

Special points of interest:

- Promotional video shot in HCC Library
- Information literacy mini-sessions
- New book highlights

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Message from the Director

Welcome back! We hope your January was invigorating, whether you enjoyed a break or participated in a Winter Semester. At the Library, we spent December and January adding new shelving for legal materials, shifting books, and adding some more computers on the second and third floors. If you need help finding anything, Just Ask!

We have lots of news to share in this issue of the newsletter, starting with our new name: Library & Information Resources. Our new name reflects an organizational change made earlier this year. To strengthen the support of HCC's growing program of online and hybrid courses, Christel Vonderscheer now reports directly to the Vice-President for Instruction. Her

department also has a new name: eLearning & Instructional Resources.

Another news item was my arrival in September as Library Director. I've greatly enjoyed my first few months and look forward to continuing to meet and getting to know HCC students, faculty and staff. Please stop by my office on the third floor to say "hello" and to give me your thoughts on the library's collections and services. Your suggestions are important to us – so important that we will conduct several surveys this spring to seek your ideas on ways to enhance our facility, services, collection, and website. Please take a few moments to give us your feedback when the surveys arrive.

This spring we will offer a new series of information literacy "mini-lessons." See the article on "Snapshots" to learn all about it. You can also learn about our featured database (NewsBank) and how a librarian and an instructor teamed up to help students produce better papers with less stress. Enjoy this issue of our newsletter and be sure to let us know how we can help make the coming semester one of the best semesters ever!



Carol Allen
Library Director

Promotional Video

The Federal Depository Library Program of the Government Printing Office has recently released a short video promoting the nation's 1250 federal depository libraries. Andie Craley, HCC Library Technician for Government Documents, is one of the "stars" of the video. She discusses the diversity of the documents collection and its value to HCC students and staff, as well as to the citizens of Harford County. The video, entitled "As Easy As FDL," centers around the themes of free information, dedicated service, and limitless

possibilities for finding information in depository libraries. There is a link to this video on the HCC Library's web page.

HCC Library, which was designated as a depository library in 1967, provides free access to publications from the various departments of the federal government. Included in our collection are pamphlets and books about health-related topics, guides for those who are starting small businesses, information about countries, detailed reports

of the NASA program, studies of environmental issues, guides to national parks and historic sites, as well as federal laws, presidential papers and Supreme Court decisions.

Much government information is now available electronically, and links to these documents are provided in the HCC Library Catalog. Some of the high demand government resources are listed on the HCC Library's web site with links to them.

Pam Schott
Reference Librarian

Can You Order a Book for Me?

That's a common question. The library welcomes acquisitions input from faculty, staff and students. There are several avenues to request materials:

- Use the "Suggest an Acquisition" link on the library's webpage (scroll down to the bottom).
- Request a "Book Purchase Request Form" from Victoria Corkran at x2316 (coming online soon)
- Email Mary Somers with your material request (msomers@harford.edu)
- Send a book/video catalog with your choices marked to Mary Somers via intercampus mail

Faculty, please check with your Dean before requesting material. Please order EARLY in the semester. Try to allow 6 weeks. If the material is needed sooner, designate "RUSH" on the order. "RUSH" will speed up the ordering process and make it easier to flag out-of-stock items. Remember, we need your help to make our collection the best it can be for our students!!

Mary Somers
Public Services Librarian

Featured Database: NewsBank

Students often neglect newspapers as a source of useful information. NewsBank is a database that includes articles from over 250 newspapers, including nine from Maryland. The NewsFile Collection has newspaper articles published from 1992 to the present, while NewsBank Retrospective covers 1970 through 1991.

certain time period, there are other useful features. NewsFile Collection is divided into categories including Civics, Government and Politics, Environment, Crime and Law, People, etc. Each category is then broken down into subcategories. For instance, under Education, you can select Bilingual education; multiple full-text articles will be returned.

issues in the news. There is an explanation of the issue and search terms to use to find information. There are also Special Reports in many fields, including World Economics, Science and Health in the News and World Environment.

