

# PENROSE PRIMER

The newsletter of Penrose Library



## A Note from the Director

As this new academic year begins at Whitman, I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of Penrose Library to welcome you to Whitman College. The Penrose staff and I invite you to take full advantage of our services and resources. These include reference and research assistance; access to print, online, and special collections; designated areas for group and individual study; and a café for late-night snacks, since the library is open 24/7. In our effort to contribute to your educational experience and academic success, we are ready to address any questions you may have. We look forward to meeting you all during the opening-week library orientation sessions!

Sincerely,

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College Librarian  
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## Library Orientation

After you arrive on campus you will have a library orientation session. This session will help you get acquainted with the physical layout of the library, as well as some of the key services, such as Circulation and Reference, that we provide. Your information packet will list your session time. We'll see you there!



## Get Ahead with Library 100

Do you know how to get started writing papers for your classes? Want to be an effective researcher? Consider enrolling in Library 100, a one-credit course that will help you learn how to use Penrose Library. We will meet weekly for one hour, and our objectives will be to learn:

- about traditional resources, such as books and journals, as well as the World Wide Web and web-based databases
- about archival and special collections material, and how to use them in a research context
- how to locate and use the different research tools to which the library provides access
- how to evaluate the usefulness of different information resources

Give yourself a leg-up on your Whitman career, and make the investment in learning how to get the most from your college library. Please feel free to contact Lee Keene with any questions about the class at [keenelp@whitman.edu](mailto:keenelp@whitman.edu). See you in September!

# From the Archives: Discover the Treasures in the Whitman College and Northwest Archives

The Whitman College and Northwest Archives, the archives and special collections division of the library, consists of three main collections:

**College Archives:** Records related to the college, dating back to 1859.

**Northwest Manuscripts Collection:** Historical manuscripts related to the Walla Walla region, dating back to 1836.

**Rare Book Collection:** Early European imprints, Northwest Americana, and other rare books, dating back to 1493.



Explore the unique and rare resources at Whitman by visiting the archives on the first floor of the Penrose Library or online at [www.whitman.edu/archives](http://www.whitman.edu/archives).

Michael Paulus

Archivist and Special Collections Librarian

## Featured Library Services & Resources

*Reference Assistance:* Do you know where to start your research? The reference department offers assistance in person at the reference desk, via phone, individual appointment, chat reference or email. Just send your questions to [reference@whitman.edu](mailto:reference@whitman.edu) or stop by the reference desk!

*Summit:* Your Penrose Library account includes access to Summit, a service through which you can borrow materials (over 27 million items) from 35 other libraries throughout Washington and Oregon.

*Laptop Checkout:* See the WCTS consultant in Room 222 on the main floor. Laptops are available for four hour checkout.

*Study Rooms:* Group study rooms are available throughout the library. Check out keys at the Circulation Desk. The Allen Reading Room is a silent individual study space. The last person to leave the room at night inscribes a ledger, documenting his or her time spent toward an academic endeavor.

*International News Channels:* Get a unique perspective! Follow major news stories presented by international media outlets. Available in Café 41 and the Jalbing Center for International News Study (Room 210), these stations cannot be seen on cable. Stations include Al Jazeera English, BBC World, China Central Television, Press TV and more. All news sources are broadcast in English.

*Popular Literature Collection:* Need a break from textbooks? Browse the Popular Literature collection, located in the Allen Room, to find Biographies, General Fiction, Graphic Novels and more.

*Questions? Comments? Suggestions for upcoming issues?  
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