What’s New at the McCarthy Library?

Many people may be unaware that maintaining a library’s collection is much like painting a bridge: it is a never-ending process. Last fall, and continuing into the Spring and beyond, the library staff began embarking on a consistency project to weed (remove), and replace books in the collection with new titles and/or updated editions. Staff are removing books from shelves, checking that there is an bibliographic record on file, and removing damaged and outdated items. By tackling 10% of each Dewey classification at a time (i.e. 100’s General Works, 200’s Philosophy, 300’s Social Sciences, 400’s Language, 500’s Science/Math, 600’s Technology/Medicine, 700’s Art, 800’s Literature, 900’s Biography/History), we can ensure that each area has new materials in a timely fashion. Librarians are involved in choosing new and updated books which support NVC’s curriculum campus-wide. To that end, if departments are interested in specific titles to be added to the collection, contact librarians, Stephanie Grohs and/or Nancy McEnery for more information.

As our need for classrooms increases, the Library is pleased to announce two additional teaching spaces. The library media storage room has been converted to a small classroom (maximum 24 students). It is located on the south-east side of the library. Room 1772, which had previously functioned as a language lab and classroom, has been converted into a computer classroom (maximum 28 students). Room 1772 is on the second floor of the LLRC, directly above the Library’s Reference Desk. Teaching reservations can be scheduled through the scheduling office.

Libraries continue to be relevant, transformative places for our students. Each day we welcome and introduce students to a plethora of resources available both print and digital. Many students are amazed at the breadth and scope of what the library provides. If you are interested in bringing your students in for an orientation or a workshop (see page 5—Workshops), we encourage you to do so!

As January comes to a close, staff is busy preparing a display for Black History Month in February. Stay tuned for exact exhibit dates and plan to stop by.

Wishing you a great semester!

Maria Villagómez & The Library Staff

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Polaris Online Catalog
Users will find a few new features on the online catalog.

First, there is an “available now” feature which appears under the “Narrow your search column” after you’ve searched for a title (in this case, a search for “dogs”). This allows users to limit titles to only those currently available for check out.

Notice that 285 hoopla digital titles now appear under the “Authors” link for our search on “dogs”. Check out the Tip of the Week on Hoopla to learn more about getting a free account to read books on your mobile devices.
New Library Classroom

The new small classroom can accommodate a maximum of 24 students. Librarians will be holding information literacy workshops here for small groups of students. Instructors with small courses may schedule the room through the scheduling office.

Room 1772 is now a general computer lab. Instructors can reserve the room through the scheduling office. Capacity is 28 students maximum.

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Library Workshops Available on Thursdays 12:30-1:30 during Campus Hour, and available to your classes upon request.

Habits of Mind and Fake News

Fake news is no longer a matter of the occasional hoax. There is growing evidence that fake news has the power to shape public opinion and even sway elections. As more Americans get their news online, it is increasingly vital that students know how to verify sources and spot fake news or images, which often appear indistinguishable from a reliable source. This workshop is designed to teach students how to distinguish between reliable sources and bogus information. Taught by Librarian Nancy McEnery.

Click & Learn: Introducing Online Databases

In the context of library research, a database is a tool you use to discover information. In this session, students will be introduced to common database characteristics and search techniques. Special emphasis will be given to media databases including Films on Demand and ArtStor. Taught by Librarian Stephanie Grohs.

Nancy McEnery, Librarian
Stephanie Grohs, Librarian
Running a Library takes a group of people. Staff handle the many and various duties on the technical side of the library. They also help students to check out materials, get keys to study and media rooms, and field student inquiries. Behind the scenes, they prepare materials for shelving, add bibliographic records to our Polaris Integrated Library System, order Inter-Library Loan books, and prepare periodicals and newspapers for circulation. Often, staff are the first folks patrons go to for assistance with computers, printing, and general questions. Staff also work with librarians to create library displays. There are too many additional duties to list in the space provided here, but staff rise to the challenge of helping students, staff and faculty every day, doing what it takes to keep everything running smoothly and seamlessly. We are indeed fortunate to have such a great team here at the McCarthy Library!
Databases

The database page has a new look. Check it out! We’ve provided a description of each database and what makes it unique. Be sure to note that all students and staff get a 1 year free subscription to the New York Times Newspaper! Simply go to the Library website and click on the green “Databases” box for further information.

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Databases can be viewed from any campus computer as well as from home.

Students use their WebAdvisor username and password to access the databases both on campus and from home.

Faculty and Staff have access to the databases using their campus log-on credentials.

If you find an article that is not full-text, we can usually get a copy of the article for you from other libraries. Don’t hesitate to ask us!
Great Resources to Explore

There are many great resources to explore at the McCarthy Library. The best way to learn about what the library has to offer is to spend some time on the library webpage, or invite one of our librarians into your class for a 50 minute talk. Here is some of the great stuff we love to share with students:

- Libguides
- Polaris Online Catalog
- Link +
- Inter-Library Loan
- 142,000+ E-Books
- Workshops taught by Librarians
- LIBR 100 Course “How to Become a Skilled Researcher” - 1 unit
- Online databases
- Online Information Literacy Modules (including how research differs in the discipline of history versus the sciences)
- CourseLib pages
- Tips of the Week
- Reserve Textbooks
- “Discover & Go” Discounted passes to museums and cultural events
- Virtual Tour of the Library
- Writing Center Support
IF YOU HAVE A GARDEN AND A LIBRARY, YOU HAVE EVERYTHING YOU NEED

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