Lend a Helping Hand and Foot!  Do you get tired sitting on the desk (or at your desk)? Do your legs cramp up? How about taking a walk around the library? We could use some extra help tidying up. Pick a floor and push in chairs, bring unattended backpacks or other forgotten items to the desk, or note any repairs to be reported to Jeff. Every little bit helps and, as an added bonus, you can add steps to your Fitbit!

Shift Swapping. If you can’t make your scheduled desk slot, please use the shift swapping feature in LibStaffer. It only takes a second and can save a lot of time. Just look for this button!

Have you thought about the many times you’ve help cadets with requests that they could have done themselves, like booking a room, renewing their books, or searching the catalog?

Why not take a few extra minutes and show them how easy it is? That’s why we’re here! The next time a cadet comes up and wants to book a room, take them to the computer next to the Service Desk and show them how easy it is.

Cadets are hesitant to ask questions. They may not know how to find items in our Library (especially Government Documents). Take them up to the stacks and show them. They’ll appreciate it.

Offer to give them their PIN so they can renew books online. You can also show them on the monitor how to use our catalog, EDS, and other databases. The more you use them, the more comfortable you will be teaching them to others.
WHAT’S NEW?

LibAnswers Ticket System

Do you ever wish there were two Roberts? A couple more Suzies or Lindas? Do you leave notes on their doors? Have you left computer parts in front of their doors? Well, don’t despair! There is a new system in town: The LibAnswers Ticket System. LibAnswers tickets can be used for questions, problem reports, suggestions, or patron requests and can be directed to any department: Systems, Reference, Circulation, Acquisitions, or Administration. To submit a ticket, go to LibGuides/Content/Guides/Library Staff Pages/Submit a Ticket or copy this link: https://usafa.libguides.com/mcdermott_staff

To see the list of open tickets, log into LibAnswers. If you have any questions, submit a ticket.

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In The Spotlight

Featuring Frances Scott

Where did you go to school? What did you study?
I earned an undergrad degree in German at Colorado College (but didn’t retain any of the language) and a MLS from the University of Rhode Island.

How long have you been a librarian and where did you work before you arrived at USAFA?
I have been at McDermott Library for 27 years and worked in personnel in Washington, DC prior to that.

What is the most snow you’ve seen during your time here?
The October blizzard of 1997—there were at least twenty inches of snow at the Academy.

What do like to read that isn’t work related and what are you reading right now?
I enjoy mysteries by Agatha Christie, Erle Stanley Gardner’s Perry Mason series, and Isaac Asimov’s Tales of Black Widowers. Next, I’m going to get out of my comfort zone and read a recommendation from the Dean’s Reading List: Dark Territory: The Secret History of Cyber War by Fred Kaplan.

The Baker’s Rack

Peach Cobbler
Prep Time: 15 Minutes
Cook Time: 45 Minutes
Level: Easy

4 C peeled, Sliced Peaches
2 C sugar, divided
1/2 C water
8 TBS butter
1 1/2 C self-rising flour
1 1/2 C milk
Ground cinnamon

Preheat oven to 350 F

Combine the peaches, 1 C sugar and water in a saucepan and mix well. Bring to a boil and simmer for ten minutes. Remove from heat.

Put the butter in a 3-quart baking dish and place in oven to melt.

Mix remaining 1 C sugar, flour, and milk slowly to prevent clumping. Pour mixture over melted butter. Do not stir. Spoon the fruit on top. Gently pouring in syrup. Sprinkle top with ground cinnamon, if using. Batter will rise to top during baking. Bake for 45 minutes. Serve warm with ice cream.

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