WHAT’S NEW?

- Fall 2014 all students, staff and faculty will be required to use their BCC campus network credentials (i.e., the same username and password that used to log-on to your campus email or OSES account) at the Library workstations. Students who experience log-on issues can go to the new Technology Service Center to be located in the Roscoe Brown Student Center room 308

- In late August the online catalog, CUNY+ will be upgraded with a new name and a more user friendly search interface.

- A new Leisure Collection will be available Fall 2014 for recreational reading.

- Digital displays are available for use in the group study rooms. By appointment New Media can set up videos for small groups.

- With a BCC Email, students and faculty can enjoy a year’s access to New York Times Digital on personal mobile devices for free.

- Learning a new language or practicing English? BCC has Mango Languages available for students. Learners practice by listening to conversations and speaking with dialogue.

- New Databases are available for students. Gale and Fact on File have been updated with content that target humanities, social sciences and scientific topics. (Litfinder, Today’s Science, Global Issues in Context are examples.)

- Learning Express Library has been updated. Students using this resource can practice for exams, and career prep. Access is available in Spanish.

“T.H.I.N.Q.-ing” ABOUT CHANGE IN THE LIBRARY DEPARTMENT AT BCC

Librarians, Julia Pollack and Carl Andrews have joined the faculty here in University Heights. They follow in the indelible footsteps of recently retired and esteemed faculty member, Julie Skurdenis, who continues her second career as an international travel writing editor. On April 1st, Michael J. Miller was appointed Chief Librarian and we recently welcomed Darren Chase as a COA in our Access Services unit.

The award-winning North Hall and Library at BCC is now a destination for academic librarians seeking models for new libraries, architectural students from across the city and region, and for students and fans of art who seek inspiration from the Bronx artist, Daniel Hauben.

We are also harnessing that inspiration for improved library services. We’ve re-organized into five units: Library Administration (Michael Miller), Access (Geraldine Hebert), Content (Alexander De Laszlo), Learning (LaRoi Lawton), and Technology (James Watson) Services. Cross-departmental teams have developed this newsletter and other new outreach materials and educational exhibits. Learning Services has ramped up library workshops and is pursuing advancements for the information literacy programs. Content Services is strengthening ties with campus faculty through an expanded library liaisons program.

We hope you find our news compelling and useful. Please visit, ask, and learn!

Prof. Michael J. Miller, MLS, MS
Chief Librarian

STAFF PICKS:

Working at the reference desk brings up many unexpected resources and questions. Thanks to new librarians and student questions we regularly stumble across great new resources.

This semester Hall of Fame resources were found in the Hathi Trust Digital Library, a consortium of libraries contributing to a massive on-line library. These discoveries lead our cataloger to create a record linking to the digital Hall of Fame publication in our very own CUNY+ book search.

Everyday is a chance to discover something new at the library.
CELEBRATE

BCC Library celebrates GLBT culture, literature and history. This month we recognize the civil rights struggles of the GLBT community. Titles highlighted this month include the popular novel Gone Gone Gone by Hannah Moskowitz, the Encyclopedia of Lesbian Gay Bisexual and Transgender History in America, and John Corvino’s philosophy piece asking What’s Wrong with Homosexuality?

BCC library also commemorates the late Maya Angelou who served as an inspiration to the world. We celebrate her life and highlight many of her famous quotes, photos of her with friends and a compilation of her poetry in And Still I Rise.

LIBRARY NEWS

Led by the Content Services Librarian Prof. Alexander de Laszlo, reference librarians made their way down town to Strand Bookstore in Manhattan to practice in-person collection development.

In an increasingly digital world it is not every day that librarians are allowed to physically inspect and browse collections for purchase. The day of discovery encouraged librarians to engage directly with books and review titles by hand.

A team of seven librarians spent the day expanding the BCC book collection in the areas of History, Education, Hall of Fame biographies, New York History, Contemporary Art, Graphic Novels, Leisure reading, and children’s books.

For more information about book requests contact your friendly Librarian Liaison or Content Services Librarian, Alex de Laszlo at: Alexander.de_laszlo@bcc.cuny.edu

FACULTY CORNER

BCC Librarians are out and about keeping abreast of new ways to improve what we do every day. In April, Katherine Parsons attended the 29th Annual Computers in Libraries Conference. This year’s theme, Hack the Library, focused on ways to use today’s technology for the advantage of our students. For Parsons, this topic stressed the need for library faculty to embed ourselves into the student community with outreach especially via social media. She took home the important message that as academic librarians we must “teach outside our doors” and be a presence for the college community.

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