Be sure to give NewsBank a try. You are likely to come up with lots of useful information.

Besides being able to do a search on a specific topic and limiting the results to a

Another useful feature is "Current Events." Click on Hot Topics and come up with



Wanted: Your Feedback & Suggestions

We want to hear from you!

During the spring semester, the Library will conduct a series of short surveys. We seek your help in evaluating our services, collections, facility, and website.

We are here to meet your needs, and we can do this best when you give us your feedback and your suggestions.

So, please, take a few moments to complete the survey when it shows up in your email box or when one of our staff asks you to fill in a short form about our services.

THANK YOU!



Snapshots: See the Big Picture

The Library is now in the business of photography...Wait, did I say that right? Yes, this spring we will be conducting Snapshots—See the Big Picture. These 20 minute information literacy mini-lessons, held in room L214 on Tuesdays and Wednesdays (a repeat of Tuesday's lesson on Wednesday) from 1:00 p.m.—1:20 p.m., will answer your research questions. These drop-in sessions are stand alone lessons. Come to one, two, or all of them.

Feb. 3 & 4 : See the big picture...what are the resources offered at the HCC Library? Stop in to learn about our books, online databases, help desks, and more.

Feb. 17 & 18: See the big picture...how do I choose the best resources for my need? Sometimes it is better to use a book, sometimes a journal, a magazine or newspaper article, and sometimes a website. Stop in to learn what resource is best for various needs.

Feb. 24 & 25 : See the big picture...how do I locate a book without feeling like I am looking for a needle in a haystack? Stop in to learn how to use the Library Catalog.

March 3 & 4: See the big picture...how do I pick a topic? Learn how to narrow a topic and develop search terms quickly.

March 10 & 11: See the big picture...what is an online database and how do I use one? Stop in to learn about the online databases and using Academic Search Premier.

March 17 & 18: See the big picture...what is LexisNexis and how do I use it? Learn how to navigate the LexisNexis Database that offers legal, corporate, government, law enforcement, tax, accounting, academic, and risk assessment information.

March 31 & April 1: See the big picture...what are the best sources for literary criticism? Learn how to locate literary criticism in our reference books and online databases.

April 7 & 8: See the big picture...why can't I ever find what I'm looking for in Google? Learn how to search Google as a college student should.

April 14 & 15: See the big picture... is Noodlebib an Italian dish? Learn how to create perfect citations in MLA, APA, or Chicago format.

Hope to see you there. Smile, help is on the way!

One Maryland, One Book

What can persuade 70 people to miss their dinner and drive through rush hour traffic to the HCC campus? Is it free tuition for 2 years? Is it gasoline for \$1.00 per gallon? Or, is it a book discussion?

If you answered a book discussion, you are correct. On Monday, October 6 at 5:30 p.m., 70 people gathered in the Chesapeake Center to participate in Maryland's first ever community reading project, entitled One Maryland, One Book. This initiative, sponsored by the *Maryland Center for the Book*, a program of the Maryland Humanities Council, was created to encourage discussion of important social issues. The title chosen, *A Hope in the Unseen* by Ron Suskind, addresses the theme of race and race relations along with education and socioeconomics.

HCC was honored to have the subject of the book, Cedric Jennings, address the audience. Mr. Jennings has become a great inspiration to many, as readers

followed his journey from D.C.'s Ballou High School to achieving his dream of attending Brown University. After graduating from Brown University in 1999, he went on to Harvard to earn a Master's degree in Education. In 2003, he also received a Master's in Social Work from the University of Michigan.



During the discussion, Cedric told how he met the author and what led him to permit Ron Suskind to chronicle his life. He related what it was like to be an academic achiever when the majority of his peers didn't value academics. And he shared his frustration when he discovered his high school education hadn't prepared him for the rigors of Brown University. Cedric graduated Brown with a 3.3 average. During his senior

year he interviewed with some prestigious Wall Street firms and was offered a position. The starting salary was excellent and the sky was the limit for future earnings! However, upon reflection, Cedric chose to follow his heart instead of the money. His career in social work is very satisfying.

