The Librarians Have Left the Building

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Campus libraries can often seem to be overwhelming to students, and the librarians here at Wesleyan want to clear up any confusion or questions you might have about using our wide variety of resources when you need them for your research projects.

All first year students, sophomores, and transfer students are provided a link in their e-portfolio under "Library Services" to their own MyWesLibrarian. That link provides you with your MyWesLibrarian's name, his or her location, e-mail address, and how to get in touch before or after you arrive on campus. We are always happy to answer any general library questions you might have.

Think of your MyWesLibrarian as your personal "gateway" into the library system at Wesleyan. He or she can help you directly, will be able to direct you to a subject specialist (if appropriate) for research projects, learn how to use the library catalog, how to locate items (books, journals, music, DVDs and much more) in Wesleyan's libraries, or suggest ways of obtaining materials quickly should they not be available through Wesleyan. Take advantage of it.
Meet Your WesLibrarian

Hi, I'm Kendall Hobbs, Reference/Instruction Librarian, and the WesLibrarian for Butterfield C floor 2. If you have any questions about library policies or our vast array of resources and services – and especially if you aren't aware of how many questions there are to have – don't hesitate to ask.

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Understanding "Reserve Readings"  
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What the Heck are Those "Reserve Readings" on My Syllabus??

Students new to university life often discover something called "reserve readings" on one or more of their syllabi in their first semester. What are they and how do you find them?

Reserve readings are required items your instructor has set aside for the entire class to use: a single chapter in a book, an article, or even a DVD. Rather than needing to buy these materials at the bookstore for just a few pages, or rent that DVD, you can get them from the reserve area in the library.

Reserves are available in two forms – Print Reserves (a book or DVD shelved at the Reserve Desk in Olin Library or occasionally in the Art Library) or electronically using Electronic Reserves (or E-Res in Wesleyan lingo).

The library has links to both types in the middle of the library home page (http://www.wesleyan.edu/lib) in a specific section that looks like this:

To find a specific reading from your syllabus, first determine whether you need a physical or a virtual item.

If you choose "Print Reserves", the system will search a subset of the library's online catalog, and you can narrow the search by instructor, department, or course. The resulting information will tell you where you can find the item, if it's available, and how long it can be borrowed (2 or 4 hours). Go to the correct reserve desk (Olin's is toward the front of