Pellissippi Libraries have evolved from a room on Division Street serving 45 students to a wing on the grounds of a mental health facility and finally to the Hardin Valley campus. What started as one small library has grown into a main library with three campus libraries; soon, it will be adding a fourth at Strawberry Plains!

One Search
Holly Dean
The library home page now features a “One Search” bar, which allows you to search the library catalog and databases at the same time. It’s a one-stop place to find books, scholarly articles, videos, and more.

For example, a search for “zombie apocalypse” will find 15,130 resources! Are you ready for the zombie apocalypse? No? Sounds like you’d better head to the library! Continued p. 3

New EBSCO eBooks
Peter Nerzak
Is an addition of over 250,000 books a good thing? Even if all titles are eBooks? You decide!

Take a look these six multidisciplinary ebook collections, representing a broad range of academic subject matter.

The collection concentrated in these subject areas are: academic collection (141,000); business collection (14,373); clinical collection (14,159); engineering core (724); history collection (14,159); and religion collection (5,520). Continued p. 2

Have a question?
Just click on this icon on our website to chat with, email, or text a librarian.
Library Icons Color-Coded for Easy Browsing

Have you noticed new color in the stacks?
The library signs with icons that were created last fall by five design students of Professor Vida Hashemian (see original article) have been modified based on your feedback.

Jennifer Mezick

Each area of the library has its own color. We hope this colorful change adds to the browsability of the new signs!

Remember that you’ll also see the library icons on our website to help you browse the Pellissippi online library.

That’s not all! In the coming months you’ll notice indicators located where a call number range starts. This should make locating books by call number quicker and easier!

Meet Your Librarian: Janine Pino

Meet Janine Pino, our new Catalog/Reference Librarian at the Hardin Valley campus.

Before joining us, she was a cataloger at Information International Associates (IIa) and also worked in the Oak Ridge National Lab Research Library and Knox County Public Library System.

Janine received her Master's in Information Science at UT as well as her Bachelor's in English.

Feel free to ask her about Web Design or Database Management.

Janine is interested in open educational resources and teaching digital literacy. Her first order of business at Pellissippi has been to renovate the Safari eBook Collection.

In her free time, Janine enjoys writing stories, reading graphic novels like Neil Gaiman's the Sandman, and listening to classic 80's rock.

Contact Janine at jcpino@pstcc.edu.

New EBSCO eBooks

Discover recently published titles available any time by visiting the library’s A-Z Databases page or search for them in the library’s catalog on our homepage: http://www.pstcc.edu/library.

Try them out! You can print out or download up to 60 pages of an ebook.

See more new books at lib.pstcc.edu/newbooks.
2015-2016 Common Book

This year’s Common Book is the United States of Appalachia: How Southern Mountaineers Brought Independence, Culture, and Enlightenment to America by Jeff Biggers.

Appalachia has long been a vanguard region in the United States— a cradle of U.S. freedom and independence and a hotbed for labor and civil rights movements and groundbreaking science, literature, and music.

With humor, intelligence, and clarity, Biggers shows us that to properly understand American history, it is essential to know the history of Appalachia.

What is the Common Book? It is an innovative approach to orient new students to college by giving students a reading experience to share with their peers at Pellissippi State. Each year, a new book is selected for to stimulate a year-long discussion of issues related to the book, encouraging exploration in classes and with co-curricular programming.

Learn more at http://lib.pstcc.edu/commonbook2015

One Search

Only want to search our catalog and not the databases? You can refine your search by selecting Library Catalog.

If you only want books located at a specific campus, you can choose which campus you’re located at with Library Location at the bottom. But please note the majority of our physical collection is held at the Hardin Valley campus.

Pellissippi Libraries Celebrate 40 Years

The collections in the Goins building expanded to support Roane’s academic programs, including literature, history, art, and philosophy.

In 1988, State Tech became Pellissippi State Technical Community College, and over 20 associate’s degrees were added, leading to a dramatic expansion of the library collection. Also in 1988, a site campus in Blount County opened, and the library subscribed to its first database, InfoTrac.

In the 1990s, cataloging became automated. After partnering with TTU to create a computerized library system, it offered students its first networked computers. In 1995, the library moved into the ERC building, where it is today. Magnolia Avenue became the third site campus in 1997, and the first library website went live. By 1999, the first ebooks were bought, which included 500 titles.

In the 2000s, the library joined five TBR libraries to further automate library services. The first e-audio books and streaming videos were purchased. Students could chat and later text a librarian, and laptops were available for checkout. Online subject guides were created to help students find resources, the library website got a major upgrade, and the subject guides migrated to LibGuides. In 2009, Pellissippi dropped Technical from its name.

Recently, the library has started lending iPads and implemented One Search discovery service to facilitate finding materials. In saying goodbye to long-standing librarians, such as Nina McPherson, Jean Jackson, Rick Bower, and Karen Cornell, we welcome many new librarians to carry on their tradition of outstanding service and high-quality work.

See more new books at lib.pstcc.edu/newbooks
Blount: New Library Lounge

The Blount County Library has created a new student lounge for study and soft conversations. The space is ready to be filled with brand-new lounge chairs as well as coffee and end tables. The best part about the space is that it creates additional seating; no student tables, chairs or computers were sacrificed to create this comfortable area. Several desks and display cabinets were simply shifted, and the copy machine is now located just across from the Circulation Desk, to the right of the library entrance. Currently, the whole area is roped off and marked with balloons & signs. The new furniture has been ordered. Seating will include chairs with armrests and without. Be on the lookout for a moving van: The Blount Library’s new furniture will be arriving soon!

Magnolia Library Partners with the Center

This spring, Magnolia opened its newly renovated Center for Student and Community Engagement, which incorporates the library among other resources to help students complete their programs and enhance students’ overall college experience.

We have two initiatives connected to the Center this year:

Our first is a one-year $10K grant from TBR focusing on male student retention. The money will be invested in mentoring, career preparation, and social support services. The support will be a collaborative effort from our Advising and Counseling Services as well as other support services located in the Center.

Our second is “Beyond the Common Book Club,” a Magnolia Library project designed to get students excited about reading. Students, faculty, staff, and community members are reading books that parallel this year’s common book, “The United States of Appalachia.” Our book for September is “Myths of the Cherokee” by James Mooney. Join us on Thursday, September 17th at 3:30 in Magnolia Ave community room MA 109.

Other collaborative services connecting the Center are: tutoring, advising, counseling, financial aid, service learning, student success, safety and security, as well as community partnerships that address the nonacademic challenges students face.

New Face of Division Street

After a major summer re-arrangement at Division Street Library, we are excited to start off the school year in our new library space.

We want to express a big “Thank You” to facilities and IT staff, who worked a little magic over the summer to make our library better. Our primary goal is to serve students better. We now offer all library materials and services in the main entry of Room 208. In the second half of Room 208, Academic Support Services (tutoring for all subjects) is on the left and the Open Computer Lab is on the right.

If you need help locating resources, booking a study room, or even finding a great book for weekend reading, let the staff at the Division Street Library know. We are happy to help!

Visit the Newsletter online at lib.pstcc.edu/about_library/publications for more!