Bronx Community College Library Workshops

Below is a list of library sponsored workshops with descriptions that are given throughout the semester, please check our Calendar of Events to see the schedule. Please note these topics are subject to change.

**eSearch for Research**: In this workshop, participants will gain exposure to the research databases available through the BCC Library. Using these databases promotes Information Literacy as students learn how to retrieve scholarly and peer-reviewed journal articles efficiently and effectively. Participants will also learn how to: access the library’s resources when off campus; create bibliographies using APA and MLA citation styles; and identify credible resources for the research they will be required to do throughout their academic careers.

**Access Everywhere Cloud Research**: Are you tired of printing out all those articles or struggling to work on campus when you have forgotten your documents at home? Google Drive is a simple service that gives you space to save your research materials, write your papers, and co-edit documents with fellow students. Google Drive now has an add-on from EasyBib to help you instantly create Bibliographies in your papers written in Google Drive. This workshop is designed to show students how to use Google Drive to save and organize research materials and projects.

**Be a Research Mix Master**: Have you ever struggled to incorporate outside sources into your research paper? This workshop will discuss how to paraphrase and quote from books and articles in your writing. Being a great research mix master includes using outside scholarly information and giving credit where credit is due.

**Is All Information the Same?** What are the differences between searching resources on the Internet and searching resources at a college Library? Learn some useful techniques aimed at developing the way you approach your research assignments and the way you find information.
Do you have my Book? Learn How to find Books and Textbooks at the BCC Library- The CUNY+ Catalog and its Many Tools: How do we search the library for books, textbooks and other research material? This workshop will introduce students on how to read the results of their search and locate materials in the library; how to request books from other CUNY Libraries and a brief introduction to CLICS, our CUNY wide service to obtain resources from other CUNY libraries as well as illustrating how to compose an “Advanced Search” using the CUNY+ Catalog.

BCC Library Tour and Building History: Professor Koenigstein invites the first 20 interested students, staff and faculty to the monthly tour of the new Library. We shall meet in the Library Classroom, Room 210, of North Hall (NL), on the 2nd floor. No one will be admitted 10 minutes after tour begins. OCD Workshop credit will be given. Bring form to be signed.

No Shelf Required: Using the BCC Library’s E-Book Collection: Check out our growing collection of eBooks, and learn how to discover, access & search eBook collections & titles. This workshop will show you how to use your eReader, tablet computer, smartphone, laptop or computer workstation to access and read eBooks; where to find eBooks on the BCC Library’s website; Access eBooks from other libraries; where to find free eBooks online.

How to Cite Using RefWorks: RefWorks, a web-based citation management tool provided by the BCC library, is used to import and organize citations and generate bibliographies or reference lists. RefWorks is available from the Library Databases page. This introductory workshop will cover setting up an account, exporting citations from research databases, managing citations, creating bibliographies and more. This workshop is designed to help students understand the basic citation skills needed for their course work.

Topic to Thesis: Struggling with how to create a thesis statement? Not sure what to do once you’ve chosen your topic? You are not alone; many struggle with how to narrow a topic down and eventually come up with a thesis. In this workshop, attendees will learn about the research process from start to finish. Understand how to turn your chosen topic into a strong thesis statement!
**Media Resources for Research:** Looking for new ways to better prepare your class presentations and papers? Consider adding media. The library can provide access to an impressive number of media sources. You can find images for presentations in ArtStor, audio for in-class examples in Smithsonian Global Sound, and videos for homework in Films on Demand, Black Studies in Video and Media Education Foundation. In this exploratory session, I will highlight these and other exciting sources for images, music, and film, with tips for incorporating the media into your project.

**Scared Strait about Plagiarism:** Not sure when you’re plagiarizing? In this workshop learn what plagiarizing is and how to avoid it. Discover what it means to cite a reference and become familiar with citing in popular research writing styles such as MLA and APA. Understand the need for a bibliography and make paraphrasing second nature.

**Evaluating a Website:** Not sure what websites are best to use for your research? Struggling to figure out if a site is credible, unbiased and accurate? Nervous about citing a website? Choosing and citing the right resources from the Web can be challenging. In this session, learn how to examine a website. Review the differences in domains and understand which are best to use in research writing. Know when to select and utilize the right web resources without frustration!

**Using Archives to Discover Hidden History:** Ever wonder why historians use archives in their research? Looking at compelling documents, images and media from the past can make your next research paper more meaningful. Learning to use archives can help you discover stories of less documented people and events, ask insightful questions and gain an appreciation for moments in history. Participants will learn how to analyze archival images, videos and documents to add in their research papers and learn more about BCC campus and local community history.

**Teaching with Visual and Primary Sources (Faculty Workshop):** Have you used a photograph or letter to encourage classroom discussion among your students? Or as the basis for a writing assignment? Learn best practices from BCC Librarians and Archivist and find out how to access primary and visual sources at this workshop for faculty. Please join us for the faculty workshop teaching with Visual and Primary Sources as we share best practices, sample assignments, and demonstrate using BCC Library and Archival collections.