

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 Autumn 2008)

Greetings from the Library! This has certainly been a busy summer, and I would like to give you an update on some of what has been happening, including a few construction projects and changes to Lens and Philosopher's Index. In addition, there are several new exhibits at the Regenstein and Crerar Libraries, which might be of interest.

First, if you have been in Regenstein Library recently, you probably noticed the construction fence and equipment on the corner of 57th and Ellis. Last week we had an official ground breaking ceremony for the new Joe and Rika Mansueto Library. Work will continue through 2010. For more on the new space, see <http://mansueto.lib.uchicago.edu> or visit the display on the first floor of Regenstein (on the right of the main staircase). In addition to this major project, there have been some minor ones, including the creation of two new teaching spaces in Regenstein—rooms 207 and 523. Both are equipped with a DVD/VCR player, a ceiling-mounted projector, and a retractable projection screen. You can connect your laptop to the projector, and wireless is available in both rooms. To reserve one of these rooms, contact the Regenstein L administration office (room 180). When not reserved or in use, the keys to the rooms may be checked out from the circulation desk by faculty, students and staff for up to four hours.

You may have noticed some upgrades to Lens and Philosopher's Index. You can now create lists, assign tags, and write reviews in [Lens](#), a discovery tool containing all of the library's catalog along plus additional content. Just click on "My Discoveries" and create an account. The Philosopher's Index also has a new look, as do other databases provided to us by the vendor Ebsco. Some of the new features include

- A new simpler basic searching screen
- The ability to preview an article or image by mouseover
- New result list
- New detail display
- New search history capability
- Enhanced personalization features
- URLs that can be bookmarked

Need more information on how to use either Lens or Philosopher's Index? Be sure to attend a workshop this quarter or next. I will offer several workshops during the quarter. Once I have finalized the times, I will post a message to the philosophy listserv. In addition to leading workshops, I am available for one-on-one research consultations.

This summer the Library purchased the second release of the "Philosophical Essays of Donald Davidson." This online resource is part of the [Intelix Past Masters](#) series. This new release includes all five volumes of Donald Davidson's essays from Oxford University Press.

This quarter there are three interesting exhibits to explore at the Regenstein and Crerar Libraries. “Integrating the Life of the Mind: African Americans at the University of Chicago, 1870–1940” is on display in the main gallery of the Special Collections Research Center (SCRC). According to the description on the [SCRC website](#), “Among the notable graduates profiled in the exhibit are attorney and legislator Richard A. Dawson; historian and African American journals editor Carter Woodson; zoologist Ernest Everett Just, philologist Georgiana Simpson; ethnographer and dancer Katherine Dunham; educator and theologian Benjamin Mays; linguist Lorenzo Dow Turner; and urban sociologists Charles Johnson, Horace Cayton, and St. Clair Drake.” “East European Jews in the German-Jewish Imagination from the Ludwig Rosenberger Library of Judaica” is on display in the Rosenberger Library of Judaica Gallery in SCRC. Finally, “Science at the University of Chicago: A History from the Library's Archival Photofiles” will be on display in the John Crerar Library Atrium October 20, 2008 through March 30, 2009.

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 autumn quarter!