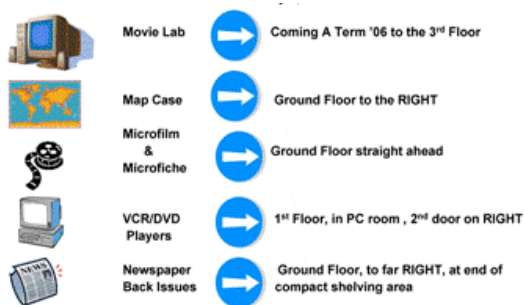


Library Construction Update

The library has improved its service areas by bringing Circulation and Reference, and the groups that staff each, into one area, to achieve a consolidated service point for information. This has allowed us provide varied computing options for interactions and for groups; open up the floor visually; and open up spaces for installation of additional Tech Suites (formerly called IT Labs). For more information, stop by or check the **web site** and for our **construction update**.



You Went Bananas! And We Are Listening

Because of your LibQUAL+ survey responses so far we have... advocated for more Tech Suites (formerly IT Labs) in the library and now have 7 which groups can reserve, have ordered more popular DVDs, **subscribed** to a citation management tool (RefWorks), and have designated "quiet areas" of the library. Stay tuned for more changes based on your desires. For the latest check wpi.edu/+Library/About/Libqual/.



Staff News



Pat Flanagan left WPI in July for a warmer climate, Virginia Commonwealth University, to become Associate University Librarian for Public Services and we are in the process of searching for her replacement.

Kathy Markees will take on preservation responsibilities for the general collection and supervising student employees in that area. Kathy, as Conservation Librarian, will manage all the library's conservation programs which range from our special to general collections. Kathy has an MLS from Simmons College and a diploma in bookbinding from the North Bennett Street School.

Ginny Julian is our new Circulation Assistant. She will assist the Access Services team weekday mornings with Circulation responsibilities including training and supervising student assistants. She will have responsibility for stack maintenance.

Laura Robinson, Interlibrary Loan & Reference Librarian, is now **Laura Hanlan**. **Christine Drew** has been promoted to Manager, Instruction and Outreach. **Rodney Obien** was promoted to University Archivist & Curator of Special Collections.

New Electronic Resources

- **ASM Materials Information:** Search ASM Handbooks Online, the Alloy Center Online, Micrograph Center Online, and Failure Analysis Center Online. ASM stands for American Society for Metals, but is now known as ASM International. 
- **EnviroNetBase** -  Search full text environmental handbooks on such topics on Water Science, Technology, and Engineering, GIS, environmental chemistry, ecology, and earth science.
- **World Development Indicators**
- **Historical Statistics of the United States**
- **Wiley Encyclopedia of Biomedical Engineering**
- **Encyclopedia of Medical Devices and Instrumentation**
- **Medical and Healthcare Marketplace Guide Online**
- **JSTOR additional titles:** Arts & Science Complement & Biological Sciences Collection
- **Humanities International Complete** - full text of hundreds of journals, books and other published sources on various humanities topics.
- **LOCUS SIAM's Online Journal Archive** - electronic full text for every Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics journal article published from inception through 1996.

Connect to new resources under Quick Start ▶ *Electronic Resources* on the library web site: wpi.edu/+library.

Are Your References a Mess? Time to Get Organized with Refworks - a bibliographic database & citation management tool

Check the web site for workshops or go to www.refworks.com/refworks to begin. Off campus? Contact the library for our group code in order to be connected with our WPI RefWorks account. Contact library-questions@wpi.edu to obtain the code.



Anderson Lab—Evening/Weekend Use

Anderson Lab A is now available for use by groups of students on evenings and weekends, when not scheduled. See wpi.edu/+Library/About/andersonalabuse2005.html.

Library RSS Feeds-Real Simple Stuff

Visitors to our web site will notice RSS feeds. Use your RSS reader to pull in the content about upcoming events, new databases, and news. For more information on the power of RSS check out RSS Feeds: Fast and Customized Alerts at wpi.edu/+Library/Help/Self/rss.html.

For Faculty—Proxy Borrowing

Faculty may grant proxy borrowing privileges to a trusted WPI student employee, research assistant, staff member, spouse or domestic partner to check out items from the Gordon Library on their behalf. See wpi.edu/+Library/Faculty/proxy.html for details.

Library Audio to Go—Two Towers The Story of Worcester Tech 1865-1965

WPI faculty, staff, alumni, and students came together to read aloud the text about WPI's founders. The story by Mildred McClary Tymeson was rolled out over the summer months but you can still listen to the archived audio files at wpi.edu/+Library/Borrowing/Podcasts/ or request a CD version by contacting audiotogo@wpi.edu. Check out our other podcasts on tidbits of info wisdom for the MP3 masses.



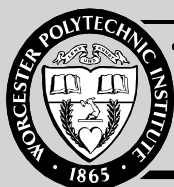
Within Database Searches Connect to Full Text & Other Options

FullTextFinder is new, and replaces our Link Finder Plus open URL link resolver. What does this mean? When you are searching a library database or even Google Scholar (if you have set your scholar preferences to WPI), you'll see this icon and can quickly click to *Check for Full Text at WPI*. This is your gateway to WPI electronic journal holdings and other options available to you to obtain the

full text.

By the Numbers: 2005-2006

- Librarians responded to more than 4400 reference inquiries
- Users love the Tech Suites (formerly called IT Labs), groups used them more than 3500 times
- There were more than 230,000 visitors to the Gordon Library
- More than 35,000 items were checked out
- We have more than 25,000 electronic journals
- Almost 65% of checkouts were to undergraduate students, following by graduate students (almost 16%) and faculty (8%)
- We retrieved almost 700 items from our Founders Storage for users
- The library employees 50+ student employees
- We processed 2626 Interlibrary Loan Requests from 377 libraries across the nation and lent 1742 items to other libraries
- We offered 252 instruction sessions: workshops, IQP research consultations, and course integrated research seminars
- The top 3 circulation of items by Library of Congress classification are: QA, QC and TA.



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