

## Virtually Yours by Tony Joachim



Sure, it sounds more like the title of a Valentine's Day article than one coming right on the heels of Thanksgiving. What better time to open your hearts to the Library than the last few weeks leading up to Final Exams? Even if you're not one to spend the afternoon in the Library studying, there are many ways we can help you get through your final papers and presentations. You are not required to be *in* the Library to take advantage of them!

If you're a diehard Googler, you will most likely start researching your final papers online. And, while it's possible to find credible and reliable resources on the internet, you might have a hard time sorting through all of the news stories and blogs; not to mention everything else you'll find (<http://www.theuselessweb.com>). But, more often than not, your professors will want you to find credible information from reliable sources when writing papers and preparing presentations.

This is where *we* can help.

Consider some of the Library's many online *databases*. When your professor requires peer reviewed articles, **our** databases can limit your search to just those sources! It's true, that database searching takes some getting used to, but the payoff could be better sources and better grades! Our databases cover many subjects, and can help you to find those scholarly articles you need without digging through 232,000,000 Google results. Even if we don't have the article online, our *Interlibrary Loan & Article Copy Service* can usually get you a copy in one to three business days!

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What if you're not even sure where to begin?

Don't worry! Librarians are available most days from 8:00am-10:00pm (8:00am-8:00pm on Saturdays) to get you pointed in the right direction, even if you're not on campus. In addition to email and phone, you can get assistance directly with our research experts via chat, from the Library homepage!

And, if you can't catch us during business hours, there are some other great tools to make your research go more smoothly: tutorials and LibGuides. Our tutorials cover some commonly asked questions, and we're always adding more to our YouTube channel (<http://www.youtube.com/user/ChengLibrary>). LibGuides (<http://guides.wpunj.edu>) are another great set of resources, combining links and instructions to help you find the information you need. Designed by subject librarians, these online guides are built around broad subjects *or* customized for specific courses. Either way, there's bound to be some useful information to help with your projects.

As the end of semester stress starts to build, don't forget us. With our online tools and dedicated staff, The Cheng Library is here to help with your research needs, whether you are on or off campus, near or far, morning, noon or night. Just start on the Library website to begin your research whenever it's most convenient for you!

