

Books and Bytes

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Welcome (Back) Everyone

Welcome to the eighth year of *Books and Bytes*, the library's general newsletter for faculty and staff. Again this year we will be distributing the newsletter to everyone by e-mail. We do intend to make some print copies available, so if you would like to receive a print copy, please contact David Everett at everettd@hiram.edu. *Books and Bytes* and back issues are posted to the library's Web site: <http://library.hiram.edu/index.php/about/publications>.

In addition, library staff members produce two online newsletters that focus on new books, now including news on new videos, and on new music. These, too, may be found on the library's publications page. You will have an opportunity to "subscribe" to either or both of those newsletters so that you will receive automatic e-mail notification when a new issue is available.

Database Changes

As always, summer has brought changes to the library's collection of online databases. Many of the changes are the results of changes in the Libraries Connect Ohio (LCO) grant. LCO is a cooperative venture of OhioLINK, OPLIN, and INFOhio.

LCO has added four new resources: *Points of View Reference Center*, *Science Reference Center*, and *Consumer Health Complete*. The first of these, *Points of View Reference Center*, provides a balanced look at current and controversial topics by providing an overview, a point, a counterpoint, and a Guide to Critical Analysis for each topic covered.

LCO also discontinued four resources: *ART Collection*, *Oxford Reference Online*, *Mango Languages*, and *Newsbank's Ohio Newspapers*.

Working through OhioLINK, the library has also added access to two dozen more EBSCO databases. Among these are *Political Science Complete*, *Middle Eastern and Central Asian Studies*, *Caribbean Search*, and *Entrepreneurial Studies Source*. In addition, *Literary Reference Center Plus*, which adds content focusing on plays/drama, poetry, religious literature, and children's literature.

All are now added in the library's alphabetical list of databases and are searchable through OneSource. Check out these great new resources.

Library Hours for Fall-12

The Library is pleased to announce its hours for the Fall-12 term. The general schedule will be:

Monday through Thursday	7:45 a.m. – 11:00 p.m.
Friday	7:45 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Saturday	9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Sunday	3:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.

On those weekends when Weekend College holds classes, the library will extend its hours to:

Friday	7:45 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Saturday	9:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Sunday	Noon – 11:00 p.m.

Exceptions to the above hours, including the first weekend of Weekend College classes (August 24 – August 26), may be found online at <http://library.hiram.edu/index.php/hours>. Hours are also posted at the front door of the library.

Remember that the library's extensive online resources are available 24/7.

Introducing OneSource: A New Way to Find Library Resources

The library is pleased to announce the launch of OneSource, a new way to identify relevant materials in the library's many collections. OneSource provides a single search box to find books in the library's catalog, as well as the OhioLINK catalog, plus articles from many of the library's online databases, including JSTOR.

OneSource saves time as a library users can quickly search multiple resources, rather than having to search those resources one at a time. Further, OneSource provides results with relevancy rankings that bring the most useful scholarly resources held at Hiram to the front of the list.

Given how much OneSource covers, two things are likely to occur. First, library users will quickly discover how much material is available. Second, users are very likely to discover resources they might well have missed by just searching the catalog and one or two databases.

Library staff continues to tweak OneSource, so you may well see changes throughout the fall semester. So, stay tuned.

Coming to the Library in September

Labor Day Weekend Hours – Special hours will be:

Friday, August 30	7:45 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Saturday, August 31	CLOSED
Sunday, September 1	CLOSED
Monday, September 2	6:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.

Library Forum – Wednesday, September 18, at 4:15 p.m. in the Pritchard Room of the Library. Dr. James Kercher, Assistant Professor of Chemistry, will be the speaker.



Library Forum – Wednesday, September 25, at 4:15 p.m. in the Pritchard Room of the Library. Dr. Xinlu Yu, Associate Professor of Communication, will speak on “Extreme Makeover: A Public Relations Case Study of the 2008 Beijing Olympics.”

17,000+ Videos to Your Desktop

Thanks to funding from the Friends of the Library, the library has begun a one-year trial subscription to *VAST: Academic Video Online*. Produced by Alexander Street Press, *VAST* contains more than 17,000 full-length videos with plans to grow to more than 20,000 videos within a year. Films come from a number of producers such as PBS, BBC, California Newsreel, and Insight Media.



VAST's goal is to deliver key films (documentaries, interviews, performances, news programs, and more) appropriate for an undergraduate curriculum. Almost every department should find something useful in the *VAST* database.

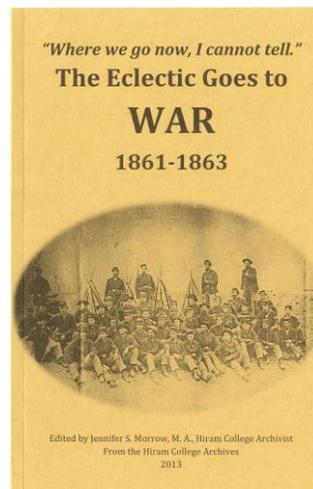
You can search by keyword, title, series, etc., or browse by title, authors, or topics. Searches may be limited to specific disciplines. Transcripts are also available for most films.

Additional full-length films (from Films for the Humanities, as well as Ambrose) are available in *Educational and Instructional Videos*, part of OhioLINK's Digital Resource Commons.

Hiram College Library: Learning Unshelved

Jennifer Morrow Publishes Second Book

College Archivist Jennifer Morrow and the Hiram College Archives have released “Where we go now, I cannot tell:” *The Eclectic Goes to War, 1861-1863*. This is the second chapbook to feature Civil War letters housed in the College Archives.



The new book covers the years 1861-1863 and picks up where the first book, *The Eclectic Prepares for War, 1857-1861*, ended. The letters look at life on the home front, as well as reporting on life in camp and at the front. Among the topics written about are life and events at the Eclectic, a growing anti-war movement, and reports from the front, especially the Vicksburg campaign.

A third book, covering the final years of the war, is currently being planned.

Copies may be purchased in the Hiram College Bookstore.

Changes in Off-Campus Access

The library has changed the way it authenticates off-campus users to allow access to the library's online resources. First, there is now a single link to a database, which works for both on- and off-campus users.

Second, authentication now requires you to use your Hiram College computer account user name and password, not your name and barcode. Please note that questions about your computer account should be directed to the Dray Computer Center, not the library. As a result of this change, the login screen has a slightly different look to it.

This change does not mean the library is no longer using barcodes. You still need a barcode for borrowing books, both from the library and through OhioLINK, as well as in the rare times authentication must be done through an OhioLINK proxy server.