New Books

Service in the Spotlight

There are a ton of services in the Library, but one of the easiest to use – and one that can lead you to all the others – is Research Assistance at the Reference Desk.

Turn left as you come in the door of the Hardin Valley ERC, and you will find a friendly, trained librarian ready to help you find whatever information you need.

From the simple to the complex, our librarians are here for you: students, faculty, staff and community members!

Common questions include how to use the Library website to find articles to do research for assignments and write papers, how to print wirelessly in the building, how to cite sources for papers, and how to get to the Testing Center and Learning Commons.

We look forward to your questions! 😊

Stuff for Students

If you have had to wait to use a library computer before, we have good news for you!

The library is expanding the computing area in the Reference Room. This fall, we plan to install 24 new computers and 2 new printers for student use.

With these new stations, we will have 42 computers, as well as USB and headphone ports.

The computers provide access to all the library resources, including subject guides with research tips, the library catalog for searching books and eBooks, and databases to find articles and media.

To make room for the new computers, the print journal and reference collections have been condensed, so no study space has been lost.

We hope to install the new computers during Fall Break.

Available Now on Reserve

In the Library & ERCS

The 2014-2015 Common Book

The Best American Science and Nature Writing 2013

“This collection of the best science and nature writing published in The US last year is an excellent introduction to the key issues in science today. It’s edited by Siddhartha Mukherjee, whose biography of cancer won the 2011 Guardian First Book Award.”

-PD Smith, The Guardian

In Memoriam

Lisa Robinson

Lisa was the ERC Coordinator at Pellissippi’s Blount County Campus. She passed away on August 4, 2014, and will be sorely missed by the colleagues and students she dedicated herself to.

A search for new ERC Coordinators for Blount and Division Street, where Tiffany Hedges will also be missed since she resigned and moved to Ohio this summer, is underway.
Remember to bring your Pellissippi State ID Card with you to check out Library materials

Did You Know?

Our Fall Hours Are...

The Library at Hardin Valley:
- Mon.-Thurs. 7:30 am – 9:00pm
- Friday 7:30 am – 6:00 pm
- Saturday 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

ERCs at Blount County, Magnolia Avenue, & Division Street:
- Mon.-Thurs. 8:00 am – 7:30 pm
- Friday 8:00 am – 4:00 pm

Open Lab at Strawberry Plains:
- Mon./Tues./Thurs. 8:00 am – 6:00 pm
- Wed./Friday 8:00 am – 4:00 pm

Chat and Text-a-Librarian are also available during the same hours. Click Chat on our homepage, or text your question to 66746 to talk to us live.

You can get help on Facebook at PellissippiLibrary, on Twitter @PellissippiLib, & our blog at http://blogs.pstcc.edu/library/ for advice and hints, or just to ask a question.

More...

What’s Up @ the Library

We’ve got a brand new website! With a clean design and side menus, we think the new layout will be easier to use. We’ve also added some extra tools to help you discover library resources like books, videos, and articles.

Our Guides are pages for specific Pellissippi subjects or classes that show you things like recommended books and databases. Now you can even do a keyword search across all of our LibGuides to help you find resources for a project or topic that may not have its own page. A complete list of LibGuides can be found on the library home page – they are all still there, just with a little facelift! If you need help starting your paper or research project, or citing your sources, we’re here to help at http://lib.pstcc.edu/researchhelp.

On the old website, you could find databases by subject, but now you can also find databases by type. Use the dropdown menu on our Databases A-Z page at http://lib.pstcc.edu/az.php to see which ones offer articles, photographs, or videos. Illustrating your speech was never so easy!

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Meet Your Librarian: Jennifer Mezick

Jennifer Mezick has been at PSCC for 2 years, the first year as a part-time reference librarian. In January 2014, she became the cataloging librarian and science liaison. She graduated from the UT School of Information Science with her MLIS in 2012, and has an MA in photographic preservation – so send all your photo questions her way!

Her favorite thing about being a librarian is working with students and teaching information literacy skills to enable their success.

Jennifer enjoys sushi for breakfast, listens to the Traveling Wilburys, and has a menagerie of dogs. As a little girl, Jennifer wanted to be a superhero with the ability to fly. As an adult she’s terrified of heights!

Contact Jennifer at jamezick@pstcc.edu.

Visit us in the Library or your local ERC to see how you can:
- find articles
- check out books
- check out reserve items
- ask questions
- get help with research for homework or papers
- book study rooms for group work or to practice presentations
- use computers
- borrow a laptop or iPad (bring a driver’s license or other photo ID)

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