

Message from the director



Hello, newsletter readers! We invite you to browse this issue to learn about a terrific new resource for our students: two group study rooms. You can also preview our National Library Week activities – including a reading by Maryland Poet Laureate Stanley Plumly.

Wonder what is coming to Hays-Heighe this spring? See p. 7. We invite you to use these exhibits and events to supplement your classroom instruction, and to come see them yourself. While there, be sure to introduce yourself to Iris Barnes, the new Hays-Heighe House Coordinator. She and Office Assistant Linda Anthony will gladly schedule a special time for your class to view the exhibits. Are you looking for a place on campus to hold a meeting or event? Consider Hays-Heighe, as well as the Special Collections room in the Library.

This year marks our 45th anniversary as a “Federal Depository Library.” We celebrated with a Constitution Day essay contest (p. 6). This summer, we will integrate the government documents into the general collection for improved access.

For the next few weeks, you’ll notice some empty shelves in the reference area; see the article on p. 4 to learn how we are moving from print to digital in some areas. If you’ve not yet tried the *Credo* database, check it out next time you need a reference work. Thanks to our 24/7 access to that database, we are freeing space for more (and quieter) areas for students to study and use workstations.

As always, we welcome your input and feedback as we continuously look for ways to improve our services, collections, and facility.

Carol Allen

Your Used Books Matter @ Your Library!

Have books lying around your home that haven’t been read in years? Give them the chance for new life! Donate your gently used books, CDs, DVDs, and magazines to the HCC Library Used Book Sale, to be held the week of April 15th.

Donations are accepted

now through March 22nd. Children’s books are especially desired. Please, no encyclopedias or textbooks.

Bring donations to the Library 2nd floor, near the Circulation Desk. Tax deduction letters acknowledging receipt

are available if requested.

Every dollar earned from the sale goes to the HCC Foundation Library Book Scholarship fund, which helps students purchase textbooks. Last year, we raised over \$1,000 for this scholarship fund!



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Featured Database: JSTOR

The JSTOR database gives full-text access to more than 390 journals in the arts and sciences. It also provides access to some early journals published before 1923 in the United States and before 1870 elsewhere. Being able to find articles from the beginning of the 20th century makes this a great database for historical topics. And JSTOR's wide scope makes it a good starting place for research projects.

JSTOR has some nice features for researchers. You can set up a MyJSTOR account that will allow you to save citations and searches for browsing later. You can also use this feature to run searches and email the results to yourself. JSTOR also has a browse feature that will allow you to browse by subject, title or publisher. As with most databases, JSTOR also has an



advanced search feature that will allow you to search by keyword, while also allowing you to narrow your search by item type, date, language or academic discipline type.

To access JSTOR, go to the articles and databases link on the HCC Library homepage and click on the "J" box. As always, if you have any questions about JSTOR or any of our other resources, "Ask a Librarian!"

Meet Iris Barnes

I am Iris Leigh Barnes, the new Part-Time Coordinator at Hays-Heighe House. I oversee the operation of the House and work with Carol Allen, the Hays-Heighe Advisory Committee, and HCC academic divisions, faculty, and related campus constituents to conceive, plan and deliver exhibits, events, and programming that highlight the mission of the Hays-Heighe House.

I may know many of you already; I have been an adjunct in CET for nearly 10 years. I am a Harford County native, deeply engaged in exploring and preserving our rich history. I have worked with the Havre de Grace Maritime Museum and Hosanna School Museum. Currently, I am working on my doctorate degree in history at Morgan State University, having earned my master's in Museum Studies and Historical Preservation previously from Morgan. I obtained my Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in Graphic Design and Art Education from Temple University.

I invite you to come visit us at the House for one of our engaging programs or exhibitions. Until February 25th you can see the new exhibition, *Emancipation and its Legacy*. It's a great conversation starter. Hope to see you soon.

Farewell

We bid farewell to Reference Librarian Rachel Sperling as she moves on. Rachel accepted the position of Reference Librarian for Environmental Science at Antioch College in Keene, New Hampshire and began her duties there on January 7. We will miss her, but are happy for her. She is currently enjoying lots of snow, which she claims to like! Best wishes to Rachel.

Emancipation Proclamation at 150

Coming to the Presidency at a time when the nation was tearing itself apart, Abraham Lincoln not only held a nation together but also produced one of America's most important documents. The Emancipation Proclamation freed slaves in the states rebelling against the Union.

