

# THINQ TANK

This semester publication presents BCC library faculty and staff work, devoted to assisting students with their education and career needs.

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## FROM THE CHIEF LIBRARIAN:

### *OERs and library impact on scholarship, teaching, and learning*

The BCC Library continues to lead our campus community in enabling student empowerment and in the support of excellent teaching and scholarship by partnering with campus faculty in developing Open Educational Resources. (OERs)

Congratulations to faculty members in Biology (Lichachovitsky and Gannon), and in History (Duncan, Kanakamedala, and Offenbach) for their efforts in developing alternative learning materials to be deposited in the institutional repository, Academic Works. <http://academicworks.cuny.edu/bx/>. Their efforts were made possible with funding from the CUNY Libraries Textbook Initiative. Already, the frequent downloading of the Anatomy and Physiology Prep. Course demonstrates broad impact.

With the Textbook Initiative ending in FY 2016, fundraising has commenced. Seeking a national grant, the CUNY Office of Library Services is leading a team of community college library participants to support development of zero-cost degree programs. The grant has been awarded to Bronx, BMCC, and Hostos each will pursue development of OERs supporting textbook free degree programs. BCC cheers for student success!

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

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**Chief Librarian**

## FEATURED DATABASES

### PIVOT:

Pivot is a collection of databases and other resources selected to help graduate students, faculty, and staff identify and apply for funding opportunities. Are you looking for funding for a project or student initiative? Pivot collects US Federal and Non-US Federal sponsored grant opportunities in an easily searchable system. Are you a student looking for internships or scholarship opportunities? Take a look at Pivot and get inspired.

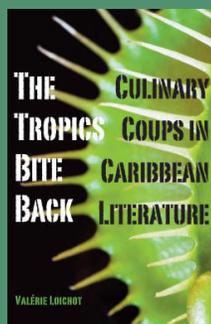
### WORLD BOOK ACADEMIC:

World Book Academic is the new and improved online reference encyclopedia. World Book covers, Art, Business, Technology, Geography, History, Mythology, Philosophy, Religion, Science, and Math. Each article may be printed, emailed, or saved. In World Book online, any word in a article can be defined with a double click and can be translated into many different languages. This multimedia source can help students with their understanding of the world.

### CREDO REFERENCE:

Credo is a great reference source that helps build foundational knowledge. Take a look at their new Mind Mapping tool, it helps students create a a map of their topic and the possible influences of other concepts on their topic. Need help finding a quotation, try out Credo's quotation search tool. Every article has citation tools built in. Take a look at Credo topic pages to see if your paper aligns!

## STAFF PICKS: Tropics Bite Back



The ubiquitous presence of food and hunger in Caribbean writing—from folktales, fiction, and poetry to political and historical treatises signals the traumas that have marked the Caribbean from the Middle Passage to the present day. *The Tropics Bite Back* traces the evolution of the Caribbean response to the colonial gaze (or

rather the colonial mouth) from the late nineteenth century to the twenty-first. Unlike previous scholars, Valérie Loichot does not read food simply as a cultural trope. Instead, she is interested in literary cannibalism, which she interprets in parallel. Check it out from the BCC Library or read it online: <http://tinyurl.com/j4xauvl>

## REAL WORLD

### ID NYC AT THE LIBRARY

Here at the library we are always looking for ways to help students connect to the resources they need. For the first time the Bronx Community College Library served as a space to apply for a IDNYC. The IDNYC is a free ID card for any resident of New York City. The ID serves as an official form of ID as well as a portal to services provided by the city. The Libraries IDNYC program created 586 ID's for students and community members.

In addition to IDNYC's, for the second year running, the library has partnered with the NYPL to provide New York Public Library cards to BCC students. This time 59 students signed up for NYPL cards. NYPL cards gives students access to books from all NYPL branches, students can access NYPL databases from home, and can download hundreds of E-books!

### LibGuides

Here at the library we are updating our Subject guides! Check out the guides that are already live online, Art, Biography, Biology, Chemistry, English, Health, History, Math, Music, Nursing, Political Science, Reference, Sociology, and Statistics Data. Guides are made by librarian liaisons and tailored to each subject specialty.

If you are looking for subject help, check our guides to find books, ebooks, databases, media, and web resources, for your research needs. Each guide gives you direct contact information for the library liaison in your subject.

### ANGEL FALCON

Angel is our new Outreach Librarian!

Angel is returning to CUNY after having been a professor at Hostos in the early 00s. He grew up off of the Grand Concourse in the Mount Hope section of The Bronx, so coming to BCC is coming back home. A little bit of an academic eccentric, he has a BA in religion, MA in religion, MS in Library Science and a JD in law. When he's not at work or at home, he loves martial arts, sports and fitness. A little bit of a jock, he played a lot of sports growing up both in high school and in college and continues to train as long as his body cooperates with his goals. He will also talk with anybody about professional wrestling. Angel loves students asking him for help and really enjoys setting up one on one appointments to work through research projects. Email him at [angel.falcon@bcc.cuny.edu](mailto:angel.falcon@bcc.cuny.edu).



### SHARED SHELF DIGITAL MEDIA COMMONS GRANT

One of the primary goals for this project will be the implementation of Artstor's Shared Shelf media management tool for two digitized media collections at BCC's Archives. This two-pronged approach will serve as a pilot for other potential campus partners, improve access to unique digital materials held at BCC, and offer opportunities for faculty and students to engage more fully with archival resources. Additionally, the existing setup of Shared Shelf, in terms of metadata tagging and managing technical aspects of implementation of digital items, is a perfect match for BCC faculty members' digital humanities work as well as student content.

If you are writing a paper and you are unsure where to begin, a subject guide can give you a variety of sources that will inspire you. Does it seem like every subject has a different citation style? Guides will help you discover the citation support BCC provides to every student and give you helpful resources that pertain to a specific subject. Give them all a try: <http://bcc-cuny.libguides.com/>

In the coming semesters we will explore Shared Shelf's potential for two specific projects, one audiovisual and one visual, in our oral history collections and the Hall of Fame collection. The "Raising Ourselves Up": Oral Histories from First Generation College Students at BCC Collection will focus on using Shared Shelf to provide access to recent oral history audio interviews documenting the stories of first-generation college students on our campus. The Hall of Fame for Great Americans will focus on access to images documenting this designated landmark of national importance to key themes of historical exclusion, diversity and achievement taught in BCC's history courses.

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### DID YOU KNOW?

If you have a valid ID from the New York State Department of Motor Vehicles, you can register to vote online.

Try It Out Here: <https://dmv.ny.gov/more-info/electronic-voter-registration-application>