Dear colleagues,

While we find ourselves in extraordinary times, we also know that, as ever, the University moves forward, and in this time the library remains open virtually to support your teaching and research. It is in that spirit I am pleased to let you know of a project underway to replace the 20+-year-old PITTCat library catalog system. This new "PittCat", which will be shared with the Health Sciences and Law Library systems, offers powerful, intuitive search, unique tools for discovery of content and ideas, and streamlined ways to get the material you need, when you need it, in formats that are right for you.

The updated PittCat will make its debut on July 28, 2020 and will replace the current system. Leading up to that date, you can stay informed by:

- Visiting newpittcat.pitt.edu for updates, a list of training opportunities and events, and more
- Asking us a question
- Looking out for an email from your liaison librarian later this summer with information about group or one-on-one training
- Reading this article in the University Times

Among other improvements, the new system will help you to:

**Stay current:**

- Advanced search functions allow you to find current, high quality articles by limiting by publication date, author, journal, peer review status, and more
- Exact title searching to help you find exactly what you need when you need it

**Save time:**

- Request from Interlibrary Loan and more right from within PittCat, without having to retype information
- Easily email, export, or print documents and citations for your personal library
- Access your search history to show what you've already searched and retrace your steps
- Keep your items for longer: loan period for most items will be one full year and more types of materials, like movies and print journals, will be available for circulation

**Discover:**

- Get article and book suggestions based on your search
- Browse the stacks remotely using PittCat's new "virtual browse" feature

Though our buildings are closed we remain available online. Visit https://library.pitt.edu/library-response-resources for information about library services specific to this remote work period (including information about extended due dates for library materials), or https://library.pitt.edu/ for general library information.

Sincerely,

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