Small Changes = Big Improvements

by Lisa Grabowski

Springtime is often thought of as a time of renewal, hope, and change. In the Library & Learning Commons, we take this to heart. Once again, we will be repurposing space with the result being fluid and flexible areas that encourage student centered, collaborative learning. By the end of May, both the Writing Center and paralegal reference collection will have made short moves to new locations within the Library.

The Writing Center will be more visible in its new location along the south and west walls. It will have modular units with a reception area, office, and large and small group study rooms. This move will occur in May.

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The Paralegal students will have the opportunity to engage in peer collaboration in a designated Law Library. The law reference collection along with computers, tables, and chairs will be located in M2560. With an accent wall, new carpet and shelving attached to the walls, this room will provide students and community members with a designated space to research statutes, cases, and legal issues.

Please bear with us as many departments within the college work hard to make these designs a reality. The end result will be a learning space that supports the learning commons model with functional partnerships and communal spaces.

A 3-D rendering of the new Writing Center.

Coming Soon: Computer Skills Sessions
by Andrea Reveley

This summer we will be offering free drop-in basic computer skill sessions for ACC students. Topics covered will include using email, opening and saving documents, and basic introductions to Microsoft Word, PowerPoint and Excel. Later in the semester we will offer sessions on formatting documents in APA and MLA.

During each session, there will be ample time for students to ask questions and we can tailor content based on student needs. These sessions will be offered multiple times during the first few weeks of school. For the Summer Semester, we will offer sessions May 26-29 and again from June 8-12 during the day and evening. We will continue to offer basic computer help one-on-one throughout the semester for students that need additional assistance.

After consulting with Advising, Student Affairs, the CIS Department, and Community Education, we have gathered many ideas to cover in our sessions. However, we are always looking for more. If you have a topic that you think our students need more help with, let us know and we can add it to our training sessions!

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Therapy Dogs Bring Smiles!
by Lindsay Roberts

A 2009 study found that by gazing at their dogs, pet owners can increase their oxytocin levels, thereby improving their overall mood. Our informal observations concur! Over 100 students, faculty, and staff attended our March 10 Therapy Dogs event and left with big smiles and reduced stress. Gidget, Lambchop, Rosetta, Franz, Vitas, and Oboe are therapy dogs or guide-dogs-in-training. Their owners volunteer at Littleton Adventist Hospital or raise puppies for Guide Dogs for the Blind. Look for them again during finals week!

Art in the Library
by Casey Lansinger

While we love the written word here in the Library, we also love art and we show that by the unique, student-created art pieces proudly displayed in the Library. Next time you’re in the Library, take a second to look around and you’ll see that many of our walls and nooks are adorned with a painting, a photograph or, just maybe, a 3D cardboard person!

Come see for yourself.

Photographer Molly McMillian captured this stunning vista in "Umbria", Italy.

B. Roth Haas, "Out of the Box, Soul Alight"

Come see the cardboard box sculpture on the second floor by the staircase.
Gone are the days of the big, black, 3-ring binder filled with course reserve listings at the circulation desk. Now you can check which course reserves we have available for check out from the Library’s home page. Course Reserves are the textbooks that an Instructor puts on hold in the Library; typically these items stay in the Library and are available for a 2-hour checkout.

From the Library home page, you can access Course Reserves by clicking on the green button that says, you guessed it!, Course Reserves.

From this screen you will be able to look up your Course Reserves from either the course prefix (for example: BIO 201) or by all or part of the Course Reserve title.

If the textbook you are looking for is available as a hyperlink, simply click on it and you will also be able to see if it is available or checked out (and if it is checked out, information will be provided as to when it is expected to be turned back in.)

It’s just one of many ways we’re making life a little easier here in the Library at ACC.

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### Come Check out ACC’s Coyote!

The coyote was the ACC Mascot from 2002 through June 2005. Come see our display of coyote memorabilia on the first floor of the Library near the back staircase.

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### 3 Women’s History Month Resources

**Did you know?** Congress officially proclaimed National Women’s History Month starting in March 1987 to celebrate the achievements of females in many fields. Learn more from the Library of Congress. Check out our display in the Library all this month!


2. Stream fantastic documentaries from our Films on Demand history collection. Here are just a few related titles: *How Women Won the Vote; Founding Mothers; Women’s Rights; Makers: Women Who Make America.*

3. *Clio in the Classroom: A guide for Teaching U.S. Women’s History*. This edited volume features articles that advise Instructors on connecting women’s history to medicine, law, business, history, art, gender studies, and more. Available as an ebook.
PDA in the Library
by Lisa Grabowski

Patron Driven Acquisition (PDA) is a collection development model that utilizes a “just-in-time” strategy. This model gives us cost-effective access to titles when our users need them. Using an online tool called GOBI (Global Online Bibliographic Information), our patrons will largely determine which ebooks we will add to our collection. PDA systems vary among vendors, but basically thousands of ebooks will be discoverable in our catalog. Users will have access to a free preview of the full-text. After a specified number of uses, or pattern of demand has been established, we can decide offline, or short term, pay-per-use access. Library that results in collection development will meet the needs of our patrons.

New Fiction & Non-Fiction in the Library
by Ann Priestman

We’re always adding to our print collection to meet all of your fiction and non-fiction needs. Find these books (and more!) located on our new book display on the second floor of the Library.

All reviews below taken from GoodReads.com

Smoke Gets In Your Eyes: And Other Lessons From the Crematory
Caitlin Doughty
“The blogger behind the popular Web series ‘Ask a Mortician’ describes her experiences working at a crematory, including how she sometimes got ashes on her clothes and how she cared for bodies of all shapes and sizes.”

A Sudden Light
Garth Stein
“When a boy tries to save his parents’ marriage, he uncovers a legacy of family secrets in a coming-of-age ghost story by the author of the internationally bestselling phenomenon, The Art of Racing in the Rain.”

The Assassination of Margaret Thatcher: Stories
Hilary Mantel
“From one of Britain's most accomplished, acclaimed, and garlanded writers, Hilary Mantel delivers a brilliant collection of contemporary short stories that demonstrate what modern England has become.”

Hand to Mouth: Living in Bootstrap America
Linda Tirado
“I've been waiting for this book for a long time. Well, not this book, because I never imagined that the book I was waiting for would be so devastatingly smart and funny, so consistently entertaining and unflinchingly on target. In fact, I would like to have written it myself - if, that is, I had lived Linda Tirado's life and extracted all the hard lessons she has learned.”
From the Archives:

Do you remember these ACC teams?