To: Members of the Divinity School Community
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Re: What's happening in the Library (news for Autumn Quarter 2010)

Greetings from the Library! Welcome back and a special welcome to you if you are new to the Divinity School. Each quarter I write a short newsletter to the Divinity School community to update you on library news, events, resources, and services. You can view the "back issues" on the Library's religion research guide.

It has been a very busy summer, and I have much to share with you. First, the **Manuseto Library construction** has progressed quite a bit since spring. The glass dome is pretty much in place, but there is a great deal of work happening under the dome. I had the opportunity to tour the site last week and see some of the bins and racks being installed for the automated storage retrieval system. For pictures and updates on the construction, consult the Manuseto Library website.

Second, I have revised the **Library's research guides** for religion and philosophy. A revised guide for Jewish Studies will be posted very soon. I welcome your feedback on these guides and can create additional guides for some of the many sub-disciplines within religious studies.

I will be offering **workshops** again this autumn. On Friday, October 1 from 10-11:30am in Regenstein room 127, I will be discussing various citation management software options (e.g., RefWorks, Zotero, EndNote). Later in the quarter as students select paper topics, I will send details on other workshops via the DSA listserv and post information on the religion research guide. To request a session, please contact me (bbidlack@uchicago.edu). Include your paper topic(s) or research interest(s) so that I can tailor the session to your work. For a list of other library workshops, see the Library's events calendar.

Just a reminder that University faculty, students, and staff have borrowing privileges at all four Hyde Park seminary libraries: the JKM Library (which serves the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago and McCormick Theological Seminary), the Berthold Library at Catholic Theological Union, the Chicago Theological Seminary library, and the Wiggin Library at Meadville Lombard. **Please note that the JKM Library now has very limited open bookstacks hours**. That means that you will probably have to request an item from the bookstacks. I recommend requesting materials the day before you visit the JKM Library so that it will be ready for you the following weekday.

I get many questions about **ejournals** so I would like to say a few things about them. First, we are in a "hybrid" world with some journals available in print format only, some available in online format only, and some available in both print and online formats. These days some journals are even "born digital." In the past few years, the University of Chicago Library (like most academic libraries) has faced financial challenges and the rapidly rising subscription costs by cancelling many of its current print journal subscriptions. We do this only when we have guaranteed, stable, long-term online access. Not only does this save money on overall subscription costs, but it also saves money and the staff time needed to check in, bind, and shelve print journals. To add to the complexity of this hybrid situation most journal publishers do **not**

offer access to back issues of their journals to customers with current subscriptions. Instead, publishers charge an additional (sometimes very hefty) fee for access to the back issues. Meanwhile, the number of books published each year continues to increase, as does their price. This puts selectors like me in a very difficult position. Do we pay the very hefty price for access to back issues, which we already own in print and therefore pay for duplicate content OR do we use that money to purchase new content (often in the form of books) for the library? Eventually, the Library would like to purchases these packages of back issues of journals, but we cannot afford to do so right now.

This background about the hybrid journal world and back issues has implications for **locating the content of articles**. Here's my advice. **If you have a citation for an article** (i.e., you know the author's name, the article title, the journal title, the volume number, year, page numbers, etc.), then I suggest one of these approaches: 1.) Try the Citation Finder tool, 2.) Search for the journal title (not the article title) in the library catalog. When you search the library catalog, you may see more than one record for the journal title you're searching. Choose the one that looks to be the most complete, not a brief record for an electronic resource. Go from the brief list display to the long full display for that title. You should see a "find it" button. Click on this to get a list of what full-text online options are available. While these approaches may seem more cumbersome than just going to a journal publisher's website, they will direct you to the University's proxy server where you'll be authenticated as a user. The options with the "find it" button are based on the Library's actual subscription information. **If you are exploring a topic**, then I recommend using a subject-specific journal index such as ATLA Religion Database. The "find it" button works with this database as well so once you locate the citation of an article you would like to read, use the "find it" button to check our online subscriptions. Keep in mind that sometimes you'll need to consult a print volume of the journal in the bookstacks. You can copy or scan articles at the Canon machines located on each floor of Regenstein Library.

In my quarterly newsletters, I try to highlight a resource in religious studies. This quarter, I would like to highlight HathiTrust. HathiTrust (HT) is a repository for university research libraries to archive and share their digitized collections. The number of participants continues to grow. Most recently, Yale and Princeton have joined. Depending on your research interests, HT may be a great tool. For example, this summer I was compiling a short annotated bibliography of bibliographic resources for English Bibles. Because many of the important bibliographies are older books that are now in the public domain, they were readily available via HT. Because the University of Chicago is a member of HT, you can login and freely download the full-text of some important books. Yes, sometimes you can do this in Google Books, at least for now. The advantage of HT is its attention to digital preservation and metadata (information about the titles). When I need multivolume works (e.g,. *The History of Woman Suffrage*, edited by Stanton, Anthony, and Gage), I don't bother with Google Books. I go right to HT, where the multiple volumes are linked together in one place. Give it a try. Search the HT catalog for pre-1923 titles of interest and see what you find. The size and importance of HT will continue to grow as more partners join, thus increasing the size and scope of the digital collection.

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 do not hesitate to contact me. Best wishes for autumn quarter!