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The Dacus Digest

From The Outreach Librarian

This fall semester has felt busier than usual for some librarians and I think a lot of the “busyness” is a result of the Book-A-Librarian and Personal Librarian programs we introduced last year, which are gaining momentum.

We’re thrilled to see more students utilizing reference services in a new way this semester. Students who really don’t understand how to use the library are reaching out to us and booking sessions to learn how to do library research. These sessions usually take place in our offices or work spaces, away from the hubbub of the Information Commons desk. They allow for a less distracting and more focused session that is catered to the student’s specific research needs.

These one-on-one interactions are great for teaching our students valuable information literacy skills, but they’re also a wonderful way to foster good relationships between students and librarians. Through these interactions, students become more aware of what librarians do and how we can help them succeed.

I want to thank those of you who have helped promote these programs to your students. Keep it up! Sure it makes us busier, but I think we librarians can agree it’s a productive kind of busy that we embrace.



Michaela Volkmar



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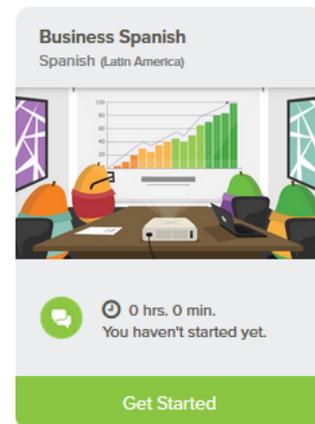
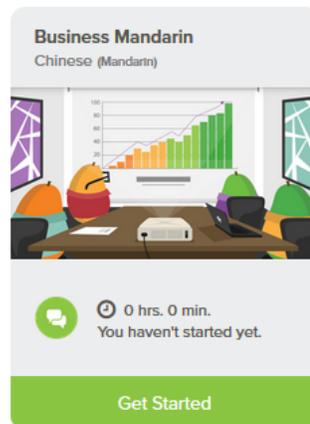
New Mango Languages Courses

Mango Languages is an online language learning resource that any Winthrop faculty, staff or student can access by going to the [library's homepage](#) and selecting it from the Databases tab (A-Z list).

Mango Languages currently has 72 languages to choose from, plus specialty courses. Two new courses that might be of interest were recently added: Business Mandarin

(Business English for Mandarin speakers), and Business Spanish (Business English for Spanish speakers).

You can access Mango Languages as a guest, but to track your progress in any of the courses in Mango Languages, you need to create a profile/account and then log in each time you access Mango Languages.



Training on the library's catalog or databases for a department/office can be requested and scheduled by [e-mailing Michaela Volkmar](#).

The Library Catalog—Training Sessions

Do you feel you could use some training on searching the library's catalog? Whether you're new to Winthrop or have been here for years, the library's catalog is probably pretty unfamiliar to you—we switched to a different library system more than a year ago and there have been many changes.

We are more than willing to do training sessions for groups of faculty and staff. We just need you to coordinate a group (could be from your department, but doesn't have to be) and then contact us.

[E-mail me](#), Michaela Volkmar, to schedule a date and time. Let me know where you want this training to take place—the library classroom is usually available and contains 24 PCs, but we can come to you as well. We need a podium with a PC and projector to conduct this training.

The library faculty can do these sessions anytime (fall, spring or summer). We'll be happy to teach you all the little tips and tricks of using our catalog and answer any of your questions.

Our Databases vs. Google Scholar

- Oh how students love Google Scholar, and I bet some of you do too. I'm not going to deny that Google Scholar can be useful, but I'd like to mention a few reasons why you should really take the time to search the library's databases before using Google Scholar (please pass this knowledge along to your students as well).
- **First, access to articles in Google Scholar is limited when off-campus.** So here's what you need to know: Google can recognize a campus IP address and then authenticate through Dacus Library's proxy server. In other words, Google can tap into the library's subscriptions if you're on-campus—that's why sometimes you get full-text of an article from on-campus, but not if you're off-campus. This is why I would caution against placing a link to a Google Scholar article in Blackboard or in your course syllabi. The solution: go through the library's catalog or databases to access the article. If you're not sure the best way to search, contact a librarian by calling 803/323-4501 or send an e-mail to refdesk@winthrop.edu.
- **Second, scholarly doesn't necessarily mean peer-reviewed.** If you know you need peer-reviewed articles, there's no way to know through Google Scholar if an article has gone through the rigorous process of peer-review (unless you've memorized which journals are peer-reviewed). Yes, articles in Google Scholar are scholarly, but that's not the same thing as peer-reviewed. The good news is that if you go through our databases, you can almost always filter by peer-reviewed scholarly journals. If a database doesn't have this kind of filter, it's likely that all content within the database is peer-reviewed. *ScienceDirect* is a good example.
- **Third, save your hard-earned money by using the library's resources and services.** A lot of article citations you'll see in Google Scholar point you to a publisher's site where you have to pay to get the full-text of the article. Google Scholar is a fine place to find a citation, but don't ever pay for an article without checking to see if we have access to it or can get access to it. There's a good chance we have full-text access to the article you need through a database or in print in the library. Unsure about whether we have it? Ask a librarian. If we don't have access, then you should [place an Interlibrary Loan request](#) to see if we can get the article from another library. Most Interlibrary Loan article requests can be filled and are free of charge to you, so make sure you use this wonderful service. Only pay for an article after you've exhausted all other options!

Consider scheduling a library instruction session for your spring class(es) that require library research. Classes can come to the library (our electronic classroom located on the ground floor has 24 PCs), or we can come to you.

