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Information Edge

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New in the Pace University Library for 2009-2010

- ◊ Updated Webpage
- ◊ Collaborative Learning Room in the Birnbaum Library
- ◊ More collaborative work space in the middle of the Mortola Library Reference Stacks

Check Out Our New Library Webpage

The Pace University Library rolled out new library pages in January. The site now matches the Pace University site and uses the Hot Banana content management system. There were some additional changes to the site over Spring break.

As we continue to survey the Pace community, we hope to create a Library website that meets the needs of our students, faculty, and staff as well as provides quick access to those items that are used most often.

The Quick Links area on the top of the page has links to the catalog, databases, reserves, journal title search, and an ask the librarian page. Based on user feedback these are the top areas that are used.

The bar below the quick links has links to About the Library, Find Resources, Library Services, News & Events, and Help. About the Library has links to the different library locations, hours, and staff contact information. Find Resources has links to many of the items under quick links as well as links to other library catalogs, the library's digital collection, how to get a public library card, and links to online reference tools and to the library's Delicious account where librarian selected websites can be searched or

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Pace University Library Collecting Feedback for Strategic Planning

Did you complete the Library Strategic Planning survey sent out in the April 1 Pace Pulse?

The Pace University Library is beginning to work towards creating our next Strategic Plan. We are looking for feedback on what you think the library should be like in the next five years.

Your responses will give us important indicators on how you think the library is doing and what you would like to see more of from us.

New spaces, like the Library Collaborative Learning room in the Birnbaum Library, increased open space for group work in the Mortola Library, and our new library webpage have all been in response to ideas from the Pace community.

If you haven't had a chance to fill out the brief survey, look for the link on the library homepage and let us know what you think we should consider in our planning process.

Thank you!

Check Out Our New Library Webpage (cont.)

browsed.

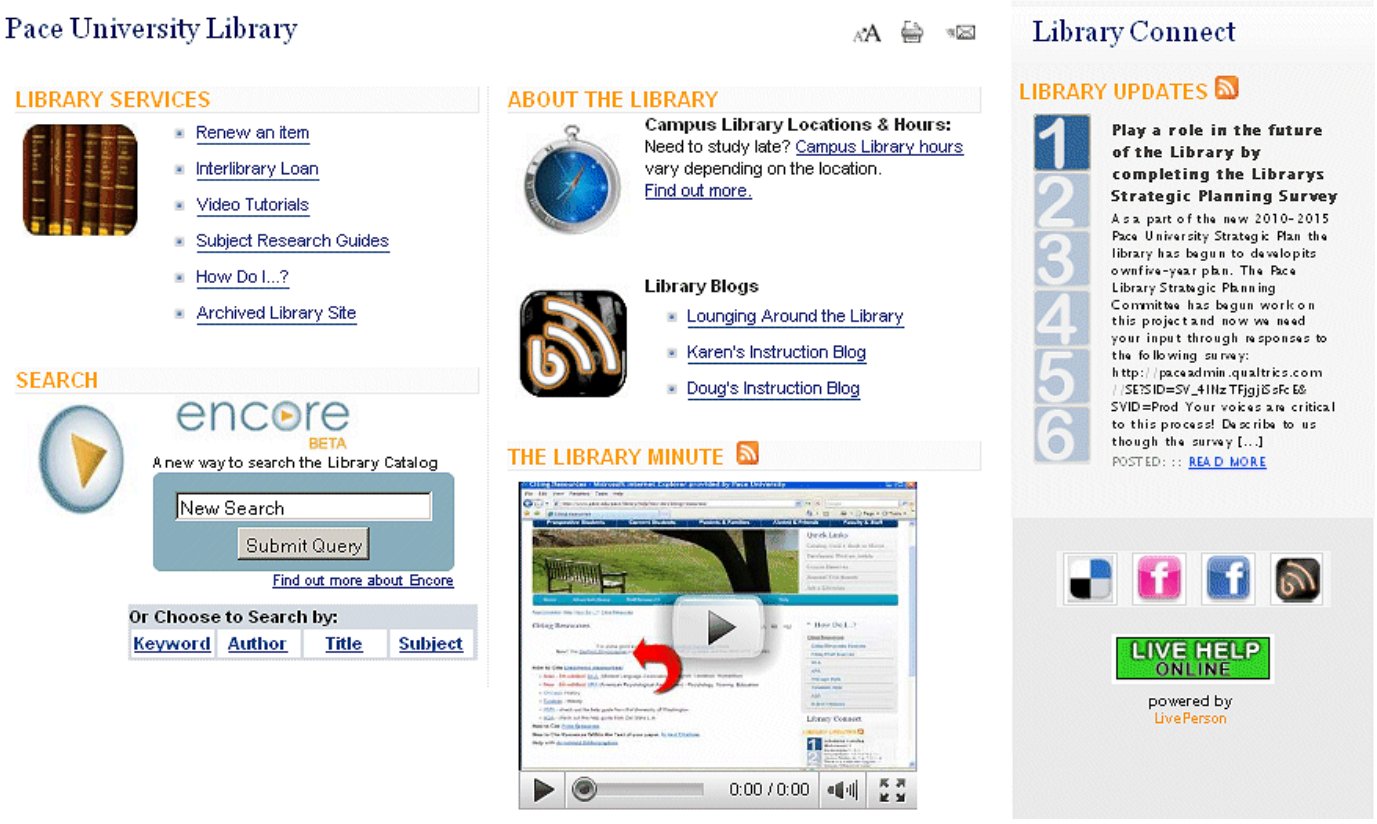
The bottom of the page was also recently updated. The Library Services area is where you can find links to Renew an Item online, request or retrieve Interlibrary Loan items, watch a Video Tutorial, browse the resources in our subject Research Guides, or get answers to Citation style formatting and other questions under "How Do I…?"

The library hours are a click away as is our Lounging Around the Library blog which gives information on what's happening or what's new in the library. These blog entries are also linked in the Library Updates section under the Library Connect area so you can browse recent posts or get RSS feeds when the blog is updated. Some of the instruction librarians have blogs where they post class handouts, PowerPoint presentations, and links for the classes they teach. If you lost that handout from class, these will be the links you can use to print out another copy.

If you scroll a little further down, you will see the link to **encore**: A new way to search the Library Catalog. This search box gives a one stop shopping link to a non-traditional library catalog where you will find a different way of looking at the library holdings. There are tag clouds and quick links that will show you how many of your results are available at each library location, in a specific format, or published during a specific year without the need to refine your original search.

The Library Minute is a new feature this semester. Every few weeks there will be a new short video posted by one of the library staff. We have had brief interviews with authors, highlights of services or resources within the library, and brief instructional videos. Check back often to see new segments.

Finally we have the Live Help where you can chat with a librarian if you have a quick question and links to our Delicious, Facebook, Flickr, and RSS feeds.

Let us know what you think about the new site when you have a chance!

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