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<http://library.pdx.edu/>



Anytime Online Access to Information

Have you wondered what a cardinal sounds like, what past events happened in New York on September 11th, or whether McDonalds still owns Chipotle Mexican Grill? Are you looking for datasets through which you can track the population growth of regions or election trends? Do you want to see the full score of Gustav Mahler's *Song of the Night*, read Mary Shelley's *Frankenstein*, or find articles related to the climate and changes in modern glaciers? Portland State Library subscribes to electronic resources to satisfy these curiosities and other student/faculty academic and research needs. Find them at the Library's [website](#).

Online access to a vast collection of full text documents, data sets, images, reference works, citations and abstracts through the Library's 250+ databases and collections of electronic information are available to you anytime, anywhere, when you log on with your Odin account. The more than 30,000 general and specialized electronic journals and conference proceedings contain abstracts, articles, reviews, news, and editorials covering topics in the arts and humanities, business and economics, education, science and engineering, and social sciences.

If you do not find a resource in electronic form, because it appears only in print, audio, film, or other format, search the [Library Catalog](#), to find out if the Library owns it. The Library can borrow from other libraries any titles it does not own, first through [Summit](#), then through [Interlibrary Loan-ILLiad](#). Check it out!

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Enhancing Library Physical and Virtual Spaces



The Portland State University Library faculty and staff listen to your suggestions and work hard to create welcoming, easy to use space for you in the Millar Library or on the Library's web site. Soon, we hope you will enjoy a Millar Library that is cleaner and more conducive to study. There are fabulous exhibits and programs scheduled January through March that you will not want to miss! Librarians at the second floor Reference Desk have expertise to suggest strategies and resources that can save you time.

Have you noticed the new Library web site at <http://library.pdx.edu/>? The home page is cleaner and its design is based on user comments, a survey conducted during Winter 2006, and several focus-group sessions with Portland State students and faculty. Move your cursor over the home page and try out each button and link. They connect you with a world of knowledge and with a large number of tools that make doing research and writing papers easier. Many of the full-text databases and books, access to interlibrary loan, and research tools are purchased by the Library and available only to Portland State students and faculty through your Odin account. Use them and accomplish your research more efficiently and effectively!

Continue to let us know how we can serve you better at <http://www.lib.pdx.edu/systems/suggestions.php>!

Helen H. Spalding
University Librarian/Professor

"Individual consultations with a reference librarian are very helpful and a great service for me and my colleagues!"

-Graduate Student

"I think this Library is great! It allows me to stay focused on my projects....I come in here a bit confused and leave smiling and satisfied that I was able to accomplish my goals."

-Undergraduate Student

"I have been using the Library for two decades and have seen great improvement in the way the Library responds to users."

-Faculty

Authors Tony Wolk and Molly Gloss talk about their new novels:

Good Friday and The Hearts of Horses

7 pm - February 22, 2008

Branford P. Millar Library
1875 SW Park Avenue
Portland, OR 97207

This event is part of the [Portland State Library](#) Artists & Writers Series. Donations for the Oregon Food Bank will be accepted at the door.

Site-ings

<http://www.onlinenewspapers.com/>

"Thousands of world newspapers at your fingertips"

Select a state (U.S. only), country or island from any of the dropdown lists and receive a list of links to the online newspapers in that area. You can get news from home, practice your reading skills in another language, or get a different perspective on the news stories we see here in Oregon.

<http://earthtrends.wri.org/>

EarthTrends, "The Environmental Information Portal," contains detailed information across ten broad topics, including *Climate and Atmosphere*, *Population*, *Health and Human Well-being*, *Energy and Resources*, and *Agriculture and Food*. This site pulls together statistical data, maps and reports and offers them to the public for free in "easily accessible formats." EarthTrends is "committed to the principle that accurate information drives responsible decisions by governments and individuals."

<http://www.sciencemag.org/cgi/content/full/318/5858/1848>

Science magazine posted their top ten science breakthroughs of 2007 and then added "Areas to Watch" in 2008 - things like the new high-energy collider, excuse me, *highest-energy* collider in Switzerland, human-made microbes, the newest computer chips, and matching up your neural activity with your behavior.

<http://timharford.com/articles/deareconomist/>

Tim Harford, columnist for the *Financial Times*, is a "Dear Abby" who uses the economic theories of Adam Smith and friends to provide answers to questions about personal grooming, being first to choose at a restaurant, and the wisdom of purchasing travel insurance. Viewing some answers will require registering for free with the *Financial Times*.

<http://www.nmc.org/horizon/>

The *2008 Horizon Report* has been released. The report is an annual look at emerging technologies that will play a role in higher education over the next one to five years. "A central focus of the discussion of each technology is its relevance for teaching, learning, and creative expression."

<http://www.thecoolhunter.net/>

Trends – the latest and greatest in the U.S. and around the world.... From "if I had a spare million" to "I can do that in my backyard."

<http://www.stand.org>

Stand for Children – Jonah Edelman started this grassroots, nonprofit organization in Portland and it is now a "voice for children" in more than five states. This group spotlights legislation and candidates that improve enhances the quality of life for children in Oregon and throughout the U.S.

Exhibits & Event –

New Books Area,
Branford P. Millar Library

January 1 - January 31

Living the Legacy: Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Commemorative Exhibit.

January 15 – March 20

Faculty Scholarship Exhibit: Black Studies.

