



West Libris

Newsletter of Perkins Library and the Science and Engineering Libraries

Perkins Hours

Spring Semester 2005
<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; mceref@mc.duke.edu
Music Library
660-5950
Perkins Library
660-5870; library.duke.edu
Rare Book, Manuscript, and Special Collections
Library
660-5822; special-collections@duke.edu
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Vesic Library for Engineering, Math and Physics
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questions, or suggestions.

Deborah Jakubs is Duke's New University Librarian

On 21 December, President Richard Brodhead and Provost Peter Lange announced that Deborah Jakubs had been selected to become the Rita DiGiallonardo Holloway University Librarian and vice provost for library affairs. Jakubs, a scholar of Latin American history and culture as well as a librarian, has been at Duke since 1983. Learn more about her appointment at http://www.dukenews.duke.edu/news/jakubs_1204.html and see her interviewed in the “Meet Your Librarian” feature on the back of this page.

Library of Congress Call Numbers Come to Perkins

Starting this semester, new books arriving at Perkins will be classified according to the system developed by the Library of Congress. This is part of a planned changeover of all books in Perkins system libraries and the Divinity School Library from Dewey Decimal to Library of Congress call numbers, bringing Duke in line with major research libraries nationwide. Library of Congress (“LC”) call numbers start with letters of the alphabet. Many library users find it easier to locate books shelved under this system. In Perkins, new LC books will be shelved in Level C during the spring semester—older books still labeled in the Dewey Decimal system have not moved. More information on the change is at: <http://www.lib.duke.edu/lc/faq.html>. If you have any trouble finding materials in the library, ask at the circulation or reference desks.

Articles and Databases Interface Upgraded

The software that powers the library’s Articles and Databases page (<http://metasearch.library.duke.edu>) has been improved. The new pages are easier and more intuitive to navigate, better looking, and keep all the customizable features of the old versions. For tips on using the new interface, go to <http://library.duke.edu/research/help/databases/>. And remember that if you have the citation (author, article title, journal title, and year) of a specific article you’re looking for, the Citation Linker, http://sfx.lib.duke.edu:9003/citation/sfx_local, is the quickest way to find out if it is available electronically at Duke.

New Electronic Resource: British and Irish Women’s Letters and Diaries

This full-text online database brings you the personal experiences of more than 1,000 women. The database includes approximately 100,000 pages of letters and diaries from women writing from the 16th to the 19th centuries. Useful whether you study history, sociology, or literature, this new resource provides a detailed record of what British and Irish women wore, the conditions under which they worked, what they ate, what they read, and how they amused themselves.

Recently Asked of the Answer Person

Breakfast

I am having trouble with breakfast, as the prospect of cereal, toast, a bagel, eggs, fruit, yogurt, etc. do nothing to make me want to get out of bed. Do you have any fresh ideas? Is there any other country I should look to for great breakfast ideas?—via the Internet, 12/02/2004 08:37:15

Answer person responds:

... Breakfast is the best meal! Warmth is good, so oatmeal is nice. If you eat fish, smoked herring is good. Try a bigger variety of fruit (papaya, etc.). If you really don't like traditional breakfast foods, have a bowl of soup or a taco. ...

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/>.

Interlibrary Loan: Plan Ahead And Get It In Time!

Many students are deep into research projects—some of them year-long—in the spring semester. If you are looking for books that are not available at Duke, or articles from journals Duke doesn't subscribe to, Interlibrary Loan is the place to go.

You can request books or articles by logging directly into the ILL system and filling out a Web form at <https://illiad.lib.duke.edu/illiad/logon.asp>. You can also get to this page through the Get It @ Duke function when you are searching for articles. If you are using the ILL system for the first time, you will need to create an account by clicking the link "First Time Users, Please Register." We suggest you change your login from the default (a long number) to a user name and password you will be able to remember easily.

Interlibrary Loan service is free to Duke community members. Books can generally be kept for four weeks and renewed twice. Journal articles may be delivered as photocopies or as pdf files (the library that sends the item decides on the format—we can't promise you electronic versions!). These can generally be kept permanently.

The time it takes for an item ordered through Interlibrary Loan to arrive can vary considerably, so it is always best to plan ahead. Some items, especially those coming from local libraries, may arrive in as few as two days, and most items come in less than a week. Other items may take longer—note that Duke staffers do not have control over some aspects of the request process, such as delays in the postal system. So start early and get your requests in well in advance of your deadline! For help or questions at any point in the process, feel free to contact the ILL office via <http://www.lib.duke.edu/ill/index.html>

Meet Your Librarian

Deborah Jakubs: Rita DiGiallonardo Holloway

University Librarian and Vice Provost for Library Affairs

Q: What are your priorities as you assume the leadership of the Duke University libraries?

A: My main practical priority is to ensure that the Perkins Project—construction of the Bostock Library and renovation of Perkins—will not disrupt our services, even temporarily. The move to the Bostock Library, and the opening of that facility for use by students and faculty, will require all our best efforts to make sure that relocating our main service point does not disrupt our public service operations. Although this might be seen as a hassle, the vision of the completed Bostock (it looks great from the outside, doesn't it?) and of a Perkins Library that offers services and spaces that reflect and respond to the needs of students keeps me focused on the final product. Nothing can interfere with our commitment to providing the highest quality service to our Duke community.

I am also very committed to the role of the library as a partner with other units on campus, e.g., the Focus Program, in which many of our librarians participate in collaboration with faculty, or the Office of Information Technology (OIT), which is working with us to develop the new Information Commons for our renovated and expanded library. The library does not work in a vacuum; we must work with students, faculty, deans, departments and programs to be sure that we are realizing our fundamental mission: to provide access to the resources that students and faculty need to learn, teach, and conduct research.

Q: Students are now very connected to the Internet and technological resources for their research needs. What role do libraries play in the modern college experience?

A: I can speculate, and speak from my own experience (as the former Latin American and Iberian subject specialist, I worked closely with a wide array of students), but I would love to hear from students themselves (deborah.jakubs@duke.edu) on how the libraries are meeting their needs—or not; and what we can do to improve. It is tempting for people to speculate that "now that everything (!?) is online, no one needs to visit the library"—but they should visit Perkins and our branch libraries and see that people are coming here more than ever, AND they are checking out more actual books than ever before. It has become easier to locate information, and to know what resources are available within the library—which is, in turn, stimulating more visits to the building.

Q: Is there anything you'd like to share about yourself, to introduce yourself to the community?

A: In terms of getting to know me, it might interest people that I 1) play squash; 2) do research on the social history of tango; and 3) with my husband, organize house concerts featuring singer-songwriters at our house in Duke Forest. I am a native of California, but now consider North Carolina to be home (we have lived here since 1983).