

# Books and Bytes

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## New Content Online

Three resources available to the Hiram College community have added content.

**Women Writers Online**, a full-text database produced by Brown University, has added 14 new titles to the database. Among the new titles are Anne H. Judson's 1827 *Account of the American Baptist Mission to the Burman Empire*, Lady Sarah Pennington's *An Unfortunate Mother's Advice to Her Absent Daughters* (1773), and the *Sermons of Barnardine Ochine* (1570).

**Women Writers Online** now includes the full text of some 320 works written by women before 1850. The database is keyword searchable, or you can browse by author or title. **Women Writers Online** is available only on campus.



**JSTOR** has completed its annual process of adding a year of issues for every title that is still active and still working with **JSTOR**. In addition, **JSTOR** has added *Frontiers of Philosophy in China* to its content. The library currently subscribes to all but two (*Arts and Sciences VIII* and *19<sup>th</sup> Century British Pamphlets*) of the **JSTOR** collections.

**EthicShare** has been added to the library's database collection. A free-to-all site, **EthicShare** provides bibliographic access to the research literature in bioethics, related practical ethics, and medical ethics. To find the actual document, you will need to click on the "Find in a Library" link. In addition, you can create your own account and join groups with other scholars, as well as participate in discussions.

Finally, the library's online catalog now contains full cataloging records and links to 122 NIH **SeniorHealth** videos that are available for streaming. These are short (the longest run 4 to 5 minutes) videos on topics from Alzheimer's to stroke to prostate cancer to an explanation of a clinical trial. You can retrieve all 122 videos at <http://hiraml.hiram.edu/search/g?SEARCH=he+20.3076%3A&searchscope=10>. The videos use QuickTime and transcripts are also available.

## "Learning Unshelved"

"Learning Unshelved" is the library's new tag line. Katie Dragga, Class of 2009 and a French major, submitted the winning entry to the library's tag line contest.

Stephanie Gasper, a senior and Accelerated Biomedical Humanities major, submitted the runner up entry: "Research. Study. Succeed."

The two entries were among the more than 170 submitted to the library's tag line contest during the fall. The library launched the contest to create a tag line to help create awareness of the collections, services, and physical space offered by the library.

Both winners have had posters (based on the READ poster series by the American Library Association) created showing them holding their favorite books. The posters are currently on display on the first floor of the library.

The library will be using "Learning Unshelved" line on its publications.

## February in the Library

**Library Forum** – Wednesday, February 3, at 4:15 p.m. in the Pritchard Room of the Library. Dr. Lisa Safford, Professor of Art History, will be the speaker. Her presentation is titled "On Birth and Purgatory: Influences from Dante's *Commedia* on Renaissance Painting: a Case Study."



**Library Forum** – Wednesday, February 17, at 4:15 in the Pritchard Room of the Library. Dr. Roxanne Sorricks, Associate Professor of Education, will be the speaker. Her presentation is titled "Taking the Road Less Traveled: Spending Sabbatical with Second Graders."

**Library Hours for Spring Break** – The library will have reduced hours during the College's spring break, February 26 through March 7. Those hours are listed on page two or may be found online at <http://library.hiram.edu/hours.html>.

## Library Matters

### Managing the Print Periodical Collection

During the next several months, the library will be working with faculty to cancel a number of current print periodical subscriptions. The goal is to cancel \$10,000 of current subscriptions. So why print and why now?

Let's start with the "why now" part. It is clear periodicals pose an increasing strain on the library's budget. That is largely due to the cost of periodicals rising faster than budgets. There has been some relief this year, with many, but not all, publishers keeping prices flat.

To cope with this budget crunch the library has employed several strategies. First, we have cancelled print titles that were also subscribed to in OhioLINK's Electronic Journal Center (EJC) and where the EJC held archival rights should the EJC subscription be cancelled. Second, we have shifted funds from elsewhere in the budget, meaning we buy fewer books and monitor more closely database usage in order to cancel those databases with little usage. Finally, this year we cancelled the microfiche/microfilm subscriptions for a number of titles, opting, at least for this year, to keep paper copies. At some point, however, those will need to be bound or a microform copy purchased.

The result has been that periodicals constitute an increasing percentage of the dollars the library spends on collections (primarily periodicals, books, databases, CDs, and videos). In FY 2004, for example, periodicals accounted for 43.5% of the money the library spent on collections. This past year, they accounted for 60% of the expenditures on collections. This leaves the library with little room to acquire other resources that should be available at Hiram College.

This is also a good time to look at our print periodical collection because with so many new faculty, we are starting to see a change in the courses being taught. That means some of the titles we have continued to receive may well no longer be useful. It is also why you will be asked what journals the library should add to its collection. We do not expect to be able to reallocate much of the money saved to new journals, but it is good for us to plan for that.

So, "why print" instead of electronic journals? For better or for worse, for many of our students print journals simply don't exist unless an assignment forces them to use the print collection. If a journal is not online, it simply does not exist in their eyes.

Almost all of the library's electronic journals are either in JSTOR or the EJC, and neither allows the flexibility of cancelling by title. Indeed, the EJC is an all (at least in terms of the titles to which OhioLINK subscribes) or nothing proposition. Not participating in the EJC would have an

enormously negative impact on the sciences at Hiram and make Hiram the only four-year college in OhioLINK not to be in the EJC. That's not a recognition I want to see us have.

So, sometime in the next month or so, I will be communicating with department chairs seeking feedback on how we can cut our print periodical costs with as little impact as possible on student learning. Thank you in advance for your support as we work to manage periodicals to maximize money for materials in all formats.

By David Everett, Library Director

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### Changes in the Periodicals Holding List

You may have noticed a very different look to the library's periodical holdings list. This represents a change in vendors as the library moved from Serials Solutions to EBSCO's A to Z. The new service offers the same tracking of the library's periodicals, both online and in print, with links to the online journals. At the same time, the library will pay a little less for the service. So, if you need to know if the library owns or has access to a specific journal, the periodicals holding list is your answer. The list also allows you to determine what journals the library owns in specific disciplines such as history or chemistry.

### Library Hours for Spring Break

Friday, February 26	8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Saturday, February 27	9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Sunday, February 28	Noon - 5:00 p.m.
Monday, March 1	8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Tuesday, March 2	8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday, March 3	8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Thursday, March 4	8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Friday, March 5	8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Saturday, March 6	CLOSED
Sunday, March 7	5:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.



As always, most of the library's online resources will be available 24/7 from anywhere you have Internet access. The library's hours and academic year schedule are available online at <http://library.hiram.edu/hours.html>.