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From The Outreach Librarian

It’s been another busy semester here at Dacus Library. We, along with you, have been learning a new library system (OCLC’s Worldshare Management Services), and we appreciate you bearing with us as we work out some kinks and do some record cleanup. Whenever a library migrates to a different system there are bound to be some issues that pop up. Our librarians and staff, especially those in our content services department, are working tirelessly to correct those issues. Should you have any questions about what you find in the catalog, just ask!

The next two pages of this newsletter focus on our new system. I have highlighted some important information and offered tips that should make navigating our new catalog easier.

Not surprisingly, there is much more going on at Dacus than our new system, so please take a look at the rest of this newsletter to learn about our newest resources and services that are here or coming very soon!

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New Login Credentials

Login credentials have changed so that if you are trying to sign into your library account to view your checkouts, holds and fines, you now use your Winthrop e-mail username and a library account password that you have to create for the first time.

For detailed instructions on how to create a password, please see the following Research Guide: *Library Account Setup and Access Instructions*.

Use these new credentials as well when you are off-campus and get prompted to log in when trying to access our electronic resources.

Please consider sharing the linked research guide with your students or including it in your syllabus in upcoming semesters.

When submitting PASCAL Delivers requests, you still get prompted to log in with your first and last name and then your Winthrop ID. What’s changed is that you now need to include the “W” when typing in your Winthrop ID.

Interlibrary Loan Changes

If you need to submit an Interlibrary Loan request, make sure you are using the Interlibrary Loan link from the library’s homepage rather than using a link from within a database. These links do not work with our new system.

There is no longer an Interlibrary Loan account to log into, you just submit your requests with either the book link (use this for any other returnable materials like media) or the article link. All articles will be delivered via e-mail. You will still receive an e-mail when your returnable materials arrive for checkout.

Where’s the Call Number?

You might have done some searches in our catalog and noticed a missing call number.

The best thing to do when you run across a record that doesn’t have a call number is to call the Reference Desk and ask a librarian at 803/323-4501.
Catalog Features and Tips

Take a look at these catalog features—listed because they are new or function differently than in our previous catalog. Note: this is not a comprehensive list. To the right is a related tip or two.

Catalog Feature

- Search results can include records of materials available in non-Winthrop libraries (if Libraries Worldwide filter is checked). This can be useful if we don’t have what you need, and you’re looking for materials to request through Interlibrary Loan.

- From Advanced Search page: Author, Title and Subject searches do a keyword search within the appropriate field. This means you often get results that are not an exact match to your search, which means you typically get more results than you would expect.

- Filters on the Advanced Search page and the left-side of the search results page function similarly to database filtering options. Use these to narrow down if you get too many records in your search results.

- When electronic resources, such as ejournals and ebooks, show up in the search results there will be one or more links in the Availability section of the record that takes you to the ebook or database(s). There is also a View online button that when clicked on will take you to the first link listed in the availability section.

Tip

- Select the Winthrop University library filter on the left side of the results page to receive records that Dacus Library has. Select the PASCAL Delivery filter to see materials that PASCAL libraries have as well or search the PASCAL catalog from the homepage.

- From Advanced Search page: For more exact results place the title, author or subject within quotation marks (this does a phrase search), or use the Author Phrase, Title Phrase or Subject Phrase searches from the pull-down menu.

- Use search filters, such as format, to get better results. Example: when searching for a journal, go to the Advanced Search, do a title search and select the Journal/Magazine filter so that you don’t get books in your results.

- Use links on the Availability section rather than the View online button; View online will only open the first link listed in the availability section. Ejournals often are in multiple databases with different levels of coverage; ebooks might have more than one link because there are multiple providers for a single title.

Would your department like some training on the new catalog?

Be on the lookout for some TLC Sessions this spring semester or Contact Michaela Volkmar at volkmarm@winthrop.edu

Questions about the Catalog or Accessing Databases?

Contact the Reference Desk at: 803/323-4501.
Electronic Access to The New York Times

Do you love The New York Times? If so, you’ll be super excited to hear that coming in January we will have full electronic access to the current issues and many of the archived issues of this wonderful resource!

Right now we get the current issues in print and we have access to some of the articles electronically, but the new site license will allow the Winthrop community to access all the articles and images in the most current issues. It will be like looking at the print newspaper, but with the convenience of an electronic resource.

We will have access to some of the archived articles, as well, and we’ll still have archived issues in microfilm at Dacus.

Most electronic newspapers don’t include images, so we were pretty excited to find out that The New York Times does. Archived issues, however, might not contain all images.

