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New Portland State University Library Web site!

Welcome Back Students and Faculty!

Welcome back from summer jobs, classes, research, and sabbaticals. There have been some big changes at the [Library](#) over the past few months: the new library Web site, a new café on the first floor, better wireless/laptop services, new resources, and many improvements to our building to make the Library a more pleasant and comfortable place.

The library's **new easier-to-use Web site** is based on student and faculty input such as survey data, usability testing along with comments and suggestions. So far feedback has been very positive. Thanks to everyone for your input! We also have a **Facebook page** for those who want to keep up on library events and changes. Distance students and faculty will notice improved tutorials, online help, and resources like *Films on Demand*, our new source for streaming educational films.

Branford's Bean is the library's new café, located on the first floor. It is operated by Aramark and proudly serves coffee from Stumptown Coffee Roasters, Marsee Bakery fresh pastries, Numi teas, beverages, sandwiches, and other snacks. The *Bean* has a frequent customer card - buy ten drinks and get one free!

Sometimes, it's the little things that count, and students asked for **more power outlets and wireless printing for laptops**. This summer the Library installed 40 outlets and opened access to wireless printing. You can find instructions for connecting at the second-floor Reference Desk or on the [Web site](#).

Welcome back, and stop by the Library to see what's new!

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The Chronicle of Higher Education recently sent a letter to subscribers about exciting features and services that have been added to its Web site. First, it has expanded its coverage to include universities and colleges outside the U.S. Also, there is a free *Global Edition* weekly newsletter that you can sign up for as long as you have your free account/profile set up.

PSU-authorized users have full text access through the Library. If you sign up for the newsletter and other services and want to receive items automatically, you can set your account so that you are signed on all the time. Just check the box that says "keep me logged in." It will keep you logged in for one year.

If you were wondering whether *The Chronicle* has an application for smart phones, you're in luck because you can get the mobile version at [The Chronicle](#).



Adriene Lim
Interim University
Librarian

Meet the Interim University Librarian

When Professor Helen Spalding retired on September 15, 2010, Adriene Lim was appointed to serve as the Interim University Librarian at the Portland State Library. Adriene has been serving as the Associate University Librarian at the Library, where she has provided leadership as a member of the Library's senior administrative team. Adriene's responsibilities included resource services, library technologies, and digital initiatives as well as collaborating with many campus partners to improve services for students, faculty, and staff. Prior to joining Portland State in 2005, she served as the Digital Library Services Team Leader at Wayne State University in Detroit for nine years. She provided Integrated Library System (ILS) migration services, technology support, and training for 23 public and academic libraries in her previous positions as the Systems Librarian and the Head of Database Management for the Detroit Area Library Network (DALNET).

Adriene is currently working on her dissertation as a Ph.D. candidate at Simmons College in Boston. In 2007 the Managerial Leadership in the Information Professions program at Simmons awarded Adriene a full scholarship. She holds a Master's degree in Library and Information Science and a Bachelor's degree in Fine Arts, both *summa cum laude*, from Wayne State University. Adriene's contributions to Library and Information Science scholarship and research are extensive including articles, presentations, and lectures on technology, diversity issues, and other topics at the national, state, and local levels. She is an active member of the Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL) and the Library and Information Technology Association (LITA). Recently elected for a three-year term, Adriene currently serves on the American Library Association Council and LITA Executive Board. In addition to winning several community and collaboration awards throughout her career, Adriene received the Loleta D. Fyan Award for creative library service from the Michigan Library Association in 2004, the 2007 Butler Award for exceptional service to students at Portland State, and a scholarship to participate in the Frye Leadership Institute in 2008.

During her leisure time Adriene enjoys relaxing with her life partner of 14 years, creating art, reading, watching films, and imagining the joy she would have if she had the time to own another yellow Labrador retriever.

Distance Learning Students

Distance Learning Librarian Amy Hofer

Amy Hofer, Distance Learning Librarian at the Portland State Library, holds a brand-new position created to support Portland State University's growing population of distance students. Amy is a recent transplant from California and for the past two years worked in the library of Golden Gate University, a business school in San Francisco. Below you will find information about a few of the new services for distance learning students. If you have any questions or comments, you can email Amy at ahofer@pdx.edu.

New Library Research Tutorial



Thanks to the work of many librarians and library staff, we have a great new tutorial available that covers essential research skills, such as how to get started with a research topic, finding books and articles, and much more.

You can find the tutorial by clicking on "Research Help" in the main navigation bar of [the new Portland State Library Web site](#), and then selecting [Library Research Tutorial](#). Use the gray buttons on the left to choose a topic, and the "next" arrows on the right to view the sub-pages for each topic. Please use the ["suggestions" link](#) at the top of the page to let us know what you think about the new tutorial!

Basic Library Skills (LIB199): 2-Credit Online Course

Basic Library Skills is a 2-credit class that promotes information literacy. At the end of the quarter, you will be an effective user of the Portland State Library and have an understanding of issues and tools relating to information use in a digital environment. You will be familiar with library resources available to you, such as the online catalog and databases, as well as be able to find, evaluate, and ethically use information.

This course is taught entirely online [using Desire2Learn](#), the new software that will replace Blackboard this spring. Please consider joining us as we pilot Desire2Learn for the University and online courses for the Portland State Library!

On the 4th Floor of the Library, there are **posters** from state and federal resources for you to check out at circulation!

Use them for presentations!

– [Government Information](#)



Portland State Library goes *paperless* for library notices!

The Portland State Library has been sending notices by e-mail to PSU students, faculty, and staff for years, but it has also sent paper notices through regular mail when no e-mail address was provided by users.

Now that the University is using the Odin Account Management system (OAM at <http://oam.pdx.edu/>), the Library can rely on the University's e-mail system to send most notices and to reduce paper use and postage costs.

To learn more about the change on October 4, 2010, and how it will affect you, please see our [e-mail notices fact sheet](#). It includes information about how to forward your *pdx.edu* e-mail to a personal e-mail account.

Fall Event and Exhibit

Portland State Library Special Collections presents

The Making of the Student Documentary, *The Seventh Day*, Exhibit

September 27, 2010 through December 10, 2010
Branford P. Millar Library, 1st floor Exhibit Area

Spotlight on Portland State Faculty Authors:

John R. Cooper, Professor Emeritus
Wit's Voices: Intonation in Seventeenth-Century English Poetry

Thursday, October 28, 2010, 4 p.m.
Smith Memorial Student Union, Browsing Lounge, 2nd floor



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