Fresh Look for PSCC Libraries Website

Jennifer Mezick

Have you noticed a change in the libraries’ homepage? Not only is it more attractive, but it highlights the information and resources you use the most for quick and easy access. And, best of all, it is optimized for desktops, tablets, and cell phones!

“What are the library hours?” is one of the most common questions we receive, so the hours for each library are now prominently featured on the homepage. Under each library, you can find its location, map, and contact information as well. Find a link to the full semester hours underneath.

Another, very noticeable difference is the OneSearch box. Its attractive branding makes it the first item most visitors see. It replaces three search boxes on our previous site, combining them into a one-stop resource. Read more about how OneSearch works below. Continued p. 4

OneSearch

Janine Pino

OneSearch, on the libraries’ homepage, is a simple grey search box that will meet most all your researching needs. It is a gateway to the libraries’ print and online collections. With it, you can find any print book or DVD on any campus and most all electronic resources in our databases, including ebooks, scholarly articles… Continued p. 3

Supporting Student Success

Tamatha Lambert & Stephanie C Gillespie

PSCC’s 2016 Excellence in Teaching was awarded to Christie Cunningham for, among other reasons, using technology innovatively to support student success in her psychology courses. Collaborating with Blount Librarian, Tamatha Lambert, she used the libraries’ website to create an online assignment guide (lib.pstcc.edu/PsychologyCunningham) for her students. Continued p. 2

Have a question?

Ask a Librarian

Just click on this icon on our website to chat with, email, or text a librarian.
Logical Fallacies: A Timely Debate

Holly Dean

Why should you read the 2016-2017 Common Book, An Illustrated Book of Bad Arguments by Ali Almossawi? Aside from being wildly entertaining, it stresses the importance of critical thinking.

In today’s information-overload world, it is more critical than ever to recognize and discredit arguments that hide or twist the facts. Whether it’s national debate, social injustice, or public health topics, Almossawi urges you to evaluate arguments for yourself. He helps you recognize logical fallacies, which are common errors in reasoning that undermine your argument.

Don’t let a logical fallacy ruin your research paper or speech! Our librarians can help you find the scholarly sources you need to create an impressive argument that will sway your audience. Just ask a librarian (libanswer.pstcc.edu) online or catch us roving around campus!


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In four months, her students worked intensely with the guide to complete their assignment, viewing it 2,785 times. That is a little more than 22 times per student!

Tamatha was thrilled to support Christie’s pioneering vision. Said Christie: “[The guide] is AWESOME!!!! Thank you so much for helping me with this amazing LibGuide!!!! I could not pursue this assignment without it!”

Assignment guides like Ed Francisco’s Creative Research Paper (lib.pstcc.edu/ENG2110Francisco) and Keri Withington’s Literary Analysis Paper (lib.pstcc.edu/ENGL2110Withington) are online learning objects that take students step-by-step to complete the assignment.

Have an assignment you’d like to have a guide for? Email your subject librarian (lib.pstcc.edu/collection_development/subjectlibrarian) your assignment, and they will work with you to create an online guide for your students.

Research Instruction for Online Classes

Did you know that we offer research instruction to online classes, too? By using screen share technology, we can offer your online students the same research instruction that your face-to-face students receive. Request research instruction (lib.pstcc.edu/faculty_services/instruction) for your online class today!
OneSearch

videos, music, audiobooks, images, and more.

But how is this different from last year’s catalog?

Behold a brighter, cleaner interface that makes filtering your results a breeze. Take several thousand results down to a hundred, by choosing a Resource Type (such as Articles), a Creation Date, Author, and Call Number.

With the Course Reserves tab, finding items from your instructor at the library is simple. Find print books more easily with the Library Catalog tab.

Finally, get ready for a new way to grab your books from another campus. Just click on the Get It button beneath the item, make a Request by signing in with your PSCC username and password, and tell us where you need it delivered. Researching has never been so easy!

Wiley Online Library

Peter Nerzak

Check out Wiley Online Library database! It has about 1,500 scholarly journals, offering high quality research articles. It covers the life sciences (819 titles), health and physical sciences (416 titles), social sciences and the humanities (595 titles).

It has a clean, simple interface, offers several article alert options, and is fully compatible with your phone.

