## **Physics of Imagineering**

## Purpose:

- To give you a chance to explore the library website
- To prepare you for classwork in the library

**Your task**: Rather than provide you with boring step-by-step instructions on where to go and what to click on, this assignment will give you a chance to jump right into using the library website. To enhance learning, as always be open to dead ends, be creative and persistent. Some questions will ask you to complete a task, others will ask you to think critically about the research you do. **Email your responses** to me at paige\_mann@redlands.edu by Monday, September 28 at 8am.

- 1. Besides visiting the library in person, how can you ask and get answers to your research/library-related questions? (Don't be afraid to apply this as you complete this assignment.)
- 2. List the steps you'd take to get to "Cite My Sources."
- 3. Find the Physics research guide. To prepare for our next class, follow directions on the "Evaluating Information" tab. How do you evaluate information?
- 4. Use **How Do I?** to find "How do scholarly sources differ from popular sources?" Watch the video. When and why might you use scholarly sources in your research? When and why might you use popular sources?
- 5. Use *How Do I?* again to find "What is peer-review?" Read the introductory text and watch the video. Based on what you've been learning about evaluating information sources, how might college research differ from the research you did in high school?
- 6. Look up the book "Electric Dreamland" by Lauren Rabinovitz. Is it available or has it been checked out? What is its *Location* and *Call Number*?
- 7. Look in the database *OmniFile Full Text Mega* for information on your topic.
  - a. What is the  $\theta$  Permalink for this source?
  - b. Does OmniFile Full Text Mega provide full text or will you need to search for it?
  - c. Look at the item's detailed record. What hyperlinked subjects are provided? What happens when you click on one of these subjects?
- 8. To help prepare you for your research assignment, what would you like more information on?