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Due: ____ / ____ /09

Library Orientation Assignment:

In preparation for our orientation to the library, please

(1) **answer** the following questions before we meet as a class in the library and

(2) **read** the handout General Information Seeking Skills in Academics:

1. What is the Library of Congress Classification System? (An outline of this system is located online at: http://wwwx.potsdam.edu/library/LC_Outline.php or you can go to the library home page at <http://wwwx.potsdam.edu/library> and under the “get help” menu (upper right), click on “Classification System”)

2. What are the Library of Congress call letter(s) most closely related to your major (or probable major):

Major: _____ Call letter(s): _____

3. Browse the current periodicals section of the library (first floor to the left of the stairs) in the call letter listed in question 2 (if you are a music major, you will need to **either** browse an alternative call letter **or** go to the Crane Library for this section. List letter browsed _____). List three periodicals found in that section and their complete call numbers:

Title

Call Number

Example:

Journal of the American Medical Association

R15 .A48

- 1)
- 2)
- 3)

4. Go to the library’s homepage (<http://wwwx.potsdam.edu/library>). Click on *General Search Databases*. What are the first four search tools listed? What type of resources are they designed to find (e.g. books, DVDs, something else)?

5. Explore *Academic Search Complete* and describe what you find. What does it do? How many publications does it cover and what types are they? Can you use it to search by subject? (HINT: start by reading the description to the right of the link and then click into *Academic Search Complete* and click on the small blue question mark button kind of high middle-ish on the page.)