

To: Members of the Divinity School Community  
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 for us at the Library. I'd like to update you on some of what has been happening, including a few construction projects, new agreements with other Hyde Park seminaries, and changes to Lens and the ATLA Religion Database. In addition, there are several new exhibits at the Regenstein and Crerar Libraries.

First, if you have been in Regenstein Library recently, you probably have noticed the construction fence and equipment on the corner of 57<sup>th</sup> 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 (to the right of the main staircase). In addition to this major project, there have been some minor ones, including two new teaching spaces—Regenstein rooms 207 and 523. Both rooms 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 Library's administration office (room180). 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.

I am pleased to announce that as of July 1, 2008, the Library now has borrowing agreements with all four Hyde Park seminary libraries—the [JKM Library](#) (serving the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago and McCormick Theological Seminary), the [Bechtold Library](#) at Catholic Theological Union, the [Hammond Library](#) at Chicago Theological Seminary, and the [Wiggin Library](#) at Meadville Lombard Theological School. To borrow materials from these libraries simply present your University of Chicago ID card to the staff at one of these libraries.

You may have noticed some upgrades to Lens and ATLA Religion Database. 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 ATLA Religion Database 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 the ATLA Religion Database? 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 DSA list. In addition to leading workshops, I am available for one-on-one research consultations.

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 at the John Crerar Library Atrium October 20, 2008 through March 30, 2009.

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