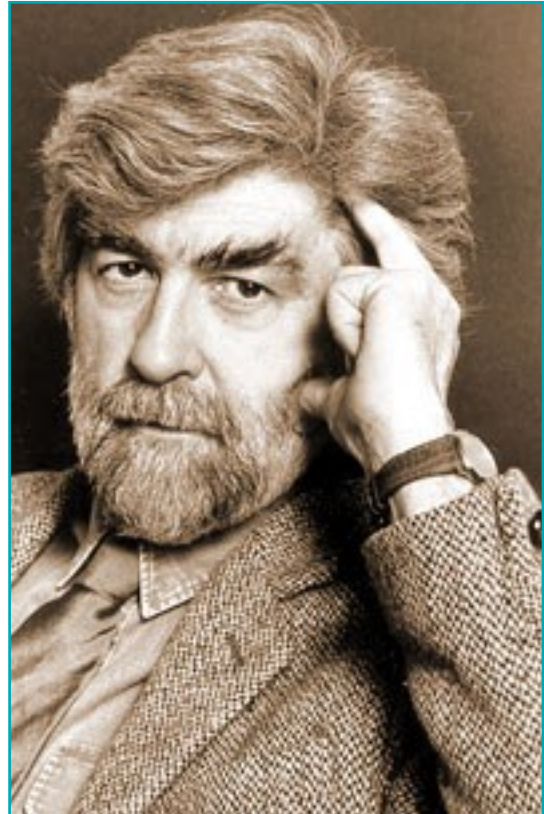
The proclamation was issued on September 22, 1862 and took effect on January 1, 1863. The HCC Library and the Hays-Heighe House will present displays featuring the Emancipation Proclamation and African American History Month. Come in to find out more.

Poet Laureate to speak at HCC

Are you aware that Maryland has a Poet Laureate? The Poet Laureate is an eminent poet, selected by the governor for a four-year term, whose role is to provide public readings for the citizens of Maryland. Stanley Plumly is Maryland's ninth Poet Laureate. Called "the successor to James Wright and John Keats, with a marvelous ear for the music of contemplation" by Rita Dove, Stanley Plumly is a Distinguished University Professor and founder of the Master of Fine Arts Program in Creative Writing at the University of Maryland, College Park. He is also the author of nine books of poetry, including *Old Heart*, a National Book Award Finalist and winner of the *LA Times* Book Prize.

The HCC Library is sponsoring a visit by Professor Plumly in celebration of National Library Week and National Poetry Month. A Question and Answer period will follow. If you can't attend, you will be able to submit questions via Twitter.

The program will take place in the Student Center, Room 243, on Monday, April 15, at 2:00 p.m. Light refreshments will be provided. This event is being co-sponsored with the American Association of University Women, Harford County Cultural Arts Board, HCC Humanities Division, Lyceum, Harford County Public Library, and HCC College Life.



Stanley Plumly, Maryland's Poet Laureate, will give a reading at the Student Center on April 15 to celebrate National Library Week and National Poetry Month.

Take Advantage of Our New Study Rooms

You may notice something new on your next visit to the library. Over the holiday break, two new group study rooms were constructed on the second floor. These rooms were added to address students' longstanding

requests (via the library's annual survey) for more study space on campus.

These rooms will be used for group study (four to six students); students will be invited to give feedback on

the convenience and value of the rooms.

The library is excited to be able to provide these new resources in response to student input.

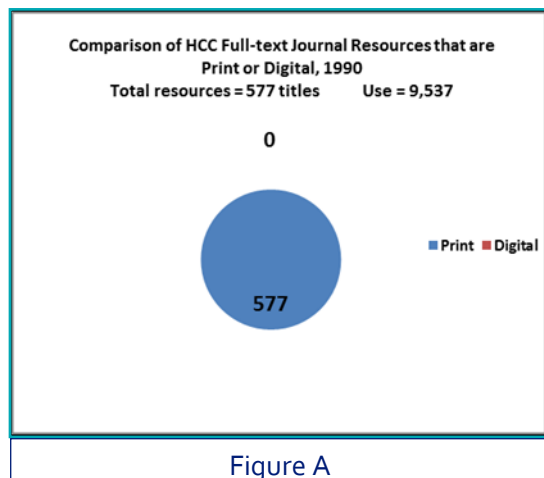
Journey from Print to Digital: Statistical Sn...

