

# PENROSE LIBRARY



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## Welcome!

As a new year begins at Whitman, I would like to take this opportunity on the behalf of Penrose Library to welcome you back to Whitman. We strive to provide the best possible service and the most comprehensive access to material that we can. We hope that you will come in and make use of all that we have to offer, including our personalized service, database workshops, special collections, and quiet study space. If at any time you have questions about the library, the staff will be more than happy to help in any way they can. Best of luck with your academic work this year. We look forward to meeting you all soon.

Sincerely,  
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## *Devil's Highway* at the Library

In support of the Summer Read program the Penrose Library has put together a display of materials relating to the book *Devil's Highway* by Luis Alberto Urrea. We have selected books that are related to the themes presented in this book. For more information about the book and the community events planned to surround the Summer Read program, go to <http://www.whitman.edu/content/academics/faculty/summerreading/>

## Library Resource Workshops

Do you know how to get started writing papers for your classes?? Do you wish you knew how to use library resources effectively to make your research easier? If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, a library resource database workshop might be right for you! This semester there will be a series of workshops designed to help you learn how to do your research more effectively and efficiently. Come by and learn, then impress your professors with your research skills!

All workshops will be held at noon on Tuesdays in the Center for Teaching and Learning in the Library. Food will be provided.

**September 18– Modern Language Association (MLA)**

**September 25– Historical Abstracts & America: History and Life**

**October 2– Web of Science**

**October 16– PsycInfo**

**October 23– Sociological Abstracts**

**October 30– Worldwide Political Science Abstracts**

**November 6– NWDA (Northwest Digital Archive) Workshop**

Email Beth at [crockeel@whitman.edu](mailto:crockeel@whitman.edu) with any questions.

## Writing a Thesis?

Get started early! The library offers many services for students working on theses, including Senior Lockers, Thesis Workshops, and One-on-One meetings with Reference Librarians!

Come to a Thesis Workshop to learn the basics about how the library can help. We will discuss Interlibrary Loan and Summit, special Circulation policies, how to find material, how to cite the material you find, etc. Sessions will be held at the following times in the Center for Teaching and Learning in the Library. Food will be provided.

**September 11–Thesis workshop 12pm and 7 pm**

**November 13– Thesis workshop 12pm and 7pm**

Always feel free to make an individual appointment to talk about your thesis with a Reference Librarian.

## News from Circulation

There have been a few changes in the Circulation and Interlibrary Loan departments this summer. Jen Johnson, formerly the Interlibrary Loan Supervisor is now in charge of both departments, as the Access Services Manager. With the new reorganization come a few policy and procedure changes you need to be aware of. A complete list of these changes will be available at the Circulation Desk and will be emailed to all students. Here are a few of the highlights.

- We will no longer honor "do not re-shelve" piles on study tables and carrels without an approval slip.
- All patrons MUST bring photo ID to check out any library materials.
- All patrons MUST return to the Circulation Desk if the sensor alarm goes off. We are trying to adjust the sensitivity of the device and we need to know what materials are triggering the alarms.

## Senior Lockers

If you will be working on a Senior Thesis this year and don't want to have to haul all of your materials to and from the library, you may want to consider requesting a Senior Locker. Come by the Circulation Desk to get a Locker Request Form, fill out the information about the thesis and due date, have it signed by your thesis advisor, and you will be issued a key to one of the lockers in the library. Ask a Circulation Supervisor or [Jen Johnson](#), Access Services Manager, for more information.

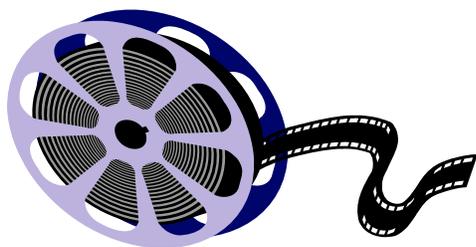
## Cell Phones in the Library

As a new year begins and students are back in the library, remember that we all need to be considerate of those people needing areas for quiet concentration. Noise carries in the library, so be aware of the volume of your conversations and those around you. Please refrain from using cell phones in the library, and set the ringer to silent mode. With a little consideration we can keep the library a quiet study space for those who need it.



