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West Libris

Newsletter of Perkins Library and the Science and Engineering Libraries

Perkins Hours

Fall Semester 2004
<http://library.duke.edu/about/hours>
Monday–Thursday 8am–2am
Friday 8am–midnight
Saturday 9am–midnight
Sunday 10am–2am

Ask a Librarian

<http://library.duke.edu/services/ask>
Perkins Reference Desk: 660-5880
Email: askref@duke.edu
AIM buddy name: DukeRef

Perkins Contacts

Circulation Desk: 660-5870, perkins-requests@duke.edu
Interlibrary Loan: 660-5890, illrequests@duke.edu
Reserves: 660-5885

The Libraries of Duke University

Biological and Environmental Sciences Library
660-5970; biofor@acpub.duke.edu
Chemistry Library
660-1578; chemlib@chem.duke.edu
Divinity School Library
660-3450; divlib@duke.edu
Ford Library at the Fuqua School of Business
Reference: 660-3795; Circulation: 660-7875
Law School Library
Reference: 613-7121; ref@law.duke.edu
Lilly Library
660-5995; lilly-requests@duke.edu
Marine Laboratory Library
(252) 504-7501
Medical Center Library
660-1100; mclref@mc.duke.edu
Music Library
660-5950; music-requests@duke.edu
Perkins Library
660-5870; askref@duke.edu
Rare Book, Manuscript, and
Special Collections Library
660-5822; special-collections@duke.edu
University Archives
684-5637; uarchives@notes.duke.edu
Vesic Library for Engineering, Math and Physics
660-5368; vesic-requests@duke.edu

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Save Time: Instant Message a Librarian

Now, you can get research help from a Duke librarian with AOL Instant Messenger and **DukeRef**, your new IM buddy name. For more information, or to download AIM Express (Web client), visit <http://library.duke.edu/ask>. You can also call us at 660-5880, send a message to askref@duke.edu, or stop by the reference desk of any of the Duke libraries to get help in person. IM hours are Sunday, 6–12pm; Monday–Thursday, 1–12pm; Friday, 1–5pm.

Another Timesaver: Use the Citation Linker to Find Articles

If you have a full or partial citation for a journal article, Citation Linker is a shortcut to finding out whether or not Duke has the full text of the article available online. Follow the link off the library homepage under the green “Research” box, or go directly to http://sfx.lib.duke.edu:9003/citation/sfx_local. Enter as much as you know of the key information, which includes the journal title, year, article title, and author. The Get it @ Duke button will display links to full text if they are available.

Featured Data Service: *Historical County and City Data Book*

Ever wondered how many people lived in Durham in the 1940s? Need banking statistics from Florida in the 1960s? Are you curious about average January temperature in Boston in the 1950s? Perkins Data Services has recently completed work on a new digital collection of historical statistics for cities, counties and states across the United States. Using the electronic files produced by the Census Bureau, the *Historical County and City Data Book* <http://docs.lib.duke.edu/data/ccdb/index.htm> provides online access to a wide range of statistics for cities, counties and states from the 1930s to the mid-1970s. For more information contact Joel Herndon at joel.herndon@duke.edu.

Featured Reference Work: *Oxford Dictionary of National Biography*

Described by the *New York Times* as the “publishing event of the year — maybe of the decade,” the 60-volume *Oxford Dictionary of National Biography* now graces the shelves of Perkins Reference (Ref. 920.041 O98, 2004). In it are biographies of nearly 55,000 non-living people who are considered important to British history — including many women and people from overseas territories. Each essay (several by Duke faculty) includes sources and a bibliography. This amazing resource is also available online to Duke users at <http://www.oxforddnb.com/search/>. The online version is keyword-searchable in full text, and includes special theme lists (Musical Chart Toppers, Nobel Prize Winners).

Read for Pleasure Again

Miss reading for fun? Meet with other students—undergraduate, graduate and professional—for an informal discussion of *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time* by Mark Haddon at 5:00 pm on Sunday, 14 November, in the Rare Book Room at Perkins Library. This student book club is sponsored by the Duke University Libraries and the Friends of the Duke University Libraries. Contact Ilene Nelson (ilene.nelson@duke.edu) for more information.

Recently Asked of the Answer Person

Where did the sculpture go?

There used to be a little garden with a large sculpture (a rusty metal knot) in the courtyard where all the construction is going on now as you enter Perkins. What happened to the sculpture after it was removed? And what's going up in that space now? — via the Internet, 09/14/2004 16:30:56

Answer person responds:

The sculpture is out behind the Old Chem building, but that's not its final location and AP doesn't know its final disposition (I don't think they've decided). The structure being built in the former courtyard is called "The Pavilion." It will be a fancy coffee shop...sort of a modernized luxury version of The Perk ...

For more questions and answers, funny or serious, check out the Book of Answers in Perkins Lobby, or see online questions and answers — including historical archives— at <http://www.lib.duke.edu/suggest/>.

Access and Delivery Services: Help me get the book I need!

What's in the name "Access and Delivery Services?" People who want to make sure that you get what you need when you come to Perkins Library. Whether it's a book we own that you couldn't find in the stacks, or a book or journal article we don't own, Access and Delivery Services will go all out to fill your research needs.

If you go to the shelf and don't find a book that is supposed to be there, please ask for assistance at the circulation desk on the first floor. We'll try to track down the item for you, even accompanying you to the stacks. If the item can't be found on the shelf, request a formal search at the desk or use the Web form at <http://www.lib.duke.edu/access/search.htm>.

Asking us to do a search helps the library as well as you — we track down mis-shelved books and can make arrangements to order new copies of books that can't be found and are declared missing. If we find the book, we'll hold it and email you. If we can't find it within 24 hours, we will request another copy for you through Interlibrary Loan.

If you can't find a book you need in the online catalog, or we don't subscribe to the journal you want an article from, the Interlibrary Loan office will come to your rescue. They request copies of materials Duke does not own from other libraries. The service is free, and items can take only a few days to arrive. Find details at <http://www.lib.duke.edu/ill/index.html>.

When an item is listed as "checked out" in the catalog, you can ask that it be held for you: click on the "Request" link in the catalog record and follow the directions. If the book has already been checked out for more than two weeks, the person who has the item will be notified that it must be returned within 7 days. When it is returned, you will be notified that the book is being held at the circulation desk for you.

That's Access and Delivery Services—working for you.

Meet Your Librarian

Kristina Troost: Librarian for Japan and Head of the International and Area Studies Department, Perkins Library

Q: How did you become interested in Japan?

A: I had studied European history and French through high school so when I got to college, I thought I should study a different part of the world. I began studying Chinese and Japanese history, and because my college had a study abroad program in Japan, I took the opportunity to go. I lived there for six months and loved everything about it. The culture shock coming home from Japan was much worse than going. At that point, I knew that I wanted to make Japan part of my life.

Q: What do you like most about being a librarian?

A: After doing two half-time jobs, teaching history and working in the library, I came to realize that I could have more impact in the field of Japanese Studies as a librarian. I have always liked that as a librarian, each day builds on the one before. It is not like teaching a course, where in three months you must start over again from scratch. I've been able to contribute to making Japanese Studies resources more readily available both locally and nationally, and this gives me a great sense of accomplishment.

Did You Know?

Perkins has both a public-use scanner and a color printer. Both are located on the first floor of Perkins. You can scan documents in color or black and white (up to 8 1/2"x14") and store the scans on your server space or email them to yourself. Using the color printer, you can print color documents you have scanned, emailed to yourself, or downloaded from the Web. The color printer works like an e-print machine but costs 50 cents a page on Duke flex. Ask for help at the Reference Desk.