The logistics: you’ll still need to access The New York Times through the library’s catalog so that it will be using our site license. If you access it on a mobile device there’s a free NYTimes app that you can download. Just make sure you first go through the library catalog to get to this resource and then open it with the app.

Donating Popular Fiction and DVDs

Often you think of academic libraries only accepting donations of more scholarly/academic materials, but sometimes we want more entertaining materials too!

Dacus has a section on our second floor (at the top of the main stairwell) of popular fiction/non-fiction books and DVDs that are more for entertainment than academic purposes. Unfortunately we have stopped purchasing these materials this year due to our ever-tightening budget.

So with that being said, we are more than happy to take your gently-used popular fiction (and non-fiction) books and DVDs to add to our collection. One of our librarians, DeAnn Brame, has even put together book swaps in two of the residence halls for students, so if there’s something you donate that we don’t add to our collection there’s still a good chance we will take it and donate it to a book swap.

If you have any materials you would like to donate or you have any questions about donations, please contact Antje Mays, our acquisitions and description librarian at 803/323-2274 or maysa@winthrop.edu.
New SelectedWorks Features

1. Sleek, new card view:
   - Display all types of work including articles, books, images, videos and streaming media.
   - Visitors can preview content—should encourage downloads and increase readership.
   - Visually-appealing and text-based content displays really well—showcases your work.
2. Authors get their own readership map to see where their readers are, globally, and how many downloads per work. Includes an institution pane to view organizations, corporations and government agencies that are downloading an author’s work.
3. More prominent “Follow” button.
4. Dedicated “About” and “Works” pages—author can more fully describe his or her bio and work.
5. Expanded document types/metadata—your entire scholarly legacy can be in SelectedWorks.
6. “My SelectedWorks Drive”—authors can upload and add metadata without publishing right away.

As of this fall semester, Dacus Library offers a new service called Book A Librarian. It allows for anyone with a Winthrop e-mail address to schedule an appointment with a librarian at Dacus Library to receive help doing research (searching our databases and online catalog), get assistance using computers and/or computer software, or getting some guidance with creating citations.

You can get to the Book A Librarian page from the library’s homepage quick links. Once there you will see pictures of the librarians who are participating in this program. Click on the librarian’s name or picture to view his or her profile. Select the Schedule an appointment with me button to view each librarian’s calendar of availability and to book an appointment by filling out a simple form online. The librarian will then confirm the appointment through e-mail communication and specify where to meet in the library.

Faculty and staff are welcome to use this service, but the library is promoting it more heavily to students, as we see it being most beneficial to them. Students may feel too rushed when asking in-depth questions at the reference desk, so a one-on-one appointment might allow us to help students who otherwise would not ask for help.

We hope you encourage students to book appointments if you know that they are struggling with research or basic computer skills.

Feel free to promote this wonderful new service or contact me at volkmarm@winthrop.edu if you want to partner with me in promoting this to a group of students.
Friends’ Beach House Raffle

Need a vacation? How about a week’s stay in North Myrtle Beach next year for just $100? Sounds like a steal to me!

Dr. Jane White, chair of the Friends of Dacus Library, has announced that through the generous consideration of Judge Henry Woods and his wife, Winthrop librarian Gale Teaster, a week’s stay at North Myrtle Beach has been made available for a lucky raffle winner for one week between May and September of 2016. Proceeds from the raffle will go into the Friends of Dacus Library Endowed Fund to provide support for library services at Winthrop University.

Dr. White stated, “It is through such generosity that Friends can continue its mission of supporting the library. This is especially important in a time of frozen budgets and growing demand for increased services to students, faculty, and other users of Dacus Library.”

The family-owned beach house will sleep up to nine persons, has four bedrooms and three baths, plus one half bath, cable, washer/dryer, screened in porch, and other amenities. This house is only a block from the beach. For further information and photographs of the property, check the web at: http://tinyurl.com/DacusFriendsRaffle. Note: The week that the winner selects is subject to availability.

The drawing is scheduled for March 1, 2016. Tickets are available for $100 each. Contact Ronnie Faulkner at faulknerr@winthrop.edu or 803/323-2262.

Mobile library in DIGs during exam week

Done with some of your library books but don’t want to haul them over to the library?

Let us do it for you!

We will be having a mobile book return/renewal station in the lobby of DIGs for a couple of hours a few days during exam week. A librarian will be there too for any last-minute research assistance.

Stay tuned—our schedule for mobile library services will be advertised through blog and social media posts and an e-mail will be sent early in December!