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# The Dacus Digest

## My Outreach Plea

Dacus Library just hosted an egg hunt before spring break as a way to get students in the building to see that we have lots of great materials, equipment and friendly staff. It was a fun event with many students participating, but when these events end I often feel as though we didn't get the students in the library that I really wanted to reach—the ones who avoid the library.

I find library outreach a tricky job with college students who, more and more, don't find it necessary to come to the library. Despite advertising in many different ways, I still often find that the students who participate in these events are typically the ones who already use the library regularly.

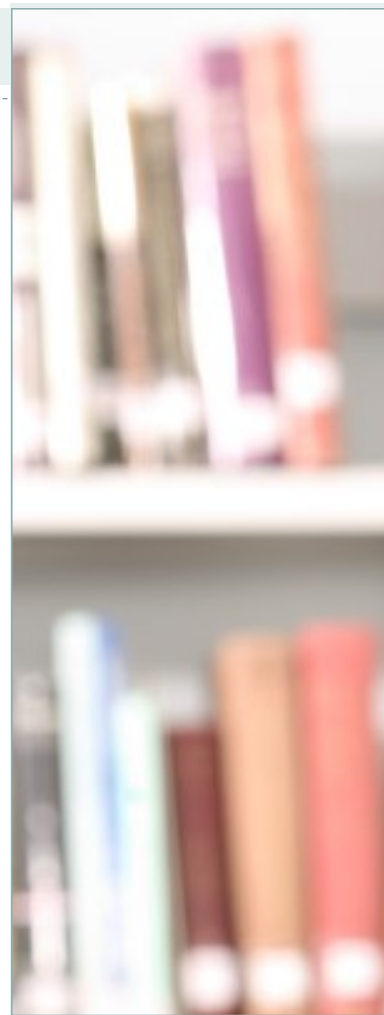
Sure, many of our resources are digital, so coming to the library isn't always necessary, but if a student doesn't know which resources to use or how to properly use them, what good are those resources?

So my plea is for you to encourage students to ask librarians questions! We prefer face-to-face interactions, but please let students know that they can also call, e-mail and send live chats. There's also a way to book an appointment with a librarian via the [Book A Librarian](#) link on the homepage.

Thank you for your help—together we can reach students who might not even realize they should seek help from a librarian or use more of the library's vast resources.



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## Did you know?

[The New York Times in Education](#) is a faculty site that's easy to use and full of examples on how to incorporate *The Times* into the classroom.

From the link above, click on the register button and use your Winthrop e-mail.

## Full Access to The NYTimes Now Available

For those who didn't see the emails sent out recently, Dacus Library purchased an electronic subscription to *The New York Times* that now gives you free access to all articles on [nytimes.com](http://nytimes.com) including archived articles dating back to 1851!

If you enjoy reading news on your mobile device, make sure you download the appropriate NYTimes app for incredibly convenient reading (also free!)

Because the library is paying for this subscription, you have to set up your NYTimes account through the library's site so that it will authenticate properly. Also you have to use your Winthrop e-mail address.

To set up your account:

1. Go to Dacus Library's [homepage](#).
2. Select the Databases tab.
3. From the A-Z list select *New York Times Newspaper Online*.

4. Select the link "Click here for instructions".
5. Create your account using your Winthrop e-mail.

Once you've created an account you can go to [www.nytimes.com](http://www.nytimes.com) and select the "Log In" button to log into your account. At that point you will have full access. It's that easy!

If you already have a personal subscription to *The New York Times* and you used your Winthrop email address to set up that account, the good news is that you can use our subscription to save some money! The only trick is that you need to contact The New York Times to cancel your personal subscription before you can set up your new NYTimes account using your Winthrop e-mail address.

Any questions or issues? Contact Electronic Resources Librarian, Gale Teaster, at 803/323-2311.

## The New York Times



## Independent Voices

We've just recently added a new resource to our A-Z list of databases. Independent Voices is a collection compiled from libraries' special collections that chronicles the transformative decades of the 60s, 70s and 80s through the lens of an independent alternative press. It contains over 1,000 titles providing easy access to the voices of feminists, dissident GIs, campus radicals, Native Americans, anti-war activists, Black Power advocates, Latinos, gays, lesbians and more.

The search interface gives you the option of a simple search or a more advanced search—great for those who really know what they are looking for. Those who aren't sure what they're looking for, can browse by title, date, library source (view the titles that each library contributed) and series (titles grouped into series such as Black American, Campus Underground, Feminist, etc.)

Take a look at this interesting and unique collection.

All of the content in Independent Voices is copyright cleared— with the goal of transitioning to open access by 2019.

