We invite you to use the library and encourage your students to do the same. Here’s a brief update on what’s happening at the library. We hope you enjoy the new and improved Chimes format.

**JSTOR is now in full effect!**

That’s right. JSTOR, the highly respected database of scholarly journal articles (not to be confused with J-Kwon, the moderately respected rapper) is now available to you and your students. The library’s subscription allows access to full-text articles from core research journals in the Humanities, Social Sciences, and Sciences. You’ll find a link to the JSTOR database on, you guessed it, the library’s databases page. To access the library’s databases from off campus, you will need your Access Card, so please stop by the library’s circulation desk if you don’t have one.

If you’re new to JSTOR or the library databases and would like to learn more, please contact your librarian. We’d be happy to walk you through their use or schedule an instruction session for your students.

In an attempt to minimize the inevitable confusion between JSTOR and J-Kwon, we’ve prepared this handy chart for quick reference for you and your students:

**JSTOR vs. J-Kwon**

- Librarians can help you and your students navigate JSTOR.
- Full-text articles in JSTOR are available only to students, faculty, and staff of participating institutions.
- JSTOR is a “scholarly tool of enormous potential.”
- Issues of journals in JSTOR are never “out”; they are always available.
- Unfortunately, if you have any difficulties with J-Kwon, you are on your own.
- Full text J-Kwon lyrics are available to anyone with an Internet connection.
- It remains to be seen what potential this young MC may possess.
- Our fruitless attempts to contact J-Kwon suggest that he is frequently out and rarely available.
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The ARC Library: it’s not just for students any more!
(not that it ever was, but you know, that’s how the saying goes)

Reading Recommendations from ARC Faculty

Harold Schneider
English

In Search of Lost Time—
Marcel Proust’s city of a novel in seven volumes &
three thousand pages, a packed universe of
comedy and philosophy, a manual on love as a
house of revolving mirrors, a dessert tray of insights into first-quarter-of-the-
twentieth-century French society (remember that century?), a veritable boot camp on the
nature of beauty and sleep disorder, a novel to sip slowly (wine-slowly) while taking a foot bath
in Debussy—this recherche will take you a decade of summers to read and forget and
remember: and do so (if French limited, as I am) with the latest English translations in a series
from Penguin Books (their paperbacks are lovely), starting with Swann’s Way, translated by
Lydia Davis, resting between various limbs of Proust in our very own library, costing you a
mere flight of stairs.

Josh Weiner
History

Hernan Cortés:
Letters from Mexico
Translated and edited by Anthony Pagden

“Lives are lived,” noted scholar Hayden White, “and stories are told.” This is a useful reminder when poring
over these five letters written by Hernan Cortés to King Charles I of Spain. Taken together Cortés’ letters
present a stirring narrative of the conquest of Tenochtitlan including events that both precede and
came about in the wake of the great city’s destruction. Yet there is a sense that much of what we read
represents a story being told rather than a life that was lived. As Pagden argues in his wonderful
introduction, Cortés was not primarily interested in giving his sovereign a neutral account of his activities
and instead the letters were intensely political; meant to justify his own actions based on Spanish
legal traditions, paint his Spanish rivals as traitors more concerned with their own interests rather than
those of their king, and to establish Cortés own primacy in post-conquest Mexico. This volume offers
insight into the early activities of the Spanish in the Americas, but additionally and more generally
reveals much about the nature of conquests which are often just as much about cross-cultural
interaction and negotiation as they are about simple physical domination.

Read something good lately? If you’d like to share a recommendation with your colleagues, please contact
David McCusker at mccuskd@arc.losrios.edu

Whether you need materials for your research, some pleasure reading, or articles on how to
deal with disruptive student behavior, please consider the ARC library for your information
needs. We either have what you want or we’ll find a way to get it.