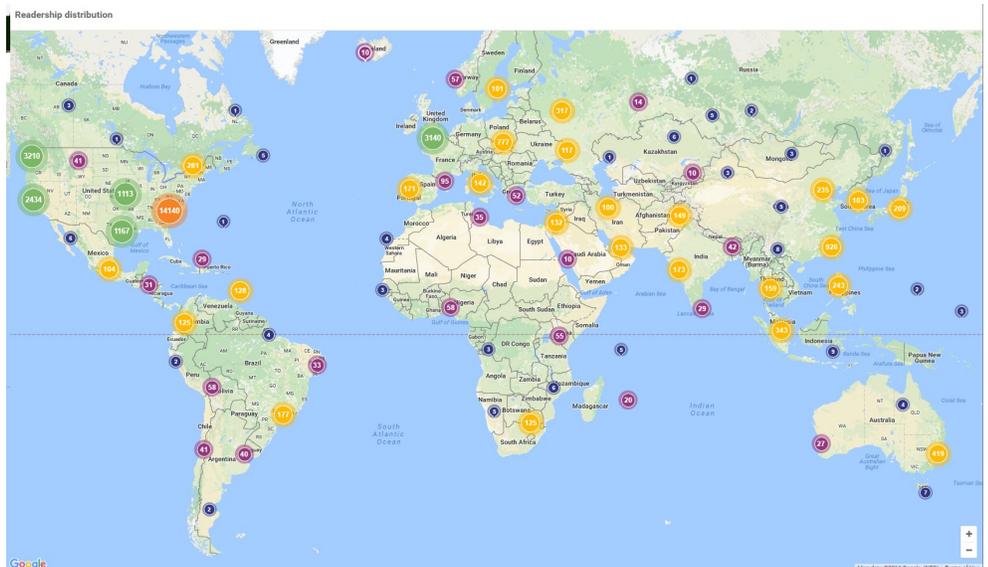
To schedule a session, [e-mail Jackie McFadden](#) or call the Reference Department at 803/323-4501.



Digital Commons—Did You Know?

- Did you know people from 2,400 institutions across 163 countries have accessed our content in Digital Commons @ Winthrop?
- Digital Commons does more than just collect research. We also host event pages, like [SEWSA](#) and the [Winthrop Conference on Teaching and Learning](#). We host periodicals. Be sure to take a look at [The Anthology](#) and [The Winthrop McNair Research Bulletin](#)— these are great examples of how we can showcase student work. We also host newsletters and a wide breadth of other materials. Contact DeAnn Brame at bramed@winthrop.edu to learn more or go to <http://libguides.library.winthrop.edu/digitalcommons> to see more examples of how others here on campus are taking advantage of Digital Commons.
- Upcoming projects to be added to Digital Commons include:
 - Our school newspapers, [The Johnsonian](#) and [The Roddey McMillan Record](#).
 - 2017 Winthrop Conference on Teaching and Learning.
 - 2017 Showcase of Undergraduate Research and Creative Endeavors (SOURCE).
 - [Winthrop CloseUp](#)
 - Your CV or resume
 - Your department’s newsletter
 - Your course syllabi
 - A project you want others to be able to access around the globe.

Take a look at the readership distribution map (to the right)—it shows where in the world people have accessed Winthrop content through our [Digital Commons](#).



What's New With Our Databases?

The following resources can be accessed from the databases tab of the [library homepage](#). If you're off-campus, make sure you have a library account password set up. For instructions, see [this guide](#).

- *America: History & Life* is now full-text.
- *Artemis Literary Sources* integrates the following online literary databases (available from Gale): Contemporary Authors Online, Dictionary of Literary Biography Complete Online, Gale Virtual Reference Library, Literature Criticism Online, Literature Resource Center-LRC, Something About the Author Online.
- *HathiTrust Digital Library*—an open access partnership of academic and research institutions, offering a collection of millions of titles digitized from

libraries around the world.

- *MRI+* name changed to *GfK MRI SMARTSystem University Reporter*. Instructions for registering as a user to use GfK MRI appear below the link to the database in the [A-Z list](#).

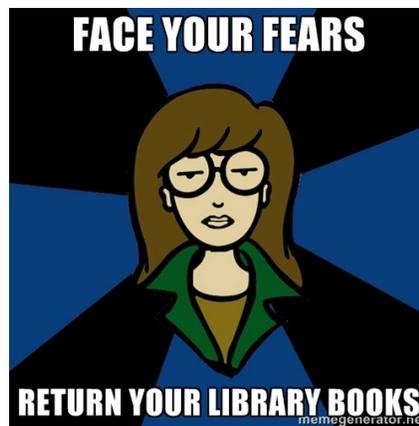
Coming Soon:

- *Knowledge Unlatched*—provides open access for scholarly books and journals, covering a wide range of disciplines such as anthropology, literature, history, theology, etc.
- *Open Book Publishers*—the books included in this collection are published in hardback, paperback, pdf and e-book editions, but they also include a free online edition that can be read via the Open Book Publisher's website, downloaded, reused or embedded anywhere.

Mobile Library Returns

We're bringing back mobile library! You can return or renew library materials to Dacus staff, who will be set up in East Thomson on Study Day (December 6) and West Thomson on Monday, December 12, from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Note that most circulating materials for staff and faculty are not due back until May, but we will take PASCAL Delivers, Interlibrary Loan, and other shorter loan period items as well.



If you have trouble accessing any of our electronic resources, please [e-mail Gale Teaster](#).

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