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 2007)

Greetings from the Library! I'd like to start sending a quarterly newsletter to the Philosophy Department. This quarter I'd like to highlight a few tools to assist you in your research: **LibX** and **Google Scholar**. What, a librarian promoting Google?! Yes, read on…. I'd also like to highlight a new resource in philosophy. Finally, I'd like to advertise several opportunities for library tours and workshops.

LibX is a **Firefox extension** that provides direct access to resources at the University of Chicago Library. It adds a toolbar and right-click context menu, which you can use to search the library's catalog from any webpage within the Firefox web browser. For more information and to install LibX (using Firefox), go to: http://libx.org/editions/download.php?edition=uchicago

According to the **Google Scholar** website, "Google Scholar provides a simple way to broadly search for scholarly literature. From one place, you can search across many disciplines and sources: peer-reviewed papers, theses, books, abstracts and articles, from academic publishers, professional societies, preprint repositories, universities and other scholarly organizations." LibX combines with Google Scholar to redirect users to electronic materials licensed or purchased by the Library using the "Find It! @ UChicago" link within Google Scholar. To set this up, go to Google Scholar and click scholar preferences. Under library links, select University of Chicago Library. If you're using RefWorks or EndNote, you can also choose one of these under bibliography manager. This will give you a link to export a title from your results list directly into RefWorks or EndNote. Pretty cool, huh?

As you may have heard, the University of Chicago Library is part of a twelve university consortium (CIC) which is joining the **Google Books Library Project**. For more information, see the University's press release. If you haven't checked out Google Book Search, I encourage you to do so. A growing number of books, including some classics in philosophy, are available in a variety of views. If the book is out of copyright or Google has obtained permission, you will see a full-text view. If the book is protected by copyright, you will be able to see only a limited preview. There are similar collections by Project Gutenberg and Internet Archive.

I am very pleased to announce that the Library has purchased **two video sets**: *In conversation: Donald Davidson* and *In conversation: W.V. Quine*. These sets are shelved in the Regenstein, 4th floor Video/DVD Collection. Just take the box to the circulation desk to check out the actual tapes.

If you are new to the University of Chicago or would like a library refresher, I invite you to attend one of two **library tour and orientation sessions** for the Philosophy Department, which provide a brief overview of the library's collections and services. We will begin in JRL153 with a hands-on overview of the library's webpage and conclude in the Special Collections Research Center (SCRC). Tours will be held:

Tuesday, 9/25 from 1:00-2:30 PM (meet in JRL153)
Friday, 10/5 from 9:00-10:30 AM (meet in JRL 153)
RSVP appreciated, but not required. If you require additional information or accommodations, please let me know.

On **September 26 and 27 from 2:00-4:00 PM** the Library will have a special opportunity to **"soup up" your laptop** and make your research much simpler. Look for a special help desk in the Regenstein lobby where someone will assist you in downloading software so that you can print from your laptop to one of the library's printers, configuring Write-N-Cite (a RefWorks add-on) so that you can use it with your word processing program, downloading LibX to use in Firefox. They will also answer any other questions you may have. Want some help getting started with RefWorks? If so, check out these workshops: http://www.lib.uchicago.edu/e/using/instruct/fallclasses.html.

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!