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Fresh Start at the Library!

Spring means fresh starts and new beginnings. The Portland State Library continues to bring new resources and services to students and faculty – including our new Facebook page! We hope this will become a place to exchange ideas about the Library, books, and the world of information. Visit us on Facebook and become a fan!

In response to the increasing demand for streaming educational videos to support online courses, the Library has acquired access to Films on Demand, an extensive collection of videos and video segments. Guidestar, another new resource, provides in-depth information on 1.8 million public charities and private foundations. Through Guidestar, you can explore the volunteer opportunities and summer internships offered by these organizations. Oxford Handbooks Online contains the full text of 70 Oxford handbooks on business & management, philosophy, political science, and religion. They include background information as well as historical synthesis and reference lists. You can find these great resources by clicking “Find Databases & Articles” on the Library’s home page.

Finally, look for our “name the coffee cart” contest, coming soon to the Library’s home page. Help us name the coffee cart that will come to the Library this Spring Term! How about “Procrastination Station”?

Tom Raffensperger,
Assistant University Librarian for Public Services
Wear your Portland State Green Proudly!

Portland State green symbolizes our commitment to sustainability and to nurture creativity and new knowledge. Your personal, academic, and professional successes are the Library’s primary concerns. Our purpose is to facilitate the achievement of your goals by enhancing Library services, collections, and space to make your work easier.

WorldCat now gives you access first to materials available at Portland State, then at the 36 academic libraries in the Orbis Cascade Alliance whose collections are shared through Summit, then through interlibrary loan at over 172,000 libraries world-wide.

We know you want more materials available any time of the day and any day of the week at your home and work computers. Increasingly, we are cancelling print subscriptions to journals that we can obtain responsibly instead, online, full-text. Some of the new titles are described in this newsletter. Others are described on the Library blog. Access these resources by using your Odin account. Be sure to OAM yourself at myPSU, so that you can customize a portal with the tools most useful to your life at Portland State, including those at the Library.

The Practice Presentation Room, Family Friendly Room, and study rooms are in constant use. We know you need more space. Plans are underway to build a technology rich, student-centered space on the first floor of the Millar Library.

Before the end of Spring Term, a coffee cart with a variety of beverages and food will open on the first floor. You no longer will have to interrupt your research to leave the Library for an energy boost!

Helen H. Spalding, MA, MPA
University Librarian / Professor

Every year in April college campuses across the nation celebrate National Student Employment Week. The Portland State Library relies on over 60 student employees to keep things running smoothly. Our student employees shelve books in the stacks, assist you at the Circulation Desk and process hundreds of interlibrary loan requests each day.

This year, the student supervisors at the Library nominated eight students for Student Employee of the Year. Portland State will celebrate with a Hat’s Off Ceremony to be held from 3 – 4pm in Smith Center on April 14th. At the ceremony, the award for Student of the Year will be announced, along with four honorable mentions.

Congratulations to
Denise Austin
Andrew Brown
Daniel Chabon
Callie Jeager
Carrie Johnston
Sudin Maharjan
Srinivas Vanku
Keith Wilson

Giving to the Library
**Web site-ings: Sustainability**

**ReDirect Guide**
[www.redirecguide.com/portland_vancouver](http://www.redirecguide.com/portland_vancouver)

The *ReDirect Guide* is an annual guide that promotes businesses in the Portland/Vancouver area that are environmentally and socially responsible and makes it “easy for consumers to find healthy and sustainable products and services.” The print version of the guide is available in many locales around town and the website is continuously updated with “new listings, events, and information.” The site includes an Events page of green-themed gatherings and the products and services are searchable by category and keyword.

**Inhabitat: Design will save the world**
[www.inhabitat.com](http://www.inhabitat.com)

This site covers innovative and sustainable design in architecture, technology, transportation and fashion. An architecture example from earlier this month: [green roofed apartment building in Amsterdam](http://www.inhabitat.com). If you want to stay ahead of the curve on “practices and materials that are pushing architecture and home design towards a smarter…future,” check out Inhabitat.com.