Browse by subject or search within a journal. An open lock icon means you can access the article’s full text. When you find a good article, use the “More like this” link to find similar articles. Create a Wiley user account to save your searches and articles.

When searching OneSearch from the Libraries’ homepage (www.pstcc.edu/library), Wiley articles will also be retrieved. Find Wiley on the Libraries’ databases page (lib.pstcc.edu/az.php).

Upcoming Programs at Magnolia

Naomi Williams

Over 30,000 students and community members seek support every semester from Magnolia’s Center for Student and Community Engagement.

This fall, the Center will offer the following programs to all students, faculty, and staff. For dates and times, check the Magnolia Campus Calendar (www.pstcc.edu/calendar/magnolia)

• Financial Literacy Workshop
• Suicide Awareness & Prevention
• Domestic Violence Awareness & Prevention
• Smoking Cessation
• Stress management via Magnolia Music & More
• Magnolia Book Club: first book is An Illustrated Book of Bad Arguments on Sep 13th and 15th from 11:05 to noon in the Magnolia Community Room

Center’s staff L-R: Loralee Bryant, Coordinator, Academic Support; Naomi Williams, Librarian; Garry Loftis, Counseling; Aneshia Brown, Financial Aid; Drema Bowers, Counseling

• Research instruction for all PSCC classes. Instructors can request a session with the Research Instruction Request Form (lib.pstcc.edu/faculty_services/instruction).
**PowerPoint Accessibility Workshop**

*Stephanie C Gillespie*

ETS & PSCC Libraries are joining forces this fall to roll out the next installment of the accessibility workshops: PowerPoint! This topic was the most requested from faculty in the surveys (20%). We'll take you through seeing the lay of the land, clearing out the deadwood, and zoning and enriching your PowerPoint presentations.

Since January 2016, we've trained over 200 faculty and staff to make their Word documents accessible. Still have questions about making Word documents accessible? Just reach out to either our ETS Accessibility Specialist Royce Jacomen or your friendly librarian. We would gladly answer any specific questions about making your documents accessible.

Also, check out the [ETS & PSCC Libraries’ Accessibility Guide](lib.pstcc.edu/accessibility) for all workshop documents, how-to guides, checklists, the accessible master syllabus template, and more.

Look out for emails this fall announcing PowerPoint Accessibility Workshop dates and times on the Faculty-Staff LISTSERV.

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**Fresh Look for PSCC Libraries Website**

Our homepage incorporates the same top-level navigation bar as the rest of the libraries’ website to help you easily navigate it.

We created eye-catching buttons to highlight some of our most frequently visited web pages like our APA & MLA Citation guide and Book a Study Room page.

Stay up-to-date with the library blog, highlighting current news and events. A new footer features links to other PSCC web pages students visit most often.

What do you think of the new look? Use the “Tell us what you think” button (pstcc.libsurveys.com/Homepage-Feedback) on the homepage to let us know what you love and what can be improved about the homepage.

Our special thanks go to former PSCC Reference Librarian Andy Bell for designing the new homepage and to PSCC’s Coordinator of Web Authoring Erin Simpson for helping implement it.

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**DVDs at Your Library**

*Susan Martel*

Action! Comedies! Sci-fi! Romance! Documentaries! Thrillers! Mysteries! Drama! Classics! Animation! Family films! We have the movies you want to watch.

Come see the newly added film collections at Hardin Valley, Blount, Division, and Magnolia libraries. You are sure to find some irresistible titles!

Choose something you missed in theaters like the Dark Knight, Shutter Island, or Sweeney Todd (remember, with Johnny Depp and Helena Bonham Carter?).

Reconnect with a favorite movie or TV show from your past like *Taxi Driver* (You talkin’ to me?!), *Indiana Jones*, *Total Recall*, or *the Matrix*.

Or grab a few films for your kids like *Antz*, *the Box Trolls*, or *the Wizard of Oz*.

Browse the shelves in person, or look for titles online with OneSearch on the libraries’ homepage: Just look for the film icon in the results.

Borrow up to 3 DVDs for 7 days. No matter which day you check them out, you can keep them over a weekend!

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Library Newsletter Archive [lib.pstcc.edu/about_library/publications](lib.pstcc.edu/about_library/publications)