Early February - Feb 29

Sierra Leone: Portraits of War-Affected Children: Everybody Reads 2008!

Littman Gallery,
Smith Union

February 7 – March 26

Picasso's Guernica: The 42 Preliminary Studies. Reproduced in Facsimile.

Multicultural Center,
Smith Union

February 15 – 7:30 pm

Professor Sue Taylor presents, "Guernica – No Bombs, No Planes".



Student Art – "Jailbird"
Dominic Marchese

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Better Spaces for Studying!

The Campus Public Safety Office and Portland State Library are partnering to provide more welcoming and comfortable spaces at the Millar Library. Officer Mike Goldade has developed a close working relationship with the Library over the years and has laid the groundwork for many of these improvements. Officers are making regular rounds through the Library, helping visitors understand Library policies and responding to suspicious activities. A safety student is being co-trained by CPSO and the Library to help with loss prevention and serve in an "observe and report" role. The student will carry a radio while working near the Library entrance and touring areas of the Library at different times during the week. Michael Soto, Director of CPSO and Tom Raffensperger, Assistant University Librarian for Public Services, plan to work further on improve the Library as a safe, open and diverse academic environment.

Check out our New Student Study Rooms!

The ever-popular, student, group study rooms are being repainted in preparation for new furniture. Approximately three rooms at a time will be out of circulation during the Winter Term. We apologize for the inconvenience and thank you for your understanding as we work to improve the Library! Look forward to brighter, more comfortable student group study rooms.

For more information about the Portland State Library
visit <http://library.pdx.edu/>

Writing Outpost – Look for it this February....

Writing Instructors will be available to help with your papers on the 2nd floor!

New Look for databases: PsycInfo, Medline, Biosis!

...check it out!

The new OvidSP interfaces for PsycInfo, Medline and Biosis include great new features that streamline searching for novice and advanced researchers alike! If you are searching for articles on human behavior, the health sciences, biology, social sciences and education, these are key databases for your research!

[FAQs!](#)

Want a preview?

Follow this click path:

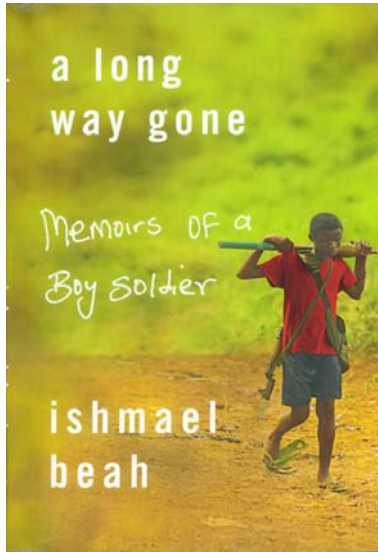
PSU Library >
Find Databases & Articles >
By Subjects or By A-Z >

PsycInfo and Medline:

1 hour workshops cover all the new enhancements as well as the search strategies and skills that get better results –

Check out the
[Library Workshop calendar!](#)

Upcoming Events



The Multnomah County Public Library's sixth annual Everybody Reads project, co-sponsored by the Portland State Library and the English department at Portland State, has selected Ishmael Beah's *A Long Way Gone: Memoirs of a Boy Soldier* for reading and discussions. Ishmael Beah shares his experience fighting as a child in the civil war of Sierra Leone and his harrowing journey back to civilian life. See <http://www.multcolib.org/reads/> for more Everybody Reads 2008 events in the community.

Everybody Reads 2008!

Ishmael Beah's *A Long Way Gone*

February 5, 11am and 7pm (Room 328, Smith Memorial Union)

Memoir Writing Workshop - Hands-on writing workshop with Portland State writing professor Debra Gwartney, former correspondent for *Newsweek* and *The Oregonian*, and freelance contributor to dozens of publications.

February 7, 7pm (Second Floor, Millar Library)

Professor Daniel Hoffman from the University of Washington will present **"Like Beasts in the Bush: Youth Violence and the War in Sierra Leone."**

February 8, 7pm (5th Avenue Cinema, 510 SW Hall)

"Diamonds, Guns and Rice," This documentary film tells the story of the Sierra Leone civil war through the eyes of women.

February 18, 11am and 7pm (Room 327, Smith Memorial Union)

"Hip-Hop Lyricism: Writing What Matters"

Turiya Autrey, of this interactive workshop, is founder of Good Sista/Bad Sista and Poetry Off the Page Productions, and 2003 national Grand Slam Poetry Champ.

February 19, 11am and 7pm (Room 327, Smith Memorial Union)

"A Long Way Gone: a literary roundtable."

Panel of Portland State literature professors leading discussion about Ishmael Beah's memoir, *A Long Way Gone*.

February 21, 11am and 7pm (Room 327 & 328, Smith Memorial Union)

"The Sierra Leonean Immigrant Experience in Portland."

Panel presentations by Sierra Leonean immigrants share experiences coming to America, forging new lives, preserving African identities and traditions, building bridges to communities back home. Includes audience discussion and short video clips.

February 26, 11am and 7pm (Room 327 (Smith Memorial Union)

"Writing to Heal."

Portland State English Professor Susan Reese conducts practical workshop for the public on the healing power of memoir.

February 28, 11am and 7pm (Room 327, Smith Memorial Union)

"A Discussion with Peace Corps Volunteers Returned from Sierra Leone."