by Carol Allen

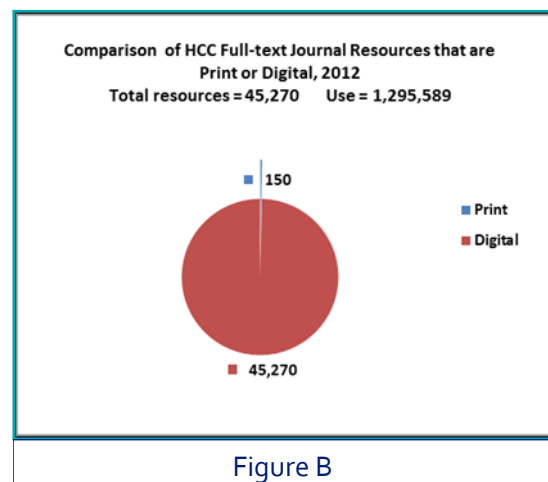
At the January 2013 meeting of the HCC Board of Trustees, I reviewed how the Library's collections have been shifting from a predominantly print collection to one that is increasingly digital. I thought that readers of the *Library & Information Resources Newsletter* might also find this information of interest.

Our journey started in 1983, when the Library first offered indexing and abstracting database services, using dial-up access to DIALOG. Some of you may remember those days, when "online access" involved using arcane search strategies and paying by the minute!

By 1990, the Library provided five databases on CD-ROM (as well as access to DIALOG). The FY09 annual report does not give a count for full-text journals in these databases, but databases of that era typically provided limited full-text. The report states that a total of 38 database searches were done that year. At that time, the Library provided 577 print journals, which were used about 9,500 times. Thus, the journal collection was almost entirely print. (See Figure A.)



Fast forward to 2013. Today, HCC students, faculty and staff have access to the full-text of 45,270 journal titles. During FY12, these titles were used over 1.2 million times! Print journals now number 150 titles and make up less than 1% of all the journals that we make available. (See Figure B.)

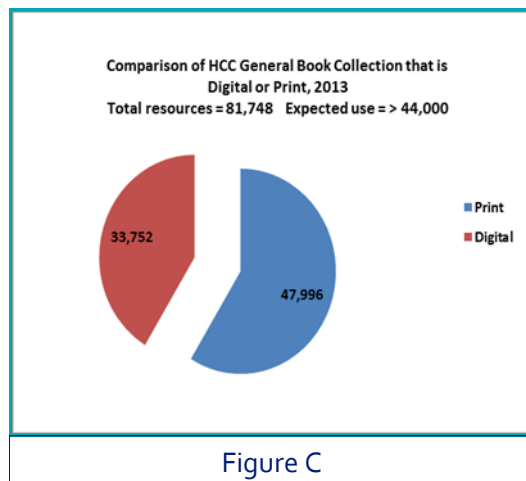


For other parts of the collection (such as reference and books), print versions still make up more than half of the overall resources; however, we are adding new digital resources all the time. For example, thanks to our subscription to the *Credo* online reference collection and a major project to weed out little-used print titles, 31% of the reference collection today is digital.

With our new subscription to the eBrary College Complete collection of ebooks, we increased six-fold the number of ebooks in our collection. A little over a decade ago (in 2000), the general collection included 53,622 volumes (and no ebooks), which circulated 19,592 times. Today, the general book collection includes 81,748 titles; of these, ebooks constitute 41%. Based on usage data from July through December, we project

Snapshots and a Blueprint for Change

about 44,000 uses of print and ebooks by June. The chart below depicts the current proportion of print to digital for the general book collection. (See Figure C.)



Not surprisingly, the rate of change from print to digital is speeding up. To guide us through a period of accelerating change, in 2011 the Library staff developed a Strategic Plan for FY12-FY17. The plan outlines seven key directions, which will chart our continued journey toward more (and more varied) digital collections. The directions are:

- **COLLECTIONS:** The digital proportion will continue to increase.
- **SPACE:** Space for print collections will decrease and space for student learning will increase.
- **TECHNOLOGY:** Technology will change rapidly. Open source systems and mobile devices will increase.
- **USER EDUCATION:** The need for user education will increase; new competencies such as digital media literacy will be important.

- **USER SERVICES:** Change will be customer-driven; virtual services will grow as will face-to-face services.
- **LOCAL DIGITAL COLLECTIONS:** The Library and Hays-Heighe will create local digital resources.
- **ASSESSMENT:** The need to assess student learning and organizational effectiveness will continue to grow in importance.

