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## Wardman Library Update to Faculty, Summer 2019

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## Wardman Library – Update

### Summer hours/access

Wardman Library will revert to summer hours on Monday, May 20<sup>th</sup>. The Library will be open 10a to 2p on Mondays through Fridays. However, faculty and MMUF students may access the Library outside of those hours through the service entrance. MMUF students will need to sign in and out when they visit the Library. The Library will be closed to all on Saturdays and Sundays.

### Faculty Alcove refresh

Based on the Library faculty survey results and anecdotal observations, we will be refreshing the Faculty Alcove by changing the layout. There will be minimal impact on access to computer workstations in this area over the summer. We hope to make this space available for some library-based workshops beginning in the fall semester.

### Streaming video update

Our DVD and streaming video options have proven to be quite popular over the past academic year. We learned a lot by offering the streaming video service *Kanopy* as well as a trial of *Films on Demand* (also a streaming service). Based on the usage and feedback, we have made collection decisions on what we can offer our students, faculty, and staff. I have created a [film/video resource guide](#) that explains the options available to Whittier College. This also includes a list of open access resources that might be useful.

### New databases

During this academic year, we have been working hard to analyze our coverage of content and listen to your thoughts and needs. Offering the *Chronicle of Higher Education* is one such example of hearing feedback and collaborating with the Associate Dean of Faculty Development (Jake). As a result, here are new databases we will be offering:

- *Films on Demand - Social Science and Humanities Collection* (expected to start in July)
- *ArtStor* (expected to start in July)
- *Social Work Online* (expected to start in July)
- *HeinOnline Academic Package* (trial to start in July) – The current HeinOnline package is a law school focused database. The new academic package is geared more towards the undergraduate environment.
- *Black Studies Center* (trial to start in September)
- *Digitalia* (trial to start in August)

Thanks to Joe for his continued work with vendors and getting these subscriptions or trials set up. I know there are other resources of interest and we will continue to work on other resources. If you have a question or request, please feel free to contact Joe ([jdhowski@whittier.edu](mailto:jdhowski@whittier.edu)) or me.

## **Printing allowance**

The Library estimates that 95% of all student printing occurs with the 5 library printers. As you may know, students get a printing subsidy from the Library. Beginning in the fall, we have decided to reduce the allowance from \$75 to \$50 per semester. The reduction in the printing allowance will have a two-fold effect. It will provide a savings to the Library to do other things for students and have a positive environmental impact by encouraging responsible printing. According to PaperCut (the software platform that administers the network printing), the amount of printing in the Library per semester is equal to 34 trees and produces 3,500 kg of CO<sub>2</sub>.

How will this affect students? Based on past printing data, only 13% of students who used our printing services exceeded \$50 per semester. We believe by starting early and communicating this change to students, there will be a reduction in students who exceed their printing allowance. If a student needs to print beyond their \$50 allowance, they can but will be charged for that extra printing.

\$50 of printing is equal to:

- 500 black & white sheets (single-sided) or
- 1,000 black & white sheets (double-sided) or
- 200 color sheets (single-sided) or
- 250 color sheets (double-sided)

## **New workshops for the fall/spring + one-credit library course**

Starting this fall, the Library will be more proactive in offering workshops or instructional sessions around research topics. These will address topics like a basic introduction to the library, research using databases, and citations. However, based on survey data, we will develop more specialized or advanced library workshops. If there is a workshop topic you are interested in, please contact Azeem ([akhan2@whittier.edu](mailto:akhan2@whittier.edu)) or me. Our goal is to release a schedule of our workshops prior to the fall semester.

As a reminder, there will be two sections of a one-credit 'Intro to Library Research' course offered in the fall semester (INTD 092). Please feel free to recommend the course to students.

## **Special Collections**

Now that we have our Special Collections Librarian, Rhett Ariston, the Library is excited about revamping its Special Collections and Archives. We have a treasure trove of amazing materials that we believe could enhance courses or research. In the fall, we will be planning an open house of the area to showcase the space and collections. In the meantime, if you have a request or question, please contact Rhett ([rariston@whittier.edu](mailto:rariston@whittier.edu)) or me.