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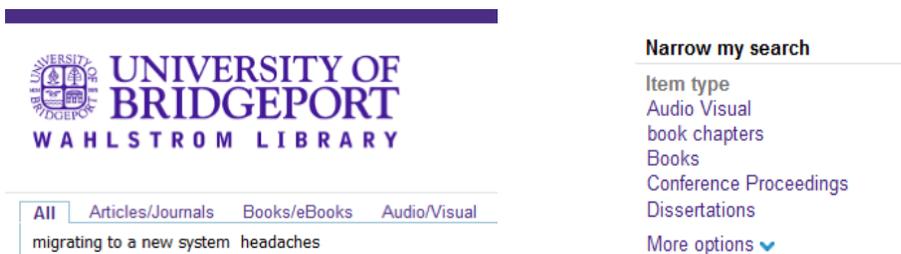
At the end of the Spring 2018 semester, we announced that over the summer, the Library would be switching from one Digital Library software to another. Our vendors did work to build our new systems this summer, and the first part of the new system went live August 20th. That “live” version of our system, however, was much like a house or apartment on the day of the closing or the day you sign the lease. There was no electricity, Internet, furniture, dishes, food, and we weren’t ready to invite you in to such a space.

Heather Siemon, Kym Bender and Matanya from I.T., Zhimin Chen (Jimmy), the Librarians, and I have been working with our vendors for the past several weeks to bring our new system up to the level of excellence you expect from the Wahlstrom Library Digital Resources while impacting your searching activities as little as possible. We aren’t there yet, but we’re getting closer.

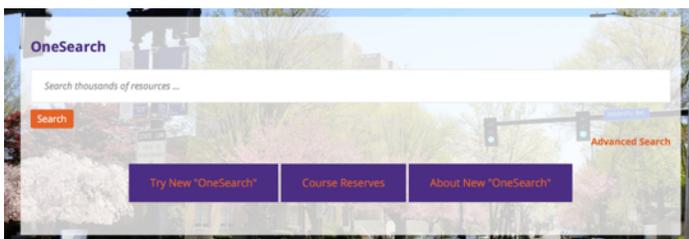
Please be patient while we complete this transition. We are working with all of our vendors (old and new) to make these changes affect your scholarship as little as possible, and we apologize for any inconvenience you may experience.

To search our resources successfully during this transition, please note:

- If you are interested in which print books are currently checked out or which new ebooks have become available since August, search the New System, not the Old System.
- Very soon, we will remove the “Articles/Journals” tab, the “Books/eBooks” tab, and the “Audio/Visual” tab from the Old System. To search by format, run a search in either the New or Old System, and use the facets on the left of the search results to limit to either Books, Journal articles, or Audiovisual materials.



- The main search box (OneSearch) on our Home Page will search the Old System through the Fall Final Exam week (vendor allowing). With Trinadh Venna’s help, the Monday after the Final Exam week (December 17th), this search box will begin searching the New System. We plan to have a link to the Old System available until the end of April 2019 (dependent on contract language interpretation).



- When it is convenient, please do a search for items you rely on, and if something isn’t in the New System that you used regularly in the Old System, please let us know. We may need to configure something differently.
- We have not yet turned on Overdue Notices for physical items borrowed from the Library. When we turn this on, you may receive some notices that don’t make sense in your email. Please hit “Reply” to let us see what was sent, so we can fix any problems that exist. The Overdue Notice feature is very hard to test.

Thank you for your assistance, your patience, and your continued support. We look forward to introducing you to the new **OneSearch** Digital Library as the leaves fall off the trees and the snow begins to fall.

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