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Himmelfarb Library Liaison Letter - May 2018

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In July 2018, Himmelfarb Library will launch a new streamlined integrated library system which means big changes for how users find information. Himmelfarb Library is collaborating on this system with the Washington Research Library Consortium (WRLC) libraries. After the updated system debuts, the Health Information @ Himmelfarb interface on the library's home page will become the single search box for locating library resources including all of the library's print and other physical collections, e-books, and electronic subscription content (journal articles). For most users, the change will result in easier, more comprehensive searching of Himmelfarb's collections and greater access to the materials held by WRLC libraries. However, if you have created durable links to library resources from within your online courses (i.e. linkouts to the full-text of journal articles and e-book chapters), you may need to make some changes to those links! Please review the FAQ sheet below to learn how to make those changes.

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<td>Durable links are hyperlinks to electronic resources (e.g. journal articles, books and book chapters, databases, etc.) which are available as part of Himmelfarb Library's online collections. Durable links allow faculty to connect students to required and recommended readings within their online courses and do not require faculty to obtain copyright permission.</td>
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<td>No - some links will continue to work into the future. Durable link formats which will continue to work into the future are formatted to connect users to the publisher/provider; examples of links formatted like this are:</td>
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What links do I need to update?

Links that should be updated before July 31, 2018 include:

- Links that contain the following URL: http://catalog.himmelfarb.gwu.edu
- Links that contain the phrase "site=eds"

Links with the following URLs should be replaced before August 31, 2018:

- Links that contain the phrase "search.serialsolutions.com"

How do I create permanent links from library resources to my course materials?

There are two ways to create links:

A) Use the Creating Durable Links Guide. This page will show you how to generate, on-the-fly, a link to a library resource that will remain stable regardless of any future changes to the platforms that content may be hosted on.

B) Use permanent link shortcuts for PubMed articles, e-books, and e-journals. These links use a standard number from the item to create a link: the PMID for PubMed articles, the ISBN for books, and the ISSN for journals. The link structure for each is similar:

https://himmelfarb.gwu.edu/{type}/{number} (This example URL isn’t functional, but the example URLs below do work)

PubMed article example: https://himmelfarb.gwu.edu/pmid/25766056
E-Book example: https://himmelfarb.gwu.edu/isbn/9780071843249
Journal example: https://himmelfarb.gwu.edu/issn/00987484

How can I get more information on durable links?

Access the Creating Durable Links Guide for more information or contact the library at 202-994-2850 or himmelfarb@gwu.edu

Tip of the Month
Spotlight on Research Day

The past two years Himmelfarb Library has conducted a “GW Research Day” video series where we interview students during the annual GW Research Day. The interviews highlight the hard work students have devoted to research and are an opportunity for them to express their personal experiences. This year we included interviews of mentors sharing their support for their students. Watch 2018 GW Research Day Interviews.