

# TUC Library Newsletter – April 2014

## News of Note

- **Library Transitions:** Librarian Becky Miller’s last day before her maternity leave was April 4. She hopes to return on a part-time basis in time for the fall semester and transition back to full-time later in the fall. In the meantime, here is a list of which librarian you should contact for services that Becky provided: Electronic Resources trouble-shooting and access, Library website – [Jacquelyn Ray](#); EndNote training and support – [Jacquelyn Ray](#); support of PA and MPH students and faculty – [Jennifer Abueg](#); support of COP students and faculty – [Jacquelyn Ray](#). If you are not sure who to ask for help, please contact Library Director [Tamara Trujillo](#). Our temporary Librarian Andre Ambrus, who was originally supposed to work with us through August, has accepted a permanent, full-time librarian position at another academic institution; his last day will be April 11.
- **Service Interruption April 18!:** On Friday, April 18 the Library’s catalog, circulation system, and proxy access will be unavailable while we take the first step of transitioning to an upgraded library system. This means that off-campus access to Library e-resources will be unavailable for at least a portion of the day. We will send reminders closer to the time, but please plan ahead. Check-out and renewal of library items will be done on a manual basis while the system is down. We will do our best to help you find and access Library resources during the downtime.
- **Standing desks, Ergonomic Laptop Stands, and New Blinds:** The Library has made several new “healthy” additions to the library. Inspired by student requests, the library has purchased two ergonomic friendly “standing” desks for the Library! These two desks are height-adjustable and allow for either sitting or standing by a simple-mechanized switch. Perfect for long-duration studiers—like Touro California students. We also recently noticed many students using a portable laptop stand; these allow for portable ergo-type of desk that eases eye and neck strain while working on your laptop. In response, the Library purchased three models. These can be checked out at the Library Circulation Desk for two hours at a time and are for use in the Library only. Try all 3 models and let us know which you like best! Finally, in order to improve ambience and reduce glare, the Library has installed blinds on the south side of the building.
- **Guide to eBook Platforms:** At the TUC Library we have over 110,000 eBooks available via numerous publishers. These eBooks are available on different platforms (interfaces), and we realize that figuring out how each platform works can be confusing. We have created a [guide to the various eBook platforms](#), which we hope will be useful. Please feel free to suggest ways to improve or expand the guide!
- **UpToDate App:** Many of you have asked about the availability of a mobile app for UpToDate. The good news is that this will be available at the beginning of June! The not-so-good news is that the app will become available as part of a change to UpToDate’s access model. This change will require everyone using UpToDate (whether via a computer or the app) to self-register for a personal login. Creating a personal login will also enable one to earn CME credits for using UpToDate. We may be able to eventually transition back to the ‘old’ model where anyone not wanting to use the app or earn CME can access UpToDate without creating a personal login. However, we wanted to provide a heads-up that the individual login will be required at least through the summer and early fall. We will provide additional reminders and further instructions closer to the time.

- **Chat Reference:** Our pilot of 'Ask the TUC Library' chat and email services is underway! If you have a general question for the Library or do not know which librarian to contact, you can use the links which appear in the 'Need Help' box in the right column of the [Library's homepage](#) to send us a message via chat or email. Email will be answered Monday through Friday. Our pilot chat hours are 10am-4pm Monday – Thursday, and 10am-2pm on Friday. Please give these new services a try and let us know what you think! Note that you can still contact a specific librarian directly via email or chat using the links in the [Library Directory](#).

## Library Hours for April 2014

Please see the attached for April hours, or [click here](#) for the complete spring hours.

## Library Hours for Summer 2014

These are now available online, [click here](#) for the detailed summer hours.

## eResource Spotlight: Trials of ClinicalAccess and SAGE Research Methods

### ClinicalAccess

TUC Library and the other Touro medical libraries are participating in a joint trial of the brand-new McGraw-Hill product, [ClinicalAccess](#). ClinicalAccess is a tool that allows a user to input a medical query in the form of a question. Responses are based on resources in AccessMedicine, AccessPharmacy, and other McGraw-Hill tools, and there are also responses written by experts in the field to answer specific questions. If ClinicalAccess cannot answer an inputted question, then a response will be formulated within 24 hours by the ClinicalAccess panel of experts. This trial will be active until May 9.

### SAGE Research Methods

The TUC Library is also participating in a trial of [SAGE Research Methods](#) (SRM), which will be active through April 30. SRM is a research methods tool that integrates SAGE's book, journal, and reference content with videos and advanced search and discovery tools. Researchers can "explore methods concepts to help them design research projects, understand particular methods or identify a new method, conduct their research, and write up their findings." SRM can be used for the social sciences and the health sciences. [SRM Cases](#), an optional add-on, is a collection of case studies designed to help put abstract methodological concepts in context via practical examples. To learn more about SRM, please see [these videos and tutorials](#).

Please send any feedback on these trials to Library Director [Tamara Trujillo](#).

## Featured Books and Movies

### New in the Library Collection

Receiving attention and acclaim is the newly published book, *The Story of the Jews; Finding the Words 1000 BC - 1492 AD* by Columbia University art history and history professor, Simon Schama. This volume is the first of a two volume set with the second volume covering the period 1493 AD to present to be

published October 2014. Schama's book accompanies the recent 5 part PBS documentary *The Story of the Jews with Simon Schama*. The Library has both the book and the DVD of Schama's PBS documentary on order. If you would like to be notified when they are available for check-out, let one of the librarians know and we will be happy to contact you when the book and/or DVD are available.

**TUC Reads:**

- A COP student recommends, [Half the Sky](#) by Pulitzer Prize winning authors, Nicholas Kristoff and Sheryl WuDunn. These journalists explored the lives of women fighting oppression throughout the world. Each chapter describes what medical practitioners, policy makers, and ordinary people are doing to save the lives of women in countries all over the world.---Very moving and inspiring!
- An MPH student recommends, [The Alchemist](#), written by Paulo Coelho this is a beautifully simple and inspiring book that speaks to the purpose of life and the fulfillment that comes with following your heart. Powerful for anyone that is on the road to self-discovery or is in the process of pursuing their "personal legend". Loved it!
- April is National Poetry Month! Therefore our recommended children’s book is, [Where the Sidewalk Ends](#) by Shel Silverstein. First published 40 years ago, *Where the Sidewalk Ends* is a classic book of fun, engaging collection of children’s poetry that is a classic and perennial bestseller.

**New Acquisitions**

[Click here](#) to see what books, videos, and other Library materials were added to the Library collection in March. If you have suggestions for items the Library should consider purchasing, please send them to [Tamara Trujillo](#).

**Lost & Found Items in Library**

The items were recently left in the Library:

ITEM	DESCRIPTION
Sunglasses	Foster Grant, mirrored, aviator style
USB drive	1 GB, Kingston DataTraveler, purple
USB drive	Senova Systems brand
USB drive	4 GB, Silicon Power
Charger adaptor	Apple USB A1265
Keys	4 keys on blue Touro University neck strap
Earring	Diamond shape, dangly, silver colored
Earring	Flower shape, gem in center, silver colored
Cell phone holder	Coach brand, magnetic closure
Necktie	Michael Kors, yellow with blue stripes
Travel mug	Blender Bottle brand, black plastic
Travel mug	Starbucks, silver/pink, personalization : “Hello”, “Sean”, wolf/dog drawing

Lost items should be claimed in the next 5 days, after which the items will be taken to Facilities.

## **Other Library News**

Between Library Newsletter issues, Library news can be found on the [New in the Library page](#), or follow the Library on [Facebook](#). Past issues of the Newsletter can be found in the [Library Newsletter Archive](#).