

Senior Award sponsored by Readex



Background

Readex, a division of Newsbank, publishes digital collections of primary source materials. Since 2021, Wardman Library has subscribed to two databases offered by Readex; *Black Life in America (Series I, II, and III)* and *Hispanic Life in America*. Each of these databases offer a wide range of primary source materials from the colonial era to modern times.

Agreement

In July 2022, an arrangement was made between the Wardman Library and Readex with the latter offering to fund two \$500 awards to seniors whose submit their senior project for review.

Logistics

Submitting a work for this award is voluntary. However, to be considered for the Senior Award sponsored by Readex, the student must agree to the following:

- The work or project must be original. It does not need to be text-based but must be in a format for a committee of faculty and librarians to review.
- The student must provide an additional document which explains how the use and resources from the *Black Life in America (Series I, II, and III)* and/or *Hispanic Life in America* databases positively impacted their work. This is an important part that the award committee will review for consideration. The student is not required to use both databases but must at least use one.
- The student agrees to submit their senior work into *Poet Commons*, the Library's digital repository for archiving purposes so it can be shared as an example of the great work produced by Whittier College students.
- The student agrees that if the work is awarded, the work (or a portion of it) may be shared on the Readex website. In addition, the student agrees to do an interview with Readex representatives with portions also published to the Readex website.

A committee comprised of Whittier College librarians and faculty will review all submissions and choose two to recognize based on the following criteria:

- The work must be submitted on or before the deadline date (see *Timeline* below).
- The student agrees to all of the above conditions (see above *Logistics*).

- The work best exemplifies the high quality of work expected for a Whittier College student.
- The additional document, along with the work itself, highlights a strong connection and influence of at least one of the subscribed databases.

Library Workshop

This workshop will explore both *Black Life in America* and *Hispanic Life in America* websites, focusing on using newspaper and historical documents as a primary source in research. Students will learn how to use its advanced search tools, how to evaluate, refine and organize results, and create a personalized account. We will also discuss the process of how to be considered for this award. The workshop will be held on Tuesday, February 14th at 4:30 pm in the Library Instruction Space (LIS). To register, please visit this site:

<https://whittier.libcal.com/event/9996886>

Timeline

To be eligible for consideration, the work must be submitted by April 1, 2023. Those selected will be notified no later than April 30, 2023.

Submission

Students can use [this website](#) to upload their project, submission statement, and any supplemental materials. Any questions about the submission process can be sent to library@whittier.edu.