

# PENROSE PRIMER

The newsletter of Penrose Library



## A Note from the Director

The crocuses and daffodils are blooming and the campus is getting back in to full-swing after spring break so it is time for another update from the Library. The Library staff has been busy working on many projects, some of which you can read about here, aimed at making your experience here even better. As always we welcome your feedback and suggestions you have as to how to improve library services and spaces. As final papers and exams approach we hope you will take advantage of our range of services. Best wishes for the rest of the semester and beyond.

Sincerely,

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College Librarian  
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## Important Thesis Info

The time to turn in theses is coming soon. Be sure to keep track of your research and citations and contact the reference department if you have any research needs.

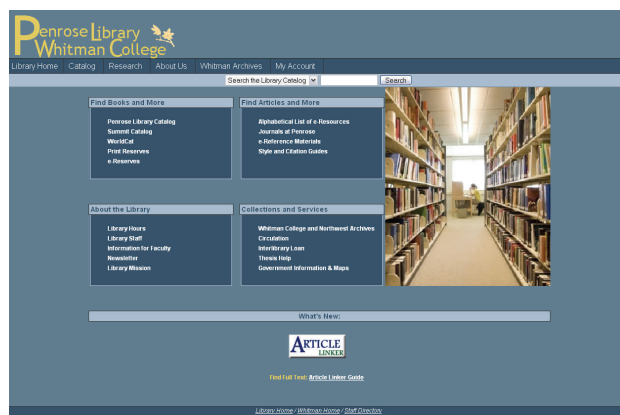
Penrose Library keeps two copies of all honor theses. Copies are due on Reading Day, May 7th. Guidelines and requirements for submissions can be found at <http://www.whitman.edu/penrose/theses/>. Please direct any questions regarding thesis submission to Dona LaFran at x.5191.

## Help Keep Penrose Quiet

As finals time nears the Library has a tendency to get rather noisy. Please remember to turn your cell phones to silent and to keep voices at a low level. If you are working in a group try to use a Group Study Room if available. Thank you!

## The Library Needs Your Help

Penrose staff members are currently in the midst of a major redesign of the Library Website and we need help making sure we are on the right track. Over the next few months we will be asking for volunteers to test the new site. Each time a new phase of testing begins an email will be sent with all relevant details. The test take less than 30 minutes and is extremely helpful for us. Keep your eyes open for the emails and we hope you will come in and help us out!



## International News

Many of you may have noticed the new TV in Café 41 and in the Jalbing Room and wondered what they are all about. The Library staff has developed a program that will make international news that is not available by traditional means accessible to the campus community. All of the programming reflects international news organizations that cannot be watched on cable or satellite television. We hope that you will take advantage of this unique opportunity to see how major international news stories are presented around the world.

## Videos and DVDs

The classification of videos and DVDs project is now complete. In addition to items being categorized by genre and subject, signs have been placed on row ends. Subject areas with a significant number of films have additional color-coded shelf labels to aid in finding the film that you want. Don't forget – when searching the library catalog you can use the "limit to:" drop-down box to search just the VHS/ DVD collection.

## E-Resource Updates

### DATABASE CHANGES

You may have noticed that some of our research databases look different this semester. Don't worry! The content has not changed, just the search interfaces.

The new version of ISI Web of Science delivers the familiar content, functionality, and search tools you have come to know, with some new features including easy-to-use search tabs and a tool that lets you refine results by subject area, author and more!

PsycINFO also has a different look with several new search enhancements. Now you can use the Search Aid tool to refine your initial results—it even displays the number of topics, authors and journals retrieved by your search.

Grove Art and Grove Music databases will have a new look at the end of March. This redesign features direct linking to other library resources and updated content.

### E-BOOK COLLECTION

Penrose library now has access to over 100 scholarly e-books by Duke University Press. You can access these titles in the humanities and social sciences from anywhere on or off campus.

To learn more contact a Reference Librarian.

## Reference @ Penrose

Busy with papers, reports and group projects? Need to find books, articles, or websites? With about two months left in the semester, the reference department would like to remind you that we can help! We now offer research assistance via email. Just send your questions to [reference@whitman.edu](mailto:reference@whitman.edu). We still offer assistance in person at the reference desk, via phone, or via individual appointment.

Reference desk hours are:

Monday–Thursday: 1pm–5pm & 7pm–10pm

Friday: 1pm–5pm

Sunday: 2pm–5pm & 7pm–10pm

Phone: 527-5918

Email: [reference@whitman.edu](mailto:reference@whitman.edu)

## Allen Room Gets an Update

You may have noticed some changes in the Allen room over the last few months. The replacement of the sofas, now black leather, was the final phase of a project that involved re-carpeting the room, reupholstering the armchairs, and creating a popular reading collection for the campus community. We invited students who used the room for the comments on each of our design choices.

You'll find the old sofas from the Allen Room in the quiet area known as the Fitzpatrick Room (also on the second floor). In addition, to meet an ever-growing demand for more seating space, seating areas were created by moving some of the sofas to the third floor.

*Questions? Comments? Suggestions for upcoming issues?  
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