For each strategic direction, we have identified implications and strategies that shape the goals we set and track annually. If you would like a copy of the full plan, or want to share your ideas on Library collections, services, or instruction, just call (2144), send me an email (CaAllen@harford.edu), or stop by (L319).

Read a Good Ebook Lately?

The library recently added more than 30,000 titles to its book collection.

These titles can be found using the catalog and can be downloaded to your personal devices. Ask us for directions on how to download.

Why not curl up with a good ebook?

Essays explore the role of the Constitution

by Jen Hart

In 2012 the HCC Library celebrated its 45th year as a Government Depository. To commemorate this milestone, we held an essay contest during our Constitution Day celebration. Entrants submitted essays answering one of three questions: What is the promise of the Constitution? What is your role with regard to the Constitution? Why is the

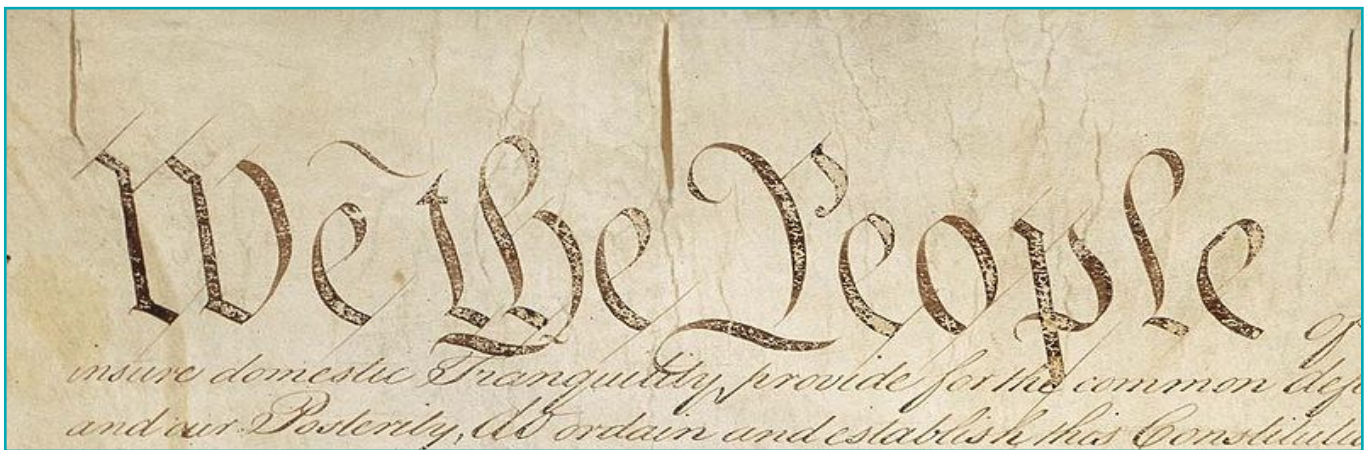
Constitution's separation of powers important?

We received 14 entries from HCC students. The top three winners were awarded gift certificates to the College Bookstore. Five entries won honorable mention and received a Constitution Ornament from the National Archives.

First place winner Shelia Hooker answered the question about her role in regard to the Constitution by emphasizing our responsibility to preserve the

Constitution for present and future generations. Second and third place winners Joshua Mitchell and Shelby Bunce wrote about the promise of the Constitution.

The HCC Library would like to thank all of the students who submitted essays, as well as the faculty and staff who encouraged our students to enter. Thanks also to the judges for your time and hard work in evaluating the essays.



The FDLP and HCC Library

"It is with delight that I inform you that I have selected your library to be designated as a depository for government document," read the 1967 letter from Congressman Clarence D. Long telling President Joseph N. Hankin that HCC—then Harford Junior College—had been accepted into the Federal Depository Library Program.

As a depository we receive information from government agencies and affiliate agencies such as NASA, the Veterans Administration, and the National Park Service.

In 1966, the College formed a committee to look into the feasibility of becoming a Government Depository. The

committee felt that the Library was a good candidate for the program because of increasing development in the county, the proximity to military and government facilities, and the distance from other depository libraries. The HCC Library is the only government depository in Harford County.