**Portland Development Commission**
[www.pdc.us](http://www.pdc.us)

A focus on urban renewal – “the Portland Development Commission’s Vision is to be a catalyst for positive change in the creation of a world-class 21st Century city; a city in which economic prosperity, quality housing and employment opportunities are available to all…PDC uses urban renewal as a tool to focus public attention and resources in blighted or underused areas to stimulate private investment and improve neighborhood livability.” The success of PDC is “the result of neighbors, business leaders and city government working together to create positive changes in our community.” Documents available on the PDC site include: A Brief History of Urban Renewal in Portland, Oregon (30 pages, 2,234 kb), Facts about PDC Agency brochure (8 pages, 885 kb) and a Map of All Urban Renewal Areas (1 page, 1,218 kb).

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**Sustainable adj. 2.** Able to be sustained for an indefinite period without damaging the environment, or without depleting a resource.
Due Dates at the Millar Library

It’s spring, and no one wants to think about schedules and time, other than “It’s time to plant the garden!” However, time marches on, there are more mundane things to keep track of—like due dates!

You normally have three weeks, plus three 3-week renewals, which is usually enough time to complete a project. There are several ways to make sure that you meet the due date: take the checkout receipt and write the date on your calendar; or wait for an automatic courtesy notice via email, three days before the item is due. You can also go to “My Library Accounts” on the Library homepage to renew your items, or stop by the Circulation Desk with your Portland State ID.

There are a few important caveats as you plan your research and renewal schedule. High demand items (such as course reserves, study rooms, and DVDs) have shorter check-out periods, and most cannot be renewed until other patrons have had a chance to use them. Summit items can be recalled; thus not renewed. Both Summit and interlibrary loan (ILL) items can be tracked via My Library Accounts, and if the loaning library permits it, you can renew your ILL checkouts online or at the Circulation Desk.

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

Events & Exhibits

Metropolis of the Arts: 20th Century Art Journals from Paris: A Special Collections Exhibit - March 29 – June 6, 2010
1st Floor, New Books & Exhibits Area, Branford P. Millar Library

Love Makes a Family Exhibit: A Gay Pride Week Exhibit
April 24 – June 6, 2010, 1st Floor, Branford P. Millar Library

Spotlight on Portland State Faculty Author:
Lisa Weasel, Ph.D.
Food Fray: Inside the Controversy over Genetically Modified Foods
4 pm, Thursday, April 29, 2010
Room 170, Branford P. Millar Library

Admission is free and all events & exhibits are open to the public. Events & exhibits are in partnership with the Portland State Bookstore.
New Resources at the Portland State Library this Spring!

The Library added new electronic journals, databases, and electronic books. SimplyMap, Academic Search Premier, Sage Premier, SportDiscus, and Journal Citation Reports have been reinstated to the collection and the following new titles include:

- **INSPEC**: a bibliographic database that provides abstracts and indexing to international scientific and technical papers in physics, electrical engineering, electronics, and computing & control engineering. It contains a backfile of nearly 874,000 records dating from the late 1800s to 1968 and includes conference proceedings, books, journals, dissertations and reports.

- **Annual Reviews Online Science titles for 2010**: includes 37 titles ranging in subjects from anthropology to fluid mechanics, biology to political science, genomics to psychology, and also, a couple of entirely new series, *Annual Review of Food Science and Technology* and *Annual Review of Marine Science*.

- **Oxford Handbooks Online**: titles in business & management, political science, philosophy, and religion. Each handbook takes an aspect of its discipline and explains the key issues, the classic and contemporary debates on those issues, and sets the agenda for how those debates might develop in the future.

- **GuideStar**: the leading resource on non-profit organizations in the world.

These are just a few of the new resources coming to the Portland State Library. Watch the Library’s [What’s New blog](#), for announcements about new acquisitions. As always, feel free to contact your [subject specialist librarian](#) for questions about your research.
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