



# December Letter from Andersen Library

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## Print vs. Online Journals

In 2008, the Library had subscriptions to 1,250 print journals, magazines, and newspapers. But now we have fewer than 500. Why this change? For starters, the print journals were simply not getting used. Secondly, we could save money by switching to online formats. And since many titles were duplicated in databases that aggregate content from many publishers, the subscriptions could be canceled without losing access to the content.

Though our number of print journals is shrinking, the overall picture is that we have access to more journals than ever before.

Sometimes, however, we find that students are confused about what types of sources are acceptable to use for their research assignments. If students can use only a limited number of online sources (or none at all), they may assume that because a scholarly journal is available online, it counts as an online source.

Reference librarians base their advice to students on what the students tell them about acceptable sources. If students insist on print journal sources, we do our best to help them find something appropriate, but the options can be quite limited.



When discussing your requirements for print vs. online sources with your students, please remember to clarify how the Library's online journal sources fit into those requirements. It may help your students feel more confident when selecting resources for their research papers.

## Library Exam Hours



The Library offers extended hours **starting Thursday, December 15**, so be sure to pass along this tip to your students. The Library opens earlier most days and closes later on weekends until the end of exam period. See the Library web site for specific dates and times: <http://library.uww.edu/hours.html>

## Library Blog

The Andersen Library Blog is a great way to keep up with interesting and entertaining news relating to the campus, library resources, research, and technology.

Recent blog posts include the *Study Like a Scholar, Scholar* video which encourages students to study in the library in a well-produced spoof of an Old Spice TV spot (courtesy of Harold B. Lee library, Brigham Young University). Through the blog, you can learn about the PBS LearningMedia web site and find out why Nicholas Carr has shut down his social media accounts and ditched his smartphone.

The latest blog headlines are fed right onto the Library home page or can be found on the blog's web site:

<http://blogs.uww.edu/library/>



## EndNote Web

**EndNote Web** is a web-based citation management service that comes to us through our **Web of Science** subscription, which is part of the UW System shared electronic collection.

**EndNote Web** can be accessed from the Library's list of databases or from within **Web of Science**.

To get started, you'll need to create an account in **End-Note Web** or **Web of Science**. Then you'll be able to use **EndNote** to import citations from many article databases and library catalogs (like HALCAT), as well as create, manage, and format your own bibliographies.

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