

Dear USC Faculty Members,

The USC Libraries soon will release a redesigned home page. The purpose of the change is to place a clear design emphasis on finding and using library collections and services. The new page, which unifies search functions in a more easily identifiable and usable space, has been in open beta throughout this semester. It will become our official home page after finals conclude on December 17.

The new design provides direct, home-page access to HOMER, the USC Digital Library, electronic journals and databases, and other heavily used resources. It is important to note that a tab marked "E-Resources" will replace the current e-resources page. The new tab includes database and article searches as well as browse and quick-link functions similar to the current site.

We also have improved the pages that guide users to resources related to specific subjects. We have expanded significantly the number of subject guides and have begun building them on the LibGuides platform, which provides a more consistent and media-rich experience.

We invite your feedback as we continue to refine the new design before its official launch at the end of the semester. The open beta site is available at <http://www.usc.edu/libraries/indexBeta.php>, and you'll find a link to submit your comments, as well as a more detailed description of the changes, near the top of the page. The new subject-guide pages are here: <http://www.usc.edu/libraries/subjects>.

We hope you find that these enhancements improve the accessibility and discoverability of the USC Libraries' resources. If you have questions or comments, please feel free to get in touch with me directly or send them through the link above.

Sincerely,

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