Critical Insights Series Offers Critical Help

The HCC Library has a wonderful new resource for literature students. The ten-volume series, *Critical Insights: Themes* is available in both print and electronically. The themes covered are:

- Coming of Age
- Cultural Encounters
- Dystopia
- Family
- Good and Evil

- Nature and the Environment
- Technology and Humanity
- The Fantastic
- The Hero's Quest
- War

To access *Critical Insights* electronically, via OwlNet's Library tab or the Library Home Page, click on "Articles and Databases" on the left-hand side of the page under "Find." Then click on the letter "S,"

and scroll down to "Salem Literature." Select "*Critical Insights: Themes*," to access the titles in the series. For print copies, search the catalog using the themes listed above as your keyword(s).

Please let your students know about this new resource.

On a "Heighe" Note

There will be exhibits galore at the Hays-Heighe House this spring.

In February, we are hosting a national traveling exhibition called *Emancipation and Its Legacies*. This exhibit was developed by the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History in partnership with the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center and marks the 150th anniversary of President Abraham Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation.

Along with other Black History Month events, we will host a talk by Michael Finney on one of America's most famous jockeys, Isaac B. Murphy on **February 20, 7:00-8:30 p.m.**

A talk by Dr. James Karmel called "'Yes mam, I'd rather be free... Give me freedom all the time': Stories of Emancipation During the Civil War," will take place on **February 21, 3:30-4:30 p.m.**

Our "Salons at Hays-Heighe" series includes two spring events:

- **February 13, 3:30-5:00 p.m.:** "Languages of Love: Writings in Honor of Valentine's Day"
- **March 8, 3:00-5:00 p.m.:** "Women in the Arts – Celebration of Women's History Month"

On **April 22nd**, the national traveling exhibition *Manifold Greatness: The Creation and Afterlife of the King James Bible* opens with a reception (**3:00-7:00 p.m.**) and a lecture by Dr. Gary Owens on "Catholicism, Protestantism, Blood, Guts, Ink and the King James Bible" (**2:15-3:30 p.m.**, room 201). We are hosting three additional events related to the *Manifold Greatness* exhibit, all in room 201:

- **May 2, 3:30-5:00 p.m.:** "Jesus and Mary Magdalene – Married? Kids? Grandkids?: A Biblical Investigation – What Did Jesus Do Before His Ministry Started?" by Dr. Gary Owens
- **May 8, 3:30-5:00 p.m.:** "The

Politics of Bible Translation in the 16th Century: From William Tyndale to King James of England" by Lecturer Laura Wright

- **May 9, 6:00-9:00 p.m.:** "'A Great Feast of Languages: The Language of Shakespeare and the King James Bible" (theatrical readings organized by Dr. Ben Fisler)

Thanks to a grant from the Maryland State Arts Council, Dr. Sharon Stower's Anthropology 102 class will conduct oral history interviews with individuals in Delta, PA and in Harford County who are keeping Welsh traditions alive. Their research will be featured in an exhibit called *The Red Dragon: Celebrating Welsh Culture in Harford County*, which opens on **April 30th**. That same day, we will celebrate Welsh Heritage Day with events at the House from **11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.** and a performance by the Rehoboth Welsh Choir at **7:00 p.m.**

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Spring 2013 Library Hours

Monday-Thursday	7:30 a.m.-10:00 p.m.
Friday	7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
Saturday	10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Sunday	12:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.

You Matter @ Your Library

We value our library customers. To make that clear, the 2013 National Library Week slogan is "You Matter @ Your Library." The week runs from Monday, April 15th through Friday, April 19th. And, to help you feel valued, all National Library Week participants can enter a drawing for a Nook Simple Touch and accessories.

Our popular Used Book Sale will run from April 15th through April 19th. All proceeds are donated to the HCC Library Text Book Scholarship Fund. Sales are cash only.

Return your overdue materials between April 15th and April 20th and the fine will be reduced by 50%.

This year, we're inviting the campus community to share their nomination for "The Book That Changed My Life." Look for further details on the Library website, Facebook and OwlNet.

On Monday, April 15, meet Professor Stanley Plumly, Maryland's Poet Laureate, at 2:00 pm in Student Center Room 243. For further details, see p. 3 in the newsletter.

On Tuesday April 16th, visit the

2nd floor of the Library for free coffee and tea between 8 a.m. and 12 p.m. or while supplies last.

In conjunction with National Library Week, we will celebrate National Poetry Month through April. There will be opportunities to share your favorite poetry both in the Library and online.

Library customers who participate in any of our National Library Week Activities can enter to win a Nook Simple Touch and accessories.