Spring Into the Library

“We are more than our four walls!”

“Science has never drummed up quite as effective a tranquilizing agent as a sunny spring day.” - W. Earl Hall

With great weather comes great responsibility. Sweet sunlight may try to lure you from your studies, but board exams awaken like bears from hibernation to prey upon the weak and research papers never slumber. Resist the temptation to yield to spring fever, senioritis, and other infectious diseases.Luckily, even if you succumb, the Pumerantz Library has the cure: more cowbell science!

This issue of Stacked! has plenty to quicken your pulse and spark your mind, from Googlicious research tips and citation-based time travel to current news, commentary, and book reviews. Come fall in love with our databases, meet our librarians, and leave your opinions.

Scholarly Communications Librarian
Infectious Diseases and Immunizations Exhibit

An ounce of prevention, they say, is worth a pound of cure. Public health can be preserved with simple shots, food safety standards, and knowledge about how diseases are spread.

The current exhibit on display at the Harriet K. & Philip Pumerantz Library of Western University of Health Sciences is providing relevant information on selected infectious diseases with information on prevention and immunizations available. Professor Malika Kachani, DVM, PhD and Alumnus Roxanna Khorzad, DVM 2008 generously loaned posters on zoonotic diseases for display.

We invite you to take a few minutes to come into the Pumerantz Library to view the displays and read through the Measles in the News binder that is updated as new articles come out. Stay in the know!

Upcoming Library Workshops

Single library workshop seeks curious person for knowledge building and educational good time! This could be you! Must love lifelong learning and be committed to research. Upcoming meet-ups in the library can be found here. Faculty can find more workshops on the CAPE Center in Blackboard.

Upcoming Faculty Survey

Happy Spring, WesternU faculty and staff! The Library will be conducting a satisfaction survey the first couple of weeks in March. This will be your opportunity to express your satisfaction with the library resources, staff, and services and let us know what we can improve. You should have received an e-mail with the survey link, or you can take it here.
Research Corner

Science: It Matters

Science has not had the best time of things lately. A recent Pew Research Center survey shows that scientists and the public differ widely on many scientific issues. Perhaps this is not surprising, given news reports about scientific research that can’t be replicated, the FDA hiding evidence of scientific misconduct and fraud, and supposedly peer-reviewed journals greenlighting fake papers with bad science. Even comedian John Oliver points out issues with physicians being swayed by conflicts of interest like pharmaceutical money.

Yet science is so vital to society. It provides a framework for testing knowledge and weighing evidence. This rigorous way of thinking can lead to insight into how the world works, better public policy, better health, and useful innovations. Even seemingly off-the-wall science can have practical applications.

So stand up for science! Experiment constantly, think critically about evidence, and hold peers to high ethical and intellectual standards. Otherwise, we slide closer to the satire world where “I just know” is the standard of evidence we have...and deserve.

Get More Out of Google

Google can be great...but are you using it to its full potential? This infographic gives you some nice pro tips. Need something more scholarly? Try Google Scholar!

Extend Your Search

Did you know you can now extend your Pumerantz Library Discovery Service search into PubMed, UpToDate, DynaMed, and Lexicomp? Just click the icons on the right-hand side of the search results page.

Let’s Do the Time Warp Again!

Have you ever found the perfect article and wanted articles on the same topic, but more recent? Cited reference searches can help you track an article forward and backward in time. Here is how you can do this in Web of Science.

While We’re On the Subject...

Don’t you hate it when you search for articles and the results don’t seem to be about your main topic at all? Maybe it’s time to switch things up with subject headings! Here is a video explaining the difference between subject headings and keywords and another showing how to use each of those in your research. For more detail about using Medical Subject Headings, or MeSH, in PubMed, check out this video.
A Deeper Dive: Research Databases

ScienceDirect

Specialty: Scientific, technical, and medical articles
When to Use: For a broader scientific search
Cool Features: Ability to do an advanced search for journals, e-books, images, and videos

EMBASE™

Specialty: Pharmacological and biomedical literature
When to Use: For a comprehensive and international search on drug-related research
Cool Features: Emtree subject headings, drug/disease filters, and conference abstracts

Cochrane Library

Specialty: Systematic reviews
When to Use: When seeking systematic reviews
Cool Features: Ability to search or browse by topic; MeSH integration; links to other Cochrane sites

