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New Online Room Reservation

The West Campus Library has just made it easier for you to reserve a study room. Besides doing so in person or by phone, you can now go to <http://reservations.library.tamu.edu/> and reserve a study room for you and your classmates. All you need is your NetID and you can select the room, date and time of your choice. The online system tells you how many people each room can accommodate and you can set up an email or text reminder. Give it a try and let us know what you think!

Library Resources TO GO!

During your summer travels, did you know that you can take many of the library's resources with you?

You can check out an iPod pre-loaded with popular business titles. There are also audio books on CD that you can listen to on the road. Many of our books are available electronically, viewable by computer. Don't forget to check out our DVD collection, which includes many popular movies in addition to educational titles. The Evans Library has Kindles available for checkout, but a word of warning: as popular as this service is, the wait period can be anywhere from a few weeks to a few months. The circulation period is seven days. Or you can always go back to old faithful, the print book; our library system has 4 million of them! Feel free to visit us at the Barclay Center for more information on our resources.

Cruise into the Summer

Thinking about traveling this summer? Consider a cruise! Why sit in a boring airplane for endless hours when you can travel in luxury? The good news is that selected cruises can cost you hundreds less than airline tickets and include room, board and activities. The cruise industry started in the U.S. during the mid-1800's. Cruise lines now offer a large variety of destinations; the top ten choices in 2008 ranged from Alaska to Vietnam (Howe). If you do not have a passport or are worried about a language barrier, the U.S. Virgin Islands have a dollar-based economy and use English as the spoken language. Cruise insurance normally costs 5-7% the price of the ticket and will protect your vacation against most eventualities; check out Sloan's article in USA Today for more complete details.

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