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Gone are the days when you needed to open multiple windows to find all of our resources. You can now easily search for books, articles, eBooks, journals, and reserves from the library homepage. Just click on the appropriate tab and you’re off!

In addition to the tabs, take note of the links below the search box. We relocated some of our most useful links for each type of search to this easily accessible location.

Once you have tested our tabs out, let us know your thoughts. Please take a 3 question survey here: http://tinyurl.com/LibTabSurvey

Scenario 1: You need a book—how do you find it?
Scenario 2: You have all or part of a citation for an article (title, author, journal, and/or date) —how do you get your hands on the actual article?
Scenario 3: The library does not have a book or article you need. How can you get it for free?

We are happy to announce a new collection of video tutorials that can help you in each of these situations (and more!). Currently we have:

- What’s in the Library Catalog?
- Searching the Library Catalog
- Using Journal Finder
- Interlibrary Loan
- Google Scholar
- Finding Theses

Go to the library homepage and click on “Video Tutorials” in the “Find” section to access each tutorial.

Every semester you spend countless hours researching, writing, and perfecting research projects. We would like to recognize you for all of your hard work with the library’s Undergraduate Research Awards. In addition to eternal (library) glory, the winner in each category receives a $250 prize. Review the details below and submit your entry by February 28th!

What: All current undergraduate students are invited to apply for the research award that recognizes exemplary student research projects completed in Hollins courses. These research projects will showcase extensive and creative usage of the library’s resources; the ability to synthesize those resources in completing the project; and growth in the student’s research skills.

Categories: There will be two awards given: one for a first year/sophomore, and the second for a junior/senior.

How: Choose a research project (paper; podcast; website; etc.) that you completed for a Hollins course or independent study during the three previous semesters (Fall 2013; Spring 2013; Fall 2012). You will need to have a faculty member (your class instructor; if the class instructor is unavailable, an advisor would be acceptable) agree to sponsor you for the award. As part of the application, you must write a 250-500 word essay explaining your project and the research you completed.

Visit the library’s homepage for more information and to apply.
FIAF FILM DATABASE

FIAF, the International Index to Film Periodicals, is the library’s sole database devoted to film and television studies exclusively. Here you’ll find citations for both academic and popular journal articles. Key features include:

- Search by film/TV title, director, or character name
- Limit to peer reviewed articles
- “My Archive” feature to save searches and results
- Browsable lists of titles, people, subjects, journals, and more!

KYLE DARGAN READING

The library and English Department invite you to our latest installment of the Beanstalks Lecture Series featuring poet Kyle Dargan. On Thursday, February 13th, at 8:15 p.m. Dargan will give a reading of his work. On Friday, February 14th, at 11:00 a.m. there will be a Q&A session with Dargan.

Dargan is an award-winning poet whose work focuses on social justice issues. He is inspired by the dual worlds he inhabits: American University, where he is a professor, and the Southeast DC neighborhood he calls home. His published poetry collections are Logorrhea Dementia: A Self-Diagnosis (2010), Bouquet of Hungers (2007), and The Listening (2004). Currently he is the Director of Creative Writing and an Assistant Professor of Literature at American University in Washington, DC. He is also the founder and Editor of Post No Ills, “a web-based and print annual publication, [that] aims to provide a participatory venue for balanced arts criticism and commentary along with interdisciplinary exchange between artists and arts administrators.”

This event is made possible by the Beanstalks Lecture Series, which brings readers and writers together by supporting lively and entertaining literary events at the Wyndham Robertson Library and Hollins University.

CHANGES IN ILL

For at least the next five months, the library will be operating without an InterLibrary Loan (ILL) coordinator. This change is at the request of the administration as part of a campus-wide effort to work as smartly and efficiently as possible. Because of this change, library services will be impacted. Here is a rundown of what to expect during the spring semester:

- It will now take longer to receive books and articles from other libraries. We expect it will take 2-4 weeks for books, and 5-10 days for an article.
- You can have no more than 15 open requests at once. This number includes any checked-out ILL books you have, but not article PDFs stored in your ILL account.
- You may not request leisure material. We will only process requests for material directly related to your research needs.
- It will take longer for new books to get to the shelves. We will still attempt to fulfill rush requests.

If you have any questions or comments about the new ILL policies please contact Luke Vilelle, University Librarian, at lvilelle@hollins.edu or 540.362.6232. If you have any questions about particular ILL requests please contact Maryke Barber, Public Services & Arts Librarian at mbarber@hollins.edu or 540.362.6592.

PLAGIARISM TUTORIAL

To help students better understand plagiarism and its consequences, the library has collaborated with the Writing Center to create an online tutorial. The video tutorial explains what plagiarism is through detailed examples and importantly, explains how it can be avoided. The tutorial includes text examples, interviews with faculty, and quiz questions to test students understanding of the concept.

The tutorial will be available for use in Spring courses. Faculty members who are interested in using the tutorial should contact Maryke Barber, Public Services and Arts Librarian, at mbarber@hollins.edu or 540.362.6592.