New Service: Ask a Roving Librarian

You’re sitting in your favorite study spot on campus, all your books and notes laid out around you, and you have a research question but the library seems so far… Roving Librarians can help!

Beginning Spring 2016, librarians will be roving around the Hardin Valley campus twice a week and at Blount campus, armed with an iPad and answering research and general questions from students, staff, and faculty. Don’t have a question? Then just say hello!

Faculty, do you have any work days scheduled for your classes? Let us know and our Roving Librarians may be able to stop by and help your students with any questions they have about the assignment.

Our goal for this new service is to meet students in their time of need and preferred environment, and to show all the benefits the library has to offer. We look forward to seeing everyone around campus!

Library Gallery

Jennifer Mezick and Charles Dodd White

Art! It boosts creativity and imagination. It encourages critical thinking and learning. With help from the PSCC Fine Arts department, the Hardin Valley Library will bring art to inspire students where they interact and study. Continued p. 3

Accessibility Workshop

Stephanie C Gillespie

We are helping faculty and staff make their documents accessible to people with disabilities by offering a 50-minute, hands-on workshop.

Some comments from previous workshops:

“This was so helpful, so clear, so timely. A thousand thanks.”

“Could not have been more helpful.”

“Very enlightening! I was able to help a student with a class project today using the things I learned.”

Have a question?

“Ask a Librarian”

“Just click on this icon on our website to chat with, email, or text a librarian.”

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New Database: ScienceDirect College Edition

Peter Nerzak

ScienceDirect: Just another database? We compared its content to our other databases and found its journals were unique, not in any of our other databases.

ScienceDirect consists of three major subject collections: health & life sciences (1,200 full-text journals), physical sciences, (500 full-text journals), social & behavioral sciences (750 full-text journals).

Search ScienceDirect to find original research articles.

Check the "references" in a journal article, since many include summaries of referenced articles and often links to the full-text.


Library Gallery

(cont. from front page) The new gallery is in the Reference Room on the first floor of the library.

Through the month of February, award-winning Appalachian photographer Rob Amberg will display selected works from the last five decades chronicling the region. On Thursday, 18 February at 2pm, he will deliver a lecture at the Goins Auditorium, talking about the power of image and identity and the obligation of the contemporary artist. Famed photographer Sally Mann has said of his work, “[his] images have the same durability and tenacity as the lives they depict. He is trusted well enough to be there, up close, when the women embrace in affection or when the farmer pauses in the heat. And Amberg does not betray that trust. What we see is sympathetic, not sentimental, simple but not facile.”

Highway 212, Shelton Laurel, Madison County, NC 2013

Accessibility Workshop

(cont. from front page) More workshops are coming in the first several weeks of the spring semester, depending on interest. Workshops will be held on each campus. The sessions go over accessibility topics like formatting, page layout, and document organization.

For help with specific accessibility questions, please contact your campus librarian. Accessibility is a priority for Pellissippi, and the libraries are fully committed to helping faculty and staff receive hands-on training and to provide assistance as needed.
Have you heard about Microsoft IT Academy?

Janine Pino

The Microsoft IT Academy is a new online learning platform for MS products, computer science, and IT infrastructure. Sign up and study at your own pace or follow the learning plan developed by an instructor.

Tutorials vary in topic, language, and level of difficulty, but everyone can find something of interest. Still figuring out PowerPoint for presentations? Or maybe you want to try coding for game development? Instructors can find information on teaching with technology, and anyone can prepare for an MS Office certification exam.

And speaking of certification, the Hardin Valley Testing Center is now offering free Microsoft Office Specialist (MOS) certification exams to anyone with a valid Pellissippi ID. Test your skills at the beginner-, expert-, or master-level, and obtain a professional credential to put on your résumé. Students can also fill out a Credit for Life Experience form, and receive college credit for getting certified in Word or Excel. Please call ahead to schedule an exam at 865.694.6454.

For more information on MOS certification and study guides, visit http://lib.pstcc.edu/itacademy/certification.

For more information on signing up or logging in to IT Academy, visit http://lib.pstcc.edu/itacademy.
Blount: More Books in the Library

Tamatha Lambert

Once a semester, Blount County Campus Dean, Holly Burkett, puts the Voice-Out box around campus. Students write comments, complaints, or suggestions on a Voice-Out card. What do Blount students frequently ask for? “More books in the library.” They also want books to be more readily available.

You want ‘em, you got ‘em! New books have been ordered; old, outdated titles are being removed; and additional books are being transferred from the Hardin Valley Library to Blount.

Also, don’t forget our excellent intercampus loan service, which offers book-delivery in as little as a day.

In 2015, the Pellissippi Libraries checked out 14,851 books. The book is not dead, it lives! Be on the look-out, more books are coming to your Blount Library. The shelves will soon be full to capacity. With an improved print collection and access to our 350,000 ebook collection, we are here to meet your information needs!

The Magnolians

Naomi Williams

“A Long time ago, in a library galaxy far, far away” on the Magnolia planet in the year MMXVI, live two Magnolians that set out on a journey to increase their educational powers. As they slowly shed their ordinary high school student form to become the ultimate college student, they first embark on founding two new clubs on the Magnolia planet.

The first student, Ann Kouns, the founding president of the MA Spanish club, came to the Magnolia planet as a freshman in fall 2015. She graduated from an accredited home school program facilitate by Berean Christian School of Knoxville while a dual enrollment student at PSCC. She diligently took advantage of the libraries’ 170 databases, over 80,000 print books, and 3 study rooms in her pursue of knowledge. She is very interested in science and language along with reading and hanging out with friends.

Ann is trying to decide on a career in Biotechnology Engineering or Crime Scene Investigation, but you hear in her voice her passion for GMOs. Either career choice she will manage very well with her 3.82 GPA.

Stay tuned for episode two in the next newsletter!

What’s New at Division Street

Lauren Rider

We are excited to start another semester at Division Street Library!

Come check out our new Ultra HDTV in the Student Study Room (DV 211). You can use the HDTV to plug in a laptop or other device with an HDMI cable. Currently enrolled students can reserve study rooms for up to 2 hours per day. Reserve a room up to a week in advance on our website at http://libcal.pstcc.edu/.

Also new is our hardback fiction collection. Find them on the end of the bookcase near the service desk. Spring break will be here before you know it (or the next snow day!), so grab some great leisure reading to give your mind a break from school work!

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