**Discover Fintel**  
**A New Search Tool for Library Resources**  

On August 1, 2017, the library launched a new search tool called **Discover Fintel**. Questions may arise as you begin to use **Discover Fintel**. Below are a few FAQs to help during the transition. More can be found at [http://libguides.roanoke.edu/discoverfintel](http://libguides.roanoke.edu/discoverfintel).

1. **Why did the search tool change?** — Feedback let us know that searching needed to be simpler and easier. We also needed to improve off-campus access. By working with RC’s Information Technology Department, the Library is now able to deliver to users a much faster and more stable experience when accessing resources off-campus.

2. **What is searching like?** — Users will still go to the Fintel Library homepage ([http://libguides.roanoke.edu/library](http://libguides.roanoke.edu/library)) to begin searching for library materials. Although the **Discover Fintel** search box looks similar to the old one, users can now clearly identify books, media, journals, etc. in search results. Options to narrow or expand results are also easily identified.

3. **What happened to bookmarks that were created for individual titles?** — Bookmarks that linked to articles or citations found in specific databases (e.g. JSTOR, Accessible Archives, Anthrosource) should still work. Bookmarks that linked to search results from the library’s old search tool may need to be recreated.

4. **Where are the off-campus links?** — The off-campus links are no longer needed. When searching for library resources off-campus, users will be prompted to enter their RC username and password after beginning their search. Once credentials have been entered, users may view and/or download the desired resources. As long as the browser remains open during the search session, it will not be necessary to re-enter credentials to view a different resource.

5. **If you have additional questions or suggestions** — We know that we may need to make a few tweaks based upon feedback from users. For questions or suggestions, please feel free to contact your library liaison, send an email to library@roanoke.edu, or call 540-375-2575.

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**Faculty Library Grants Available**

Faculty library grants support the purchase of resources to increase library holdings for students’ course-related research for either new or existing courses. To promote broad distribution of funds, priority will be given to newly hired faculty and other new applicants to the grant process. Faculty are strongly advised to consult with their library liaison to understand collection needs and resources available in advance of making a grant application.

Grant requests may include monographs (online or print), media, and periodical back files. Grant funds should not be considered as renewable each year. Grant requests for annual subscriptions and/or multi-year funding commitments are not eligible. Resources for non-repeating, specialized courses or independent studies should be requested through Interlibrary Loan.

The library will review applications and make awards throughout the academic year. The deadline to submit an application is February 1st. The maximum award for any request is $1,500. The following selection criteria will be used:

- New courses;
- Resources to jump-start support of a new program;
- Courses required to complete a major or program;
- PEP recommendations;
- Supporting documentation specifying how materials will be assigned or used, and potential use by other departments;
- How often a course is offered;
- Record of previous support.

A grant application should consist of a proposal (no more than one page) to address the selection criteria and describe the need and intended use of materials. The proposal should also include:

- Course titles and numbers;
- A title listing of requested materials along with the author, ISBN. (The library will verify all prices.);
- For media resources include the publisher's name and the name of the distributor or production company.

Email grant applications to Elizabeth G. McClenney, Director of the Library, at mcclenney@roanoke.edu by February 1st.
Planning for Library Instruction

Would you like a librarian to meet with your students for an in-person assignment based instruction session? Get your requests in now before our schedules fill up. We would love to give you and your students the opportunity to learn the best resources for specific subject areas, the best search strategies, and self-directed hands-on search time with a librarian nearby for guidance. For the INQ courses, contact Piper Cumbo (cumbo@roanoke.edu) with your first and second date preferences, and what you would like covered. For the core courses in specific disciplines (particularly Research Methods) contact your library liaison regarding your instruction needs. We look forward to hearing from you!

New Borrowing Options

Over the summer Fintel Library became a member of the Virtual Library of Virginia's (VIVA) Cooperative Borrowing Program. The Cooperative Borrowing Program allows students, faculty, and staff at VIVA institutions to request to borrow materials on-site from any participating library. Users are subject to the lending libraries’ policies including any fines and fees assessed. A list and map of participating institutions can be found here: [http://vivalib.org/borrowing/](http://vivalib.org/borrowing/). For questions on this new borrowing option contact Hany Hosny (hosny@roanoke.edu).

2017-2018 Resource Additions

The Library added 61 online monographs from the spring 2017 Project Muse evidence-based acquisitions pilot. These titles offer simultaneous use and unlimited downloading and printing. Many thanks to all faculty who reviewed and suggested titles for permanent retention. The library also received several requests for new online subscription-based resources. The following online resources have been added:

- Ancestry.com Library Edition (available on-campus only)
- JSTOR Collection XV
- Methods Now (American Chemical Society)
- Newspapers.com — Southeastern Collection
- Struggles for Freedom: Southern Africa
- Studies in American Political Development (access begins January, 2018)

New Scanner for Microfilm and Microfiche

A successful collaboration with the History Department on a Liebman Technology Grant has made use and inclusion of microforms in class assignments and digital humanities projects easier. The library was able to acquire a new microform scanner to facilitate use of microforms through digital reformatting of fiche and film content and optical character recognition to create searchable text. Other features include auto-adjust brightness/contrast controls, auto-image straightening, auto-scanning, image rotation, and a “fit-to-window” feature so that content fills the entire monitor screen and increases workspace. These new features make microform content more accessible and easier to include in class assignments and digital humanities projects. The new scanner is located on the Ground Floor of the Library.