Cool Beans! We Have a Seed Library!

The Hardin Valley Library is excited to announce the opening of the PSCC Seed Library!

What’s a seed library?
It is a place where you can get FREE seeds to plant and grow at home.

How does it work?
PSCC students, staff, and faculty can select up to 5 seed packets per person and take them home to grow their own food. At the end of each season, we encourage you to collect seeds from your garden and return them to the library in order to create a sustainable collection.

The Seed Library currently has over 2,900 seed packets in a wide variety of vegetable, herb, edible flower, grains, and cover crop seeds.

Seeds were generously donated by Baker Creek Heirloom Seeds, Beardsley Farm, and local individuals in the hope of establishing a sustainable community.

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Fight Fake News

Worried about falling victim to fake news? Not to worry!
Read the New York Times & Wall Street Journal online FREE! Cont. p. 2

African American Read-In

2017 African American Read-In events are in the works for February at several PSCC campuses!
We will celebrate African American literature with public reading marathons.

Have a question?

Want to read work by your favorite African American author at one of the events? Send an email to drbernhardt@pstcc.edu.
Are You a Veteran? We Have Your Textbooks

Are you a PSCC Veteran? Do you need textbooks for your PSCC classes?

Qualified veterans can check out textbooks in the PSCC Veterans Services Collection for FREE for the entire semester!

Do we have your textbooks? Check the libraries’ Veteran’s Guide (lib.pstcc.edu/veterans) and click on “Veterans Services Textbook Program” on the left side of the page.

If your textbook is available, you can put a temporary hold on it to give you an opportunity to pick it up at your PSCC library. Don’t forget your PSCC ID or a valid photo ID.

Though the collection is housed at Hardin Valley Library, you can request to pick up your textbooks at ANY of the campus libraries! Delivery usually takes 1-2 days.

The PSCC Veterans Services Collection was acquired through donations and grants.

Supplies are limited: Act fast!

Your Blount Librarian: Maud Mundava

As the new Blount Librarian, Maud hopes to partner with faculty to enhance student success.

Maud’s favorite thing about the library is its ever-changing nature, the respect for intellectual freedom, and promotion of equal access to information to enlighten our communities. Most importantly, she learns something new every day at the library and can make a difference by helping people:

“I believe libraries shine in their communities as long as they meet the needs of their diverse constituencies.”

Maud may be new to Blount Library, but you may recognize her from the Reference Desk at the Hardin Valley Library. Prior to joining us, she worked at the Atlanta University Center in Georgia and UTK.

She looks forward to offering APA workshops and helping organize the African American Read-In, Library Staff Open House, and the Faculty Achievement Celebration. Please encourage your students to attend these events!

Maud’s favorite quote is by Nelson Mandela: “As we let our own light shine, we unconsciously give others the permission to do the same.”

Contact Maud at mcmundava@pstcc.edu.

Fight Fake News

Subscribe to the New York Times and have it delivered to your email. Just go to NY Times Academic Pass (lib.pstcc.edu/nytimes) and sign up with your PSCC email.


Both newspapers follow the journalistic code of ethics that commits them to only publish verified news.
What’s a primary source? How do I find credible sources? What’s a database...? Is that like Google? What do you mean I have to “use” APA? Is that like Google?

If you’re asking these questions, you’re probably taking SPCH 2100.

Get the answers to these questions and more on our newly updated SPCH 2100 Guide (lib.pstcc.edu/spch)!

Check out our assignment pages for the informative speech, persuasive speech, and occasion speech. Each page offers instructions on getting started with the assignment, specific resources to search, and how-to videos.

Terrified of public speaking? Our Overcoming Anxiety page has a video, books, and ebooks that can help you conquer your fear.

Not sure where to start? The How to Research page takes you from picking a topic to finding sources and from evaluating sources to citing them.

Cool Beans!

Are you new to gardening or seed-saving?

The libraries have books on organic gardening, seed collecting and saving, and more!

You can find all the information you need to successfully grow your garden (big or small), as well as information on seed-saving on the Seed Library Guide (lib.pstcc.edu/seedlibrary).

New MLA & APA Templates

Are you not a computer person but have to write a paper?

On our Citation Guide (lib.pstcc.edu/citation), you can download a fully formatted Word document for APA and MLA.

The templates have super-simple directions like “double-click to insert short title (50 characters or less).” They offer tips on writing in academic style, quoting correctly, and finding trustworthy sources. They have directions for creating an abstract and conclusion, and they link to a thesis generator!

Don’t forget, librarians can help you find great sources for your paper, and PSCC tutors can give you feedback on your writing. We can get you on your way to an A!
Roving Librarians at Strawberry Campus

We will have a roving librarian at the Strawberry campus at least once a week this semester. We will set up a table in the lobby and be available to help you find resources for assignments, demonstrate how to use databases, provide citation help, offer reading recommendations, show you how to request books and DVDs from other campus libraries, and answer any other questions you may have. For instructors, we will also be available to visit classes as well as bring material for students to check out related to their current assignments – just let us know ahead of time! Hours for our visits to Strawberry Plains and other campuses can be found on our Roving Librarian Schedule (lib.pstcc.edu/about_library/hours).

Go Green Giving Student Feedback

Instead of having students print out their assignment in addition to submitting it on D2L, why not go green this semester with video or digital comments?

Some perks: It’s green! It’s great for online classes! It’s more personal! Students don’t have to use their print quota and can’t lose your feedback. You have a lot more room to write! You can get as hands-on as you’d like. Cut down on misunderstandings! You can have a conversation instead of just giving one-way feedback. Unclear handwriting is never an issue! See how this could work for you! Check out our new videos, "Digital Student Feedback with MS Word" (bit.ly/2jVzyXv) and “Student Feedback Example Using Screencast-o-Matic” (bit.ly/2jgJWIF).

Are Your Classes Copyright Compliant?

Copyright, Fair Use, and Creative Commons materials can be a bit tricky to understand. Many instructors aren’t even aware that they may be in violation of one of these laws. Don’t fret! The libraries have created a series of short, concise videos on our Copyright Guide (lib.pstcc.edu/copyright) to help you out. We also have a brief quiz, so you can test your knowledge of these topics. Do you teach online or use D2L? Online course platforms, such as D2L, are where most copyright violations occur. For example, a common violation is scanning and uploading copyrighted works, such as plays, images, and book chapters, that are not owned by your institution.

What’s your alternative? Give us a list of works you’d like to use: We may already have them! If not, and you want to use the work multiple semesters, we will try to purchase it! We can add hardcopy books to our collection and put them on reserve, or we may be able to buy an ebook that students can access from anywhere.

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