

To: Members of the Divinity School Community  
From: Beth Bidlack, Bibliographer for Religion and Philosophy  
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Re: What's happening in the Library (Fall 2006)

Greetings from the Library! This quarter I'd like to highlight several "new" **electronic resources** which may be of interest to members of the Divinity School community: New Testament Abstracts, Old Testament Abstracts, and the Catholic Periodical Literature Index. These indexes to periodical literature have been around for years in print, but are now available online via the Library.

In case you are not familiar with these indexes, here is a brief description of each. (Descriptions provided by EBSCO at [www.ebscohost.com](http://www.ebscohost.com).) **New Testament Abstracts** (NTA) is the product of a partnership between the American Theological Librarian Association (ATLA) and Weston Jesuit School of Theology. This database is "an indispensable research and bibliographic aid for scholars, librarians, clergy and students of the New Testament and its historical milieu. The database contains more than 38,000 article abstracts, 1,200 review abstracts, 13,500 book abstracts, and 50 software abstracts. Each year an additional 2,100 articles from more than 500 periodicals in numerous languages are selected for inclusion. In addition, approximately 800 current books are also summarized annually." **Old Testament Abstracts** (OTA) is the product of a partnership between ATLA and the Catholic Biblical Association. This database features "indexing and abstracts for journal articles, monographs, multi-author works, and software related to Old Testament studies. Content from over 450 journals is covered. All abstracts are in English, regardless of the language of the original work. Topics covered include antiquities, archaeology, biblical theology, philology and much more." **The Catholic Periodical Literature Index** (CPLI) is the product of a partnership between ATLA and the Catholic Library Association. This database covers "all aspects of the Catholic faith and lifestyle, and includes over 360,000 index citations of articles and reviews published in Roman Catholic periodicals, Papal documents, church promulgations, and books about the Catholic faith that are authored by Catholics and/or produced by Catholic publishers."

You also may have noticed that the interface to **ATLA Religion Database** has changed. Previously, we had access via OCLC's FirstSearch interface. In the current fiscal year, we have access via EbscoHost. While there are pros and cons to any interface, I think providing access to all of the most popular databases in religious studies (ATLA Religion Database, OTA, NTA, CPLI, Academic Search Premier, and Index to Jewish Periodicals) through the same EBSCO interface is more efficient and cost effective. I will talk more about the advantages during an upcoming workshop on October 6.

You can see a list of electronic resources in religious studies, including those mentioned above, by going to the "**Database Finder**" portion of the Library's website: <http://www.lib.uchicago.edu/dbfinder>. Click on the subject browse tab, then scroll and select "religion" under subject. The various electronic resources are then subdivided by genre. You may choose "ALL" to view a list of all resources we subscribe to in the area of religious studies. Once you have a list displayed, you can click on the "info" icon get more information about that particular database. The University is simplifying the way you connect to these resources from

off campus. For more information, see <http://nsit.uchicago.edu/>. If you have problems accessing any electronic resource, please complete an error report form at <http://www1.lib.uchicago.edu/e/db/errorreport.php3> or contact me ([bbidlack@uchicago.edu](mailto:bbidlack@uchicago.edu)).

I would also like to highlight the **religion subject page**: <http://www.lib.uchicago.edu/e/su/rel/> (especially the electronic resources section). I have revised this page in order to help you find the resources you may need. I welcome any feedback

If you'd like to learn more about the Library's electronic resources in religious studies, I will lead a workshop on **Friday, October 6 from 9:00-10:30 AM in Regenstein Library, room 153**. Please RSVP by 3:00 PM Thursday, October 5. If you are unable to attend this session, but would like to learn more about the Library's electronic resources, please let me know so we can schedule a session at your convenience.

In addition, the Library's reference staff will be offering workshops on **RefWorks** and **EndNote**:

**RefWorks** is a bibliographic management tool provided free by the Library to University of Chicago faculty, students and staff. Use RefWorks to manage citations, organize your research, and create bibliographies.

*Introduction to RefWorks*: This workshop will teach you the basic features of RefWorks, including how to create footnotes and bibliographies using Write-n-Cite with MS Word.

- October 11, 2006, 10:00 - 11:00 am, Regenstein Library, Room 153
- October 23, 2006, 1:00 - 2:00 pm, Crerar Library Boardroom
- October 24, 2006, 10:00 - 11:00 am, Regenstein Library, Room 153
- November 10, 2006, 3:00 - 4:00 pm, Regenstein Library, Room 153

*Advanced RefWorks*: Learn about RefWorks' advanced features, including how to better manage your folders and create or edit output styles. In addition, the workshop will discuss RefShare. Questions are welcome.

- October 19, 2006, 3:00 - 4:00 pm, Regenstein Library, Room 153
- November 1, 2006, 10:00 - 11:00 am, Regenstein Library, Room 153

**EndNote** is a bibliographic management database (like Procite, RefWorks, or Reference Manager) that collects, store, and manages bibliographic references or citations: <http://www.lib.uchicago.edu/e/using/bibtools/endnote>. EndNote is a software program available for purchase through the Campus Computing Stores (<http://ccs.uchicago.edu>).

*All About EndNote*: Learn how to use EndNote bibliographic management software.

- October 16, 2006, 2:00 - 3:30 pm, Crerar Library Boardroom
- November 14, 2006, 10:30 - 12:00 pm, Regenstein Library, Room 153

For more information, and to register for these workshops, please visit:

<http://training.uchicago.edu> and click “University Libraries.” For more information on RefWorks or EndNote contact: [bibtools@lib.uchicago.edu](mailto:bibtools@lib.uchicago.edu)

I look forward to meeting you and hearing about your research and teaching interests. If you have any questions or concerns about the Library, please don't hesitate to contact me. Best wishes for the fall quarter!