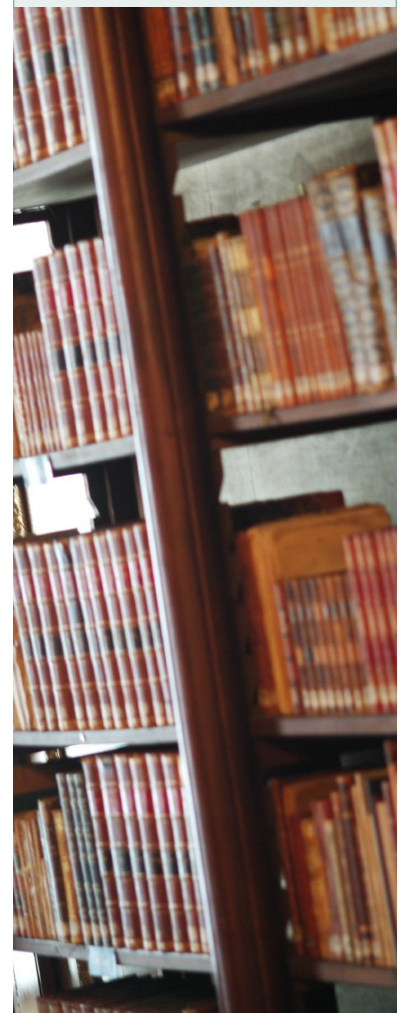
## DemographicsNow/ReferenceUSA

Recently, we replaced the DemographicsNow database with the ReferenceUSA database.

ReferenceUSA contains U.S. business and consumer information that is frequently updated. The New Businesses portion of the database is updated with more than 50,000 new businesses each week and the U.S. Businesses portion contains 43 million businesses that are updated

monthly.

The Historical Businesses section is great for industry market research and business trends reports, as it contains 150 million records dating back to 2003—you can search by geography, sales volume, employment size or year. In addition, there is a Consumers and Lifestyles section, a Jobs/ Internships section and a Healthcare section.





## Dacus Gets Two FitDesks

For those who aren't sure what a FitDesk is, it's an exercise bike with a desk attached (picture below). The desk is large enough to use a laptop or textbook, and upper body supports are positioned to make typing comfortable while you exercise. The desk and seat-back are adjustable to accommodate different users.

Dacus Library has purchased two of these FitDesks, so now students, faculty and staff can get some exercise and get some work done at the same time! Now that's multi-tasking!

The FitDesks will be located on the main floor in the area right outside the MAC lab. They will be first come, first served, but we do ask that you be courteous and use them no longer than an hour, and wipe them down after use.



Pass the word along to students and come in to use one yourself to see what you think!

### Mobile Library!

Take advantage that we're coming closer to many of your offices at the end of the semester to make returning or renewing all those library materials you have out a lot easier!

## We're Coming to You for Returns

Most materials checked out to faculty and staff are due on May 4, 2016. Assuming your office is across campus from the library, returning or renewing all your library materials at the end of the semester can be a hassle, so we thought we'd try to come to your neck of the woods.

In an attempt to be somewhat central to several academic buildings and residence halls (yes this is for students as well), Dacus Library staff will be at the DiGiorgio Student Center (DIGs) and Thomson Hall on

the following days:

April 26, 2016: 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in West Thomson Hall

April 27, 2016: Noon to 2 p.m. in DIGs (Main Lobby)

May 2, 2016: 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in East Thomson Hall

May 3, 2016: 10 a.m. to Noon in DIGs (Main Lobby)

If you want to renew materials just make sure you bring them with you. Staff will be equipped with a laptop and scanner.



## Films On Demand

Films On Demand is a video database that many don't realize we subscribed to, even though we have for years. It's not your typical database with scholarly articles so maybe that's why it gets overlooked. Whatever the reasons, I'd like to fill you in on what it has and why you should take a serious look at it.

Films on Demand is a web-based digital video delivery platform that allows you to view streaming videos from Films Media Group anytime, anywhere. The platform also allows users to organize and bookmark clips, share playlists and store quick links to favorite videos.

The majority of the videos are documentary-type films on all kinds of subjects. They can be a great accompaniment to a

class lecture or maybe just an interesting find for your own viewing pleasure, and they're free for you to use!

Just like other databases, you get to this resource from the databases tab on the library homepage. Within Films on Demand, you can browse films by subject area, featured producers, recently added titles, titles that are most popular and titles featured for the current month. Use the basic or advanced search features if you're looking for a specific title or topic.

These films are not listed in our catalog, so make sure you look in Films on Demand as well as searching our online catalog when looking for a film. If you still can't find what you're looking for, then place an Interlibrary Loan request.

## JSTOR Reminder

JSTOR is a database that provides access to academic journals, books and primary sources in the humanities, social sciences and sciences, but I want to remind everyone that there is limited coverage of the most current information. This is because the most current 1-5 years of

information is often embargoed.

Check for access to the current articles through our catalog by title of publication (not article title) to see if we have access through another database or in print. Don't forget, Interlibrary Loan is always an option!

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