## Movies at the Library

As some of you may know the DVDs and VHS tapes available in the library are being reclassified and moved. All videos now have a Library of Congress Call Number, just like all of the books in our collection. This new system will make it easier to browse videos by genre, like you would at a video store. Items that are alike will be near each other. Genre labels are being added to shelves to make browsing even easier. All videos can be found in the [online catalog](#). Videos are now located in the DeMueles room next to the Allen room, on both the second and third floor. Ask a Librarian if you have any questions.



## Changes in the Allen Room

There have been a few changes to the Allen Room this summer. The carpet has been replaced and the furniture is being reupholstered and replaced as well. Glass doors have been installed on the third floor balcony. These should help solve some of the noise issues we have been facing, as sound carries in the library so easily.

In addition to the aesthetic changes there have been some changes to the materials found within. A selection of current popular periodicals is on display in the Allen Room, organized by genre, which are labeled on the shelves. If you are looking for specific journals please be sure to check the catalog. All other current print subscriptions can be found in the open stacks on the first floor.

## New Electronic Resources

Over the summer we have added a few new Electronic Resources to our collection. Take a few minutes to check them out, we hope they will be helpful as you work on your research.

**American Broadsides & Ephemera:** A great source for Primary Sources for American History. Broadsides printed between 1820 and 1900 and ephemera printed between 1760 and 1900.

**Encyclopedia Judaica:** Provides an exhaustive and organized overview of Jewish life and knowledge from the Second Temple period to the contemporary State of Israel, from Rabbinic to modern Yiddish literature, from Kabbalah to "Americana" and from Zionism to the contribution of Jews to world cultures.

**New JSTOR Content:** Arts & Sciences V will include a number of important literary reviews and state historical journals. It will also widen the scope of core disciplines in the arts and humanities, such as philosophy, history, classics, religion, art and art history, and language and literature.

**Web of Science Backfile:** Web of Science, a key resource for finding materials in over 150 scientific disciplines, has added 30 years of material, making searching for article back to 1955 possible.

## Welcome to Julie Carter

Beginning October 1<sup>st</sup>, Julie Carter will be joining the Penrose Library Staff as the new Reference & Information Literacy Librarian. She will be moving here from South Carolina where she has been working at Furman University. We look forward to her arrival and the wonderful addition she will make to our staff. Stop by the Reference Desk to say hi!

## From the Archives

### New Exhibition in the Library: From Walla Walla to Beirut



A new exhibition, “From Walla Walla to Beirut: The Story of a College Professor, Intelligence Officer, University President, and Palestinian Advocate,” may be viewed on the lower level of the Penrose Library. Using materials from the Stephen B. L. Penrose, Jr., Papers in the Whitman College and Northwest Archives, this exhibition presents highlights from the life of Whitman alumnus and Professor Stephen B. L. Penrose, Jr. (1908–1954). Penrose, Jr., worked for the highly–secretive Office of Strategic Services during the Second World War, was a widely known advocate for Palestinian rights, and, at the time of his death, was president of the American University of Beirut.

A guide to Stephen B. L. Penrose, Jr., Papers is available from [www.whitman.edu/archives](http://www.whitman.edu/archives). For more information about this exhibition or collection, or about the Whitman College and Northwest Archives, please contact Michael Paulus, Archivist and Special Collections librarian, at [paulusmj@whitman.edu](mailto:paulusmj@whitman.edu).

*The Archives will be open to the public Monday-Friday 10am-12pm and 1pm-4pm.  
Keep your eyes open for a schedule of tours of the Stuart Napoleon Room.*

## Quiet Study Areas

The Library is a great place to meet with friends to study or work on group projects, but please remember that there are people here who want a quiet space to study. The Allen Reading Room is one of these quiet spaces, and any noise from the third floor around the reading room will drift in. Please be aware of this and be respectful of those people looking for a quiet study space. Thank you for your consideration.

## Protect Your Laptop

Bringing a laptop to campus? Try to not leave any belongings unattended, especially valuable items such as a laptop. Laptop security cables are available for purchase in the bookstore, which offer further protection. If you notice any suspicious behavior or if you have information about a theft in the library, please inform a member of the library staff.

*Questions? Comments? Suggestions for upcoming issues? Contact Beth Crockett at [crockeel@whitman.edu](mailto:crockeel@whitman.edu)*