

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 Quarter 2011)

Greetings from the Library! As you may know, each quarter I write a short newsletter to the Divinity School community to provide updates on library news, events, resources, and services. You can view the "[back issues](#)" on the Library's [religion research guide](#). This quarter I'd like to announce a few events and give you an update on our construction and reorganization projects. For more news from the Library, see the Library's [news site](#).

### **Oct. 11 Mansueto Library Dedication**

The University of Chicago community is invited to celebrate the [Dedication of the Joe and Rika Mansueto Library](#) on October 11 from 4-5:15 p.m. in the Harper Memorial Library Commons. The keynote speaker will be Anthony Grafton, AB'71, AM'72, PhD'75, the Henry Putnam University Professor of History, Princeton University, and author of *Codex in Crisis*.

Read more about the Mansueto Library in the Fall 2011 Mansueto Dedication Edition of *Libra* and on [the Library's News site](#):

- [A mecca for scholars](#)
- [Mansueto Library: Where from here?](#)
- [Enabling preservation](#)
- [A paradox of contextualism](#)

### **Regenstein 1st floor to offer enhanced services**

With the initial movement of print volumes (bound journals and extra large folio volumes, as well as some special collections materials) from Regenstein to Mansueto, new possibilities have been opened up for space use in Regenstein Library. Renovations to Regenstein's 1st floor began this summer and are scheduled for completion in mid-October. The renovated space will offer a more conveniently located reference desk, new furniture, and a new IT Services support counter. Later in the quarter, there will be a new Ex Libris Café. [Read more.](#)

### **Regenstein collections on the move in 2011-2012**

The movement of print materials to Mansueto has also given the Library the opportunity to rationalize and reorganize its collections in their entirety in order to create a more straightforward arrangement that will benefit researchers for many years to come. Over the course of the academic year, nearly every book in Regenstein Library (except those in the Special Collections Research Center) will be moved within the building. Most of the religion reference collection will remain in the fourth floor reading area, along with the Classics Reading Room, the Judaica Reference Collection, and the books currently on the Ancient Near East Study tables. [Read more.](#)

## **New Special Collections website**

The Special Collections Research Center has launched [a new website](#). Along with an updated design, the new site features additional and improved content and search tools to aid research. [Read more](#).

## **Research Consultations**

I will not be leading any religion-specific workshops this quarter, but I will be holding individual research consultations. If you would like to talk about how to start your research, narrow your topic, find relevant sources, or organize your citations, please contact me to set up an appointment: [bbidlack@uchicago.edu](mailto:bbidlack@uchicago.edu). For a list of library workshops, see the Library's events [calendar](#).

I am leaving the University of Chicago Library to become the inaugural Collections Assessment and Analysis Librarian at Dartmouth College Library. Until November 1, I can be reached by email [bbidlack@uchicago.edu](mailto:bbidlack@uchicago.edu), by phone 773-702-8442, or in person in Joseph Regenstein Library room 461. If you have any questions or concerns about the Library, please do not hesitate to contact me. I've enjoyed meeting and working with you throughout the past six years. Thank you so much for partnering with me to build an excellent library collection in religious studies. I wish you continued success. Best wishes!