

# The Throne



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The Throne welcomes you back. We have lots of new things to share with you (contrary to popular opinion, your editors also find things to do over the summer).

## THE VIRTUAL LIBRARY

The Throne is disturbed to learn from recent studies of student "research" behavior that students tend not to think of the library **first** when they need information. ☹ Instead, it seems they turn to popular internet search engines and wade through pages and pages of irrelevant and unreliable search results. The Throne is mystified. Doesn't the universe revolve around the library? The Throne knows that those who venture through our doors in search of a librarian find their research efforts enhanced. ☺ However, the next best thing to encountering a live librarian in the real library is a virtual visit through Swem Library's

*new and improved website* <http://swem.wm.edu>.

It can be your gateway to focused database searching. Click on the **"Research"** link and open the **"Library databases"** page to access carefully selected databases organized by subject categories to support your academic endeavors. Be sure to click the **"Services"** link to learn about all of the special services and facilities provided in Swem Library. Enter the library's catalog through the **"Quicksearch"** box to discover through its keyword search lots of interesting and useful stuff tucked away in the library's own stacks or floating out there in the cloud. Experiment with the **"advanced search"** options or click on the **"classic catalog"** link to browse alphabetical author, title, and subject indexes. While you're accessing the virtual library through Swem's website, the Throne hopes you'll take just a little second to peek through the virtual window to glimpse real people visiting the real library.

*"Stealing, of course, is a crime, and a very impolite thing to do"*  
--Lemony Snicket (*The Wide Window*)



The Throne has already observed a startling number of unattended laptops, bags, textbooks, and other personal belongings. Watch Your Belongings! Swem is frequently visited by trolls who will take your valuables. Informed trollologists believe these items are used to line their nests, located in the maze of mysterious steam tunnels that run beneath the campus. If this is true, you'll never see your property again (and you wouldn't want to – trolls smell funny). So be vigilant and report suspicious activity to Circulation. Don't help the trolls.

## LCDs FOR OCDs

War is Peace  
Freedom is Slavery  
Ignorance is Strength

Never fear! No telescreens here!

The new LCD screens in four of the group studies on the main floor are for collaborative research, not totalitarian surveillance. Attach up to 3 laptops, whether PC or Mac, via the VGA or DVI video adapters (Note: Only one laptop screen can be displayed at a time) and contribute to the group presentation. Neither Big Brother nor your prof is spying on you. Or check out 1 of 4 portable projectors from circulation and find a promising wall. Report problems to the authorities—at the circulation or reference desk!



September 11, 2001.  
Never Forget.

Campus Vigil, Courtesy of the University Archives Photograph Collection