Laptops have moved!
Go to the Brown Technology Resource Center (TRC) if you want to borrow a laptop. The TRC is on Level 2 of the Library, Room 208. Laptops circulate until 10pm.

IM a Librarian!
You are at your desk, on your computer, with a deadline to meet. You need some information that Google just isn’t finding. Rather than trekking across campus, “Ask a Librarian” using the chat widget on the Library’s home page: library.lakeforest.edu

Authenticate now
You may have already noticed that you have to get “authenticated” in order for your laptop or dorm room computer to go online. What’s up with that? This authentication process, which is required each semester, allows IT to identify and arrest sources of viruses that can slow down the network to a crawl. It can then eliminate the problem and quickly restore speed to the campus Internet connection.

Bibliographies made easy
Cite your sources with confidence using RefWorks, the bibliography builder, now available to all Lake Forest College students and faculty. Did you ever wish MLA, APA, or Chicago Style citations could be automated? Now they are!
Available at: www.refworks.com/refworks.

Professor has Second Life
Second Life is a virtual world on the Internet where animated versions of visitors chat and interact. Although there are many party venues, there is also a large “InfoIsland” of libraries, and there are real college classes being taught on other islands in Second Life.
This spring semester Professor Davis Schneiderman plans to hold some of his Postmodernism class sessions in Second Life. Education professionals can use an acre of Second Life land for free for one class for one semester, but have to buy an island for subsequent classes. Schneiderman plans to have students explore the social and literary significance of representations of individuals in a virtual world.
The library has also considered having a presence in Second Life.
Learn more about Second Life and/or download the software for free at secondlife.com

Two databases to explore
Some still prefer microfilm, especially to see all that was published on a certain date. But when it comes to keyword searching, the database version of the Chicago Tribune is the way to go.
In response to the desire to have all things online, the library has subscribed to Credo Reference, a collection of online Reference Books.
Access these and about a hundred more databases from the library home page by clicking on Databases A-Z.

Click to see new books
Between 2,000 and 3,000 books are added to the Library’s collection each year. But in a collection of 265,000 it can be hard to find the new ones. Now, in the library catalog, you can click the “New in the Catalog” button to see the latest additions, many now showing book jacket images, summaries, and reviews.

From Overheard at Lake Forest on Facebook:
Guy: I’m going to the library to check out a couple of books.
Girl: Wait, where are there books in the library?
Guy: Ummm... downstairs
Girl: Oh my God, are you serious?
Guy: Haven’t you been here for like, a year now?

What are you reading?