the first one published and ending with a 'moving wall' (generally 2-5 years before the present and updated annually).

*Remember:* For ease in printing whole articles, avoid using JSTOR's 'Print' command and use the 'Download' > 'PDF Economy' format instead. This directs your computer to do the processing of large image files, instead of asking your printer to cope with megabyte files.

In June, Egan Library purchased a license for a new subset of the JSTOR journal archive – the Biological Sciences Collection - which promises to include 100 titles by the end of 2007. This summer's additions to the title list (currently 42 titles):

*Biogeochemistry* 1984-1999  
*BioScience* 1951-1999  
*The Condor* 1899-2001  
*Copeia* 1913-2001  
*Estuaries* 1960-1999  
*Herpetological Monographs* 1982-2001  
*Invertebrate Biology* 1878-1999  
*Journal of Mammalogy* 1919-1999  
*Journal of Paleontology* 1927-2000  
*Journal of Vegetation Science* 1990-1999  
*Memoir (The Palaeontological Society)* 1968-2000  
*Paleontological Monograph* 1978-1980  
*Taxon* 1951-2001

Testing and Education Resource Center

<http://sled.alaska.edu/databases/home.html> > Testing and Education Resource Center

Current and prospective UAS students will find this new addition to the **Databases for Alaskans** website valuable for the access it provides to practice tests for:

- College entrance (e.g. SAT, SAT II, ACT)
- College credit (e.g. CLEP, TOEFL, AP)
- Graduate school entrance (e.g. GRE, MCAT, LSAT, GMAT)
- Nursing (e.g. NCLEX-PN) and military (e.g. ASVAB)
- Civil service (e.g. State Trooper, Corrections)
- Licensing (e.g. PRAXIS)

As well as some ebooks (study guides such as *SAT Writing Workbook*, *Preparation for the PRAXIS II Exam*)

Tell your advisees about these resources as all Alaskan residents have access to them 24/7 from Internet-capable computers.

## netLibrary Reference Collection

[http://www.netlibrary.com/library\\_home\\_page.asp](http://www.netlibrary.com/library_home_page.asp)

Egan Library recently took advantage of a consortial purchase to acquire dozens of electronic books (e-books) in a netLibrary *Reference Collection*. The titles include encyclopedias, dictionaries, directories, handbooks, and thesauri across all disciplines. Individuals currently affiliated with UAS (i.e. with a network login ID and password) may browse the titles at <http://www.netlibrary.com/Search/Centers/ReferenceCenter.aspx>

The full-text content of the *Reference Collection* is accessible when searching

- UAS's entire collection of netLibrary e-books
- only the *Reference Collection* at the netLibrary search interface
- CCLIC, the Juneau libraries' joint catalog

Sample titles include:

*A Political Chronology of the Middle East*  
*Encyclopedia of North American Indians*  
*Blackwell Encyclopedic Dictionary of Marketing*  
*Magill's Choice: Geology*  
*Blackwell Guide to Ethical Theory*  
*Blackwell Dictionary of Sociology*  
*Webster's New World 575+ Spanish Verbs*  
*The Diversity Training Handbook*  
*Welding Processes Handbook*  
Etc.

## Oxford University Press Electronic Books

<http://sled.alaska.edu/databases/home.html> > Oxford Premium Reference Collection

The *Oxford Reference Online Premium* collection of electronic books has recently been added to the Databases for Alaskans website. The license makes this resource available to all Alaskan residents. Dozens of electronic books from Oxford University Press are searchable and readable online, so students have access 24/7 from networked computers regardless of their location in Alaska. This collection spans all disciplines and includes:

- the *Oxford Companion* series (e.g. *Oxford Companion to Western Art*, *Oxford Companion to the Politics of the World*)
- dozens of dictionaries, thesauri, and handbooks (e.g. *The Concise Oxford Spanish Dictionary*, *Dictionary of Finance and Banking*, *Concise Medical Dictionary*, *Oxford Dictionary of Abbreviations*, *Pocket Fowler's Modern English Usage*)
- *World Encyclopedia*
- *A to Z of Countries of the World*
- maps
- timelines
- etc.

## Ebrary adds 7,000+ Titles

Egan Library's largest collection of electronic books – ebrary – just got larger! 7,000 new titles were added this summer, bringing the total to > 21,000 searchable full-text books available to all individuals who are currently

affiliated with UAS (i.e. with a network login and ID) or who use the library's Juneau campus facility. To view these e-books, you'll need to have a small utility – the ebrary Reader – installed on your computer. Most campus computers already have the ebrary Reader installed, but if you're working from home, it's available for download at <http://site.ebrary.com/lib/uasoutheast>.

This website allows you to:

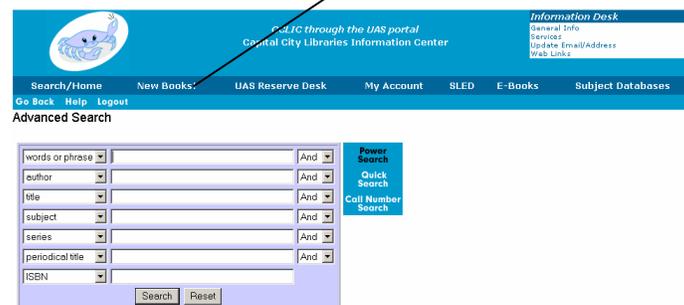
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## New books at Egan Library – the kind you can touch and feel!

Egan Library continues to acquire hundreds of *real* hardcover and paperback books each year (and not just disembodied electronic books). If you can't get into Egan Library regularly to see what's on the new book shelf, you may still peruse new titles at your leisure. Go to the Egan Library website <http://www.uas.alaska.edu/library> and click on the link for Library Catalog. When the Capital City Libraries Information Center (CCLIC) opens, click on New Books in the toolbar.



You'll get a list of records for new books as well as a list of subject headings, so you can scan dozens of items for those of interest to you.

## REMINDER: New helpful library resources

- Bibliographic management software – RefWorks
- Learn to use new resources through individual instruction from your librarian liaison
- Additional information is available on the Library's **Faculty Resources Page** @ <http://www.uas.alaska.edu/library/faculty>