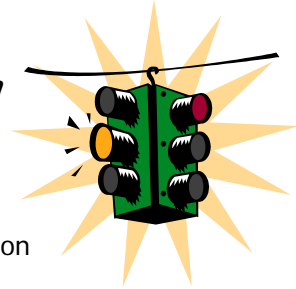



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Dear Incoming Students:

Welcome! The University Libraries are here to help you succeed in your academic endeavors. My most urgent suggestion is that you *take caution* in relying on Google and its ilk for research papers. Instead, learn to use the library's digital resources, which are selected specifically to support Carnegie Mellon research and coursework. You should master these tools to be successful in school—and to be as savvy about using online information as perhaps you think you are.



This fall, the Libraries are introducing federated searching with **MetaLib**. Federated searching lets you query multiple databases at the same time. To locate an actual article after you've discovered it using MetaLib or any one of our databases, look for the  icon in the article citation: If we have **full text** available from any source, it will be linked there. If not, other options will be linked.

You should also understand that the University Libraries are not just about books and bytes. We are people people who enjoy helping you find information and want to see you master the particular information landscape for your discipline. Beginning this year, in fact, it is a university-wide goal to insure that every Carnegie Mellon graduate is demonstrably information-literate in their major field.

Finally: We listen to students, and actively seek funds to upgrade our facilities and collections to meet your expectations and needs, be it for academic work or for recreation. This year, thanks to generous friends and alumni, Hunt Library is opening the **Maggie Murph Café**, where you can relax or study, have a cuppa, and get something to eat. Enjoy the fruits of ongoing collaboration between Student Senate and an alumna: **movies** on DVD that you can borrow. And we've just received a \$7,200 gift from the 2006 Andrew Carnegie Society (ACS) Scholars to build up our contemporary **fiction** collection.

Again, welcome to our world. Best wishes for the year ahead.

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