PubMed.gov

Specialty: Medicine, nursing, dentistry, veterinary medicine, and general healthcare
When to Use: For a broad healthcare-related search
Cool Features: MeSH subject headings, journal category and article type filters, and clinical queries

WEB OF SCIENCE™

Specialty: Over 150 science and social science disciplines
When to Use: When you need a broader or multidisciplinary search
Cool Features: Cited reference searching, search within results, countries filter, conference proceedings, patents, and datasets

VetMed Resource

Specialty: Veterinary medicine
When to Use: For veterinary research
Cool Features: Animal type filter, geographical filter, journals, conference papers, book chapters, reviews, and Animal Health & Production Compendium, which includes images, drug database, glossary, and more.
Spotlight on: Reference and Outreach

The Reference & Outreach staff are innovative and customer-oriented partners and collaborators in learning, teaching and research in support of the missions and goals of the university and library. We act as liaisons, instructors, and a safe harbor in the stormy information seas. You have questions? We have answers! We’re never more than a call or click away.

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I develop, schedule and coordinate all library workshops and in-class instruction. I develop assessments, rubrics, and exam questions for students for classes we guest lecture in. I enjoy teaching about plagiarism the most, but also teach website evaluation, Evidence-Based practice, searching library databases, and EndNote.

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I’m the person who manages the library’s Facebook page and coordinate the news that comes out of the library. If you are a faculty member, you may have attended our Research Mixer last year, which is one of the events that I have had a hand in. Most importantly, I help the faculty and students with their library needs.

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I assist faculty and students with research and publication questions, copyright and fair use issues, permissions, open access, and more. I enjoy doing literature requests for faculty and helping students learn how to search for information.

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My main focus is to select appropriate resources to purchase for the library. I also help the WesternU community with their research needs, including searching for articles and using EndNote.
Ex Libris: Medical Bookplate Collection

Have you ever opened an old book to find a label pasted in the front with the slightly Harry Potter-esque “Ex Libris” written on it? Have you then wondered “what devilry is this be-written twixt yon pages?” Now you can find out a little more about ex libris during the Harriet K. & Philip Pumerantz Library exhibit “Ex Libris: Medical Bookplates from the Collection of Dr. Bert Davidson.” For a limited time, the library will be displaying a number of medically themed bookplates alongside an electronic exhibit on the library’s digital collections page. Be sure to visit our online collections where you can study the bookplates more closely, check out old yearbooks, read about the history of WesternU in our newspaper clippings collection, or access old course catalogs.

Our digitized collections can be accessed at http://cdm15885.contentdm.oclc.org/cdm/ or through the library website.

Kudos on Accomplishment

Miles Scott, MLIS, WesternU’s Digital Archivist, was selected as a speaker at the Amigos ContentDM Online Conference on February 12, 2015. Miles is a photographer turned archivist who specializes in photography and digitization. Amigos is a member-based organization serving libraries and cultural heritage institutions.
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But so many books!

It’s no secret that WesternU loves science. But we also love humanism, which Nobel Prize winner Linus Pauling described as “a philosophy of joyous service for the greater good of all humanity, of application of new ideas of scientific progress for the benefit of all.” At the Pumerantz Library, we believe humanism means keeping in touch with human culture—and we love it in book form. We provide a leisure reading collection on the first floor of the library for those times when you just need a break. (Donations are welcome!)

What are you reading? Let us know on Facebook!

Historical fiction set in ancient Rome with amazing accuracy. Quo Vadis portrays the degenerate days leading to the fall of the Roman Empire and the glory and the agony of early Christianity. Henryk Sienkiewicz received the Nobel Prize in literature 1905 for this epic saga of love, courage and devotion in Nero’s time.

-Lurlene Moreno

Cancer cells taken from a poor black woman in 1951 launched a medical revolution. Decades later, her children found out. Skloot raises thorny ethical and social issues: Who owns cells extracted from our bodies? Why do those who pay the highest price for the advancement of science often benefit the least? A riveting and thought-provoking read.

-Kelli Hines

What would it be like to visit medieval England? Mortimer explores housing, food, medical treatment and more.

-Kelli Hines

Saturday follows revered neurosurgeon Henry Perowne as his family experiences a random act of violence. Perowne uses his extensive medical knowledge to subdue his attacker by diagnosing the assailant’s illness.

-Cherilyn Otubuah

Several women form a book club during the days of the Iranian Revolution. A moving exploration of a changing culture and a passionate defense of literature.

-Kelli Hines