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Library Migrates to New Management System

Over the summer, the Library transitioned to a new management system. This system is produced by the same organization that provides our public catalog, Macalester WorldCat. The implementation of this system allows for increased efficiencies and for us to provide better service to our users. What does this change mean for you? At first glance, the system will not look much different - but you will notice a few changes as you begin to use it. Your Mac username and password now replaces your library barcode as the method for logging into your library account allowing you to view items checked out and to renew books online. Another change is that all requests for books not owned by Macalester, including those from CLIC libraries, will now be handled through a single streamlined request process using ILLIAD interlibrary loan. To find out more about the new Library management system and other service updates, visit our Summer Changes FAQ page.

Media Services Completes Move into the Library

The move is completed! Media Services is now located on the library’s lower level. All services offered in their previous location continue to be available, except for posters, signs and laminating, which is now being handled by Document Services. Media Services staff Brian and Mark continue to be available to consult and assist as needed, but many services have now been streamlined and are being handled at the library's main level service desk. For example, you’ll be able to pick up and drop off much of the media equipment you need directly at the service desk. Media Reserves and Library Reserves have also been combined, with only one form to fill out. The entire Media Services DVD collection is now browsable, located on the main floor of the Library. For more information about the Media Services move, visit our Summer Changes FAQ page. We welcome your feedback as we work to continue to improve access to our media and other library services.

New Library Web Site Highlights Resources for Honors Students

Check out our new website which we've created for students working on an honors project. The new site moves information about the expanded library resources and services that are available to honors students into a single location on the library web site. Honors students will find information on research help, interlibrary loan tips, strategies for effectively managing research data, as well as intellectual property rights information and details about publishing their completed honors paper on Macalester’s Digital Commons. This web site is in addition to the in-person information sessions that we offer each semester to honors students. We welcome your comments as we continue to explore ways to best meet the library research needs of students completing honors projects. Let us know what you think!

New Titles

Collection Management Project Proceeding

The Library's collection management project continues to move forward. Thanks to those of you who have been reviewing title lists over the summer! After a quick break for the start of the semester, the project continues in October as we move to a section of the collection that is predominantly focused on the social sciences. Even if your discipline isn't in the social sciences, though, there are still titles of interest to other disciplines on the social science-focused lists. It can be useful to look over each list as the deadlines approach. We will also continue to contact faculty who know have research and teaching interests that overlap with the titles on these lists.

LC subject areas that will be reviewed this semester include:

- Geography, Anthropology, Cartography, Human Ecology, Environmental Sciences, Oceanography, Physical Education, Dance, Recreation & Leisure,

Deadline: October 2, 2014 [view list]
Physics and Astronomy Journal Celebrates more than 1700 Downloads

With more than 1700 fulltext downloads around the world in the 16 months since being launched, the Physics and Astronomy Department’s online Macalester Journal of Physics and Astronomy has proven to be a popular resource showcasing original research by Macalester physics and astronomy majors. The journal, initially launched in May 2013, is published in partnership with the library on its Digital Commons platform. All articles are peer-reviewed by fellow students and by faculty members in the department. These manuscripts represent the final product of the senior capstone requirement; honors theses are given special recognition. Each graduating senior presents these results in a public forum and the video of this presentation is also included in the online journal page along with the full-text of the paper.

Information Literacy Skills Sessions Piloted for Summer Researchers

This past summer, the Library, in partnership with Joan Toohey and the Summer Research program, piloted a series of sessions on library research and information literacy skills aimed at students majoring in the sciences. Eighteen students working with faculty in physics, biology, and psychology research labs in Olin Rice participated in one or more of the 90-minute instruction sessions covering the topics of conducting library-based research in the sciences, using citation management tools and managing research data. The goals of these sessions included to not only provide students with information they can use with their summer research experience, but also to provide a solid foundation for future capstone or honors project work.

ICPSR Data Fair Scheduled for October

The Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR) is hosting a ‘data fair’ featuring a series of webinars on October 7-9, 2014. The theme for this year’s data fair is ICPSR – Powering Sustainable Data Access and it will feature webinars about many of the publicly funded data archives and collections housed at ICPSR. Collections which will be highlighted include the National Archive of Data on Arts and Culture; the R-DAS collection at the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Data Archive; two Gates Foundation-funded collections at the Resource Center for Minority Data; the National Addiction and HIV Data Archive Program, and the Gates Foundation-funded Measures of Effective Teaching Longitudinal Database. ICPSR will kick off its data fair with an orientation webinar focused on our membership archive. Registration will open the first week of September. See the preliminary program for more details. Remember, Macalester’s DeWitt Wallace Library is a member of ICPSR!

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Full information and links to additional deadlines are found here in the project Moodlegroups site. Please check with your liaison librarians if you have questions about this project.

RESEARCH INSTRUCTION & ASSISTANCE

Both Aaron and Beth would be happy to work with your students on their research projects. They can meet with students individually or schedule some time with your whole class. Please contact them!