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On Monday, May 20, [Himmelfarb Library](#) as well as GW Libraries will change the underlying system providing access to online collections. For many users, this change will be seamless as the new system (OpenAthens) uses the same GW Single Sign-On login method as is currently in use (EZproxy).

Some key points about this change:

- When accessing a subscription resource through the library, you may be prompted to log in with your GW UserID and password, even if you are on campus or connected to the VPN.
- If you've recently logged in to another resource via GW's Single Sign On, you may be able to access resources without logging in again.
- Many publishers offer direct OpenAthens login from their resources by providing an interface that allows users to choose their institution and select a Single Sign On option for access (for example: [JAMA's OpenAthens access](#))

For GW faculty and staff who maintain links to course materials in Blackboard and other course management systems, links that use the older EZproxy system will need to be updated although additional time is available to make this transition. Some key points:

- EZproxy links continue to work and users will be forwarded directly to the linked resource.
- Link forwarding will remain in place for one year to allow for time to update links to OpenAthens.

- Most Blackboard links will be updated automatically via a GW LAI project.
- Links embedded in PDF documents will need to be updated manually.
- [Linking to Electronic Resources](#) provides support for creating durable links:
 - A QuickTool that allows you to generate and test OpenAthens links.
 - Other methods for creating durable links to journal articles, books, streaming videos, etc.

Support is available for access and durable linking:

- [Off-Campus Access Instructions](#)
- [Linking to Electronic Resources: Creating Durable Links](#)
- Questions? Email himmelfarb@gwu.edu or [Ask A Librarian](#)

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