

Books and Bytes

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A Better Way to Find Our E-Books

The library has added a new search function to help you find the more than 85,000 e-books available to you. Most of these are in the OhioLINK *Electronic Book Center (EBC)*, but some are in collections such as *Safari Books Online* (tech books) and *Humanities E-Book*.

Just pull down the menu for “Find” on the library’s Web page and choose “Find Books.” Click on the “E-Books” link on the menu on the left-hand side of the page. You will see a new search box near the top, which allows you to search the titles, but not subjects, of almost all of our e-books. Links to the books will work only when you are oncampus, although links for titles in the *EBC* should send you to a login screen. It is not a perfect search (no subject, just title keywords), but it is better than searching several different places.

At the same time, we have made changes to the search box on the “Find Journals, Magazines & Newspapers” page so the search will retrieve only those types of materials.

Try out our new e-book search and let us know what you think.

Text a Reference Librarian

In January, the library will add a texting option to its popular “Chat with a Librarian” service. Look for more details to come, but be aware that your carrier’s regular texting fees will apply.



The library’s popular Chat with a Librarian service has been in place for several years. You can connect to the Chat service from a link on the library’s Home page or on the How Do I Find Help page at <http://library.hiram.edu/index.php/how-do-i/get-help>.

The service is available Monday through Fridays from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. and Monday through Thursday evenings from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. It is also available on Weekend College weekends on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., as well as on Sundays (12-week terms only) from noon to 5 p.m.

Coming to the Library in January

Library Forum – Wednesday, January 16, at 4:15 p.m. in the Pritchard Room of the Library. Dr. Matt Hils, Professor of Biology, will speak on “How I Became a Beech Bum.”

Martin Luther King, Jr., Day Weekend Hours – Special hours for the library will be:

Friday, January 18	7:45 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Saturday, January 19	CLOSED
Sunday, January 20	CLOSED
Monday, January 21	6:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.



Library Forum – Wednesday, January 30, at 4:15 p.m. in the Pritchard Room of the Library. Dr. Colleen Fried, Professor of Chemistry, will be the speaker.

Library Hours for Spring-12

The Library is pleased to announce its hours for the Spring-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 Martin Luther King, Jr., Day weekend (January 18 through January 21), may be found online at <http://library.hiram.edu/index.php/hours>

Remember that the library’s extensive online resources, including journals, e-books, and databases, as well as digital video and audio files, are available 24/7.

Library Matters

More on Undergraduate Research

Back in September, I wrote about the vast amounts of material available to undergraduates doing research. Very recently, I came across William Pannapacker's piece, "No More Indiana Jones Warehouses," in the *Chronicle of Higher Education* (<http://chronicle.com/article/No-More-Indiana-Jones/135884/>). While focused on the humanities, Pannapacker argues undergraduates now have the opportunity to do real research and share the results on the Internet, rather than just producing another soon-to-be-forgotten term paper.

How could and should the library help with this approach to undergraduate research? First, the library should continue to do what it has always done: provide access to books, journals, videos, and other materials for research, although those materials may be in digital form, especially as researchers begin to create research products in digital form. As Pannapacker notes, "Today my undergraduates still conduct their preliminary research in books and journals . . ." That was mostly what my September column was about.

But to go beyond that role, libraries must do more than just be the warehouse that gives Pannapacker his title. That means thinking about the library's mission: a mission that, at least for undergraduate libraries, is usually described as providing the resources necessary to support the academic mission of the institution. But David Lankes, a professor at the School of Information Studies at Syracuse University, argues that "the mission of librarians is to improve society through facilitating knowledge creation in their communities."⁽¹⁾ That mission statement fits well with what Pannapacker is suggesting. I think the Hiram College Library is on-target here, having changed its mission several years ago to one that creates an environment that fosters intellectual excellence and encourages lifelong learning. ⁽²⁾

On a practical level, a library can work in three ways to support the type of undergraduate research Pannapacker describes. First, it can create a variety of spaces in the physical library. Some of those spaces should encourage quiet, solitary reflection. Others should encourage and support collaboration. That is one reason we have added white boards to three study rooms and continue to look for ways to bring people together.

Second, the library can house technology and software that supports research and the production of the end result of that

- (1) Lankes, R. David. *The Atlas of New Librarianship*. Cambridge, MA: MIT Press, 2011. p. 8.
- (2) You can find the Hiram College Library's mission and vision statement at <http://library.hiram.edu/index.php/policies-a-procedures/mission-a-vision-statement>

research. Pannapacker mentions the use of GIS software and, thanks to the staff at the Dray Computer Center, you will find ARC GIS software, SSPSS, Maple, and other software on library computers. The library provides access to RefWorks to help researchers manage their bibliographic citations. Media Services has several video-editing workstations available, as well as a printer capable of poster-size prints.

Pannapacker suggests that student research can easily be shared on the Internet, helping to bring students into the scholarly conversations on that topic. The library can help provide that space and do it in an organized way through a digital repository. That is why the Hiram College Library is working with OhioLINK to create a Hiram occurrence in the Digital Resource Commons. You can see what other institutions have done by going to <http://drc.ohiolink.edu/>.

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The opinions expressed here are his and do not represent the views or opinions of Hiram College (or even the other library staff!).

Did You Know

- The library offers access to more than 3,500 online videos through the Educational and Instructional Videos collection in the OhioLINK Digital Resources Commons?

Changes Coming to the News Center

Come January, if not before, you will notice some changes in the library's News Center, located on the west end of the library's first floor. First, the library will cease its subscription to *Library Press Display*, an online database of some 1700 newspapers from 92 countries in 48 languages. The low usage simply did not justify the cost. Second, we have added a subscription to the print *Christian Science Monitor Weekly*, the successor to the highly respected daily newspaper. Finally, *Newsweek* will cease publication of the print version. Instead, *Newsweek* will offer a Web version available only to subscribers. It is unlikely the library will subscribe to this new product.



You will still be able to check out CNN News, with closed captioning, on the large-screen TV, and to read the library's print newspapers and news magazines. The News Center remains a great place to keep current on what is happening in the world around you. Check it out!

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