The HCC Library planned this event in conjunction with Continuing Education and Training and the Harford County Public Library. The public library donated 28 copies of the book, which were left in all the buildings on campus, to encourage readership and increase attendance for the program. In addition, the HCC Library purchased 4 copies and added them to the collection. If you want to read this title, be sure to visit the Reference Desk of the HCC Library, located on the 2nd floor. You may also call 443-412-2131 to request a copy be held for you at the Circulation Desk.

Janis Jordan
Reference Librarian

“What can persuade 70 people to miss their dinner and drive through rush hour traffic to the HCC campus?”

Collaboration: Or, Two Brains Are Better than One

Question: What is better than having one dynamic teacher for a class when a large research-based assignment is given?

Answer: Having a reference librarian, who is available from start to finish, assigned to the class!

This fall Professor Laura Fox and I experimented with an age old theory, namely that two brains are better than one. We decided that when the Drama 203 research final project was assigned, I would be part of the class and available to students during each phase of the paper, which included the following:

- Discussion of the assignment with students
- Development of topics
- Research of topics
- Reviewing of final projects and Works Cited

We hope that the final projects prove our theory, and that we are helping students to create better papers with less stress. If you are interested in providing this service to your students, contact me via email or by phone at 2052.

Patti Pfau
Instructional Services Librarian



New Books of Interest



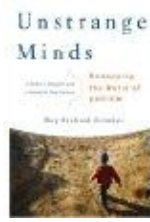
Paths to Power: How Insiders & Outsiders Shaped American Business Leadership

Anthony J. Mayo, Nitin Nohria, Laura G. Singleton

HD38.25.U6M345 2006

"In the early decades of the twentieth century, an invisible sign hung on the office doors of major American CEOs: 'Reserved for White Males.' In small type, it added, 'Strong preference for right blood type, religion, region, and connections.' Fortunately, the small type has now been erased and the big type is fading. This masterful study of changing leadership patterns is destined to be a landmark."

- David Gergen, Director, Center for Public Leadership, Harvard's John F. Kennedy School of Government



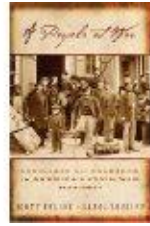
Unstrange Minds: Remapping the World of Autism

Roy Richard Grinker

RC553-A88G75 2006

"His daughter Isabel was diagnosed in 1994, and his warmth and compassion for autistic children and parents alike shines through this immensely readable and informative narrative that looks closely at how culture influences the ways we understand, classify and treat autistic-spectrum disorders."

- Toronto Globe & Mail, April 7, 2007



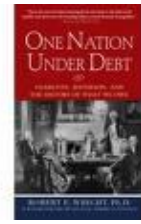
A People at War: Civilians and Soldiers in America's Civil War 1854-1877

Scott Nelson , Carol Sheriff

E415.7.N36 2007

"A *People at War* stands out as one of the best comprehensive overviews because of its focus on the lives and experiences of ordinary civilians and soldiers. Relying upon recent social histories and extensive primary sources, the book provides a new perspective on an otherwise well-studied subject. Scholars, the public, and especially students will benefit greatly from this highly readable and fascinating volume."

- Maris Vinovskis, Bentley Professor of History, University of Michigan



One Nation Under Debt: Hamilton, Jefferson, and the History of What We Owe

Wright, Robert E.

HJ8106.W75 2008

"Think that our burgeoning national debt is something new? We've been down this road before. *One Nation Under Debt* traces the roots of today's looming fiscal crisis back to the birth of the republic and shows how the founding fathers averted financial Armageddon."

- William Bernstein

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Spring 2009 Library Hours

January 3 – January 27

Monday - Thursday	8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Friday	8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Saturday	10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Sunday	CLOSED
Monday, January 19	CLOSED

January 28 - May 22

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

March 22 - March 28	CLOSED
Sunday, April 12	CLOSED

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