

To: Members of the Philosophy Department
From: Beth Bidlack, Bibliographer for Religion and Philosophy
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Re: What's happening in the Library (news for Winter 2009)

Happy New Year! This quarter I would like to highlight a few exhibits in the [Special Collections Research Center](#) (SCRC), give you an update on the construction of [Mansueto Library](#), and highlight an important resource in philosophy—[Intelex's Past Masters](#). As in previous quarters, I will offer several workshops during the next few weeks, including "Starting Your Dissertation" (which provides tips on how to organize your citations and research and how to locate new resources) and "Finding Resources in Philosophy" (which provides an overview of the Library's resources in philosophy, including where to find them and how to use them). Once I have finalized the times for these workshops, I will post a message to the philosophy discussion list. In addition, I am available for one-on-one research consultations.

You are invited to the Library's contribution to [MLK week](#). In the SCRC at Regenstein Library from 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM on Friday, January 16th, library staff will host a talk and tour of the [current exhibit](#) in the main gallery, "Integrating the Life of the Mind: African Americans at the University of Chicago, 1870-1940." Light refreshments will be served. While you are in SCRC, be sure to check out our other exhibits, "East European Jews in the German-Jewish Imagination from the Ludwig Rosenberger Library of Judaica," which is on display in the Rosenberger Library of Judaica Gallery in the SCRC, and "Our Lincoln: Bicentennial Icons from the Barton Collection of Lincolniana," which is on display in the SCRC alcoves gallery from January 14-February 22.

As you know, construction is underway for the [Mansueto Library](#), which is scheduled to open in 2011. Once Mansueto is completed and loaded with library materials, we will have an opportunity to reorganize the collections in Regenstein. Task forces have been created to address what will go into Mansueto and how to reorganize the remaining materials in Regenstein. I am serving on both task forces and welcome your input. The Mansueto collection will not be browsable so we would like to move materials there that are not often browsed by users. At this time, bound journals (many of which are available electronically), elephant folios (very oversized books that take up a great deal of space in the second floor bookstacks), and archival collections (closed collections that will be delivered to the Special Collections Research Center reading room) are prime candidates for the Mansueto Library, which will feature an automatic storage and retrieval system (i.e., robotic arms will retrieve these materials). Paging these materials will be quick and easy. After materials are moved, we will have room to stage a reorganization of the remaining materials in Regenstein. Soon we will have one of the largest collections in the humanities and social sciences in the United States, together in one location with no offsite storage.

In order to provide better access to [Intelex's Past Masters](#), we have been loading records for individual titles into the library catalog. If you search for "Intelex Past Masters" in [Lens](#), you will see not only a record for the product as a whole, but also records for individual titles. There are still some titles that are not yet in the library catalog, but I am working with our cataloging

department to remedy this. We hope you will be able to find titles more easily and utilize this important resource to its fullest capacity.

I can be reached by email bbidlack@uchicago.edu, by phone 773-702-8442, or in person in JRL (Joseph Regenstein Library) room 461. If you have any questions or concerns about the Library, please don't hesitate to contact me. Best wishes for winter quarter!