



News, Tips & Reminders for Faculty

FREEL LIBRARY NEWS

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Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts

500+ New Online Reference Books!

We've added over 500 additional electronic reference books to our [Credo Reference Collection](#), making it a a-one stop resource for dictionaries, encyclopedias, statistics, biographies and atlases. It also includes the Bridgeman Art Library, a database of over 530,000 art, historical and ethnological images.

Are You Using JSTOR?

In 2013, MCLA users searched the [JSTOR](#) database 7,000 times. If you're not using JSTOR, you and your students may be missing easy access to an excellent academic resource. JSTOR's collection of scholarly journals in the arts, humanities, general and social sciences includes all text from the first published issue of each of the more than 2,200 titles to 1-5 years ago.

MCLA WorldCat

mcla.worldcat.org let you search the collections of libraries across the country, including our own. It includes records for books, ebooks, DVDs, streaming videos, journal articles and more.

Keeping Up with *The Chronicle*

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Familiar and New

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And While You're There...

Think about using books and chapters from ebrary as the texts for your courses. Most of ebrary's ebooks allow unlimited simultaneous users. Links to books and book chapters (as well as to articles in any of our journal databases) can be pasted into your Canvas syllabi.



Recommend Us, Please

If you think your students would like help using library resources, send them to a reference librarian. You might be surprised to find out that some students think they can't ask us for help. If your students would like a group workshop on using the library, have them get in touch with us and we'll try to arrange a time that suits them all.



You Can Contact Us via...

online chat, texting (413-241-6662) or Twitter [@mclalibrary](#). These accounts are monitored during the day Monday through Friday, Monday through Wednesday from 6pm-10pm and on Saturday afternoons. Or you can just call us.

Finding Journals from A to Z

To find out if the full text of articles from a journal, magazine or newspaper is in any of our databases, use our handy [Journals A-Z tool](#). Type in the periodical title and, if it's available with full text, you'll be able to click on a link to the appropriate database, where you can search for the article or topic you are interested in.

Borrowing from the Williams College Libraries

MCLA faculty may borrow items from Williams College's Sawyer and Schow libraries. Just bring your faculty ID with you. However, MCLA students who want to borrow materials from Williams must see one of our reference librarians to discuss their research needs. They must satisfy the librarian that they have searched our collection for the materials they need first. When the request is approved, the student will be given the relevant paperwork to take with them to borrow the materials from Williams. The Williams College libraries limit the number of items

any student can borrow at one time. Freel Library is held financially responsible if books borrowed by students are not returned to Williams. Any member of the MCLA community who wishes to access a Williams College online library databases must go to the Sawyer or Schow library.

Reserves

We hope you'll give our new [course reserve collection](#) system a try. Fill out the Reserve Request Form which can be found online through the [For Faculty](#) link on the library web site. Then bring the materials to the Circulation Desk. We will enter the information you have given us into the course reserve collection databases. This allows us to use the automated circulation system for these materials and students will be able to check to see if the item they want to read or view is currently available or in use.

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