

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 2008)

Greetings from the Library! This quarter I would like to highlight our new acquisitions lists as well as a new search engine for finding library resources. I would also like you invite you to attend a workshop and the Library's MLK exhibit.

The Library's **new acquisitions lists** can be found at <http://www.lib.uchicago.edu/newbooks>. You can browse by subject philosophy. Each month, the Library acquires 200+ items in philosophy, ranging from East Asian philosophy to South Asian philosophy to modern philosophy. I invite you to browse our monthly lists for items that may be relevant to your teaching and research.

**Lens** (<http://lens.lib.uchicago.edu/>) is the Library's new search engine or web portal (i.e., a starting point for gathering information). Here you will find information not only from the Library's catalog, but also from other Library resources, including some electronic resources, e-journals, archive and manuscript finding aids, tables of contents, summaries, and the Library's website. Additional resources will be added in the future. Lens will not replace the library's catalog anytime soon. In some cases, using the library's catalog may be more efficient (e.g., locating the call number for a specific, known item), while in other cases Lens may be more helpful (e.g., browsing for resources on a particular topic). Think of Lens as an added discovery tool. For more about Lens, see our FAQ (<http://www.lib.uchicago.edu/e/lens/faq.html>).

I'd like to invite you to visit the Library's 2008 contribution to the University's **Martin Luther King Week**: an exhibition about **Dr. King's "Letter from Birmingham Jail,"** the source of this year's theme, "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere." The exhibit is located in the Regenstein Library reading areas on floors two, three, and four. The exhibit begins on the fourth floor with a display about the transmission of the letter. It continues on the third floor with a display about the historical context of the letter and concludes on the second floor with a display of some of the sources referred to in the letter. The exhibit will be on display from **January 15th to February 15th.**

I am planning several **workshops** this quarter, including "Electronic Resources in Philosophy," and "Writing Your Dissertation." In the Electronic Resources workshop we will discuss how to locate and use some of the major electronic resources in philosophy. In the Writing Your Dissertation workshop, we will talk about some of the challenges faced in writing a dissertation (e.g., organizing citations, writing the review of scholarship section) and where to find help. Dates, times, and locations will be announced on the philosophy email list. If you have any preferences, please let me know. For other library workshops led by the reference department, including RefWorks, see <http://www.lib.uchicago.edu/e/using/instruct/winterclasses.html>.

I can be reached by email [bbidlack@uchicago.edu](mailto: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 the winter quarter!