

Information Literacy— Good Medicine

Librarian Norma Schmidt and Associate Professor Lisa Jordan of the nursing department, recently teamed up at the Maryland Association of Associate Degree Nursing Directors annual conference held in Towson, MD. Through their collaborative efforts, the two associate professors demonstrated how Information Literacy is catching on at Prince George's Community College. Under the conference's focus of "Innovative Teaching Strategies," they presented "Information Literacy: The Library-Nursing Team." At this October 3rd presentation, Prof. Jordan showed the need for nursing educators to promote the use of electronic means of research. Prof. Schmidt described the online nursing sources of information used in library instruction at PGCC.

It is hoped that more departments will see the need to promote and implement information literacy across their curriculum.



No Student Left Behind

If your students are having trouble using sources in the library, have no fear, help is here. Beginning this fall, the library is responding to such needs with the Library Tutoring Program. Although students may have previously had library instruction through the Information Literacy classes or through the traditional Reference Desk interview, the new program addresses specific needs of an individual student. In this way it is hoped that students will become knowledgeable researchers.

Here is how the tutoring program works. A student asks a librarian for a tutoring referral form, completes it and returns it to the reference desk. Once the form is reviewed, the next appropriate step is decided and the student is contacted to set up an appointment. Examples of appropriate use of this one-on-one service are: assistance developing a search strategy, or using the online databases, or better understanding how to cite print and electronic sources.

The traditional library instruction programs still remain. For more information on the new Library Tutoring Program service, contact John Bartles via email at jbartles@pgcc.edu or by phone at x0469.

Online Subject Guides

Available this fall are Online Subject Guides. These guides are designed to assist students in quickly finding authoritative electronic and print resources in subject areas offered at Prince George's Community College. The Online Subject Guides have access points to journal articles, dictionaries and glossaries, handbooks, encyclopedias, online catalog tips, associations and organizations, selected authoritative web sites, and style guide information.

Bookmark <http://academic.pgcc.edu/~nschmidt/courses.html> and remember to refer your students to these invaluable guides.



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New Databases

Commercial databases are fast becoming a popular source for researchers. To keep up with the demand the library has been able to add 8 new database subscriptions. Two of these are highlighted below.

PsycArticles has full-text articles and abstracts from the American Psychological Association journals. This database is easy to use and follows the same search strategy as other ProQuest databases.

A rich collection of English and American Literature sources can be found in **Literature Online**. Included in this database are literary texts, poetry, criticism, reference tools, full text academic journal, author biographies, Knowledge Notes Study Guides, and more.

Additional new databases added this fall are **Biography Resource Center, Applied Science and Technology Full Text, Business & Company Resource Center, and Morningstar.com**.

For access to these and all the databases currently subscribed, click on Online Databases from the left margin of the library's home page at www.pgcc.edu/library.

Comings and Goings

There is a new face at the circulation desk—Library Media Technician Brenda Key joined the library staff this summer. Stop by and say, "Hello, Brenda!"


The library staff recently bid fond farewell to two of its staff members, Barbara Vollmer and Carol Richardson. After 16 years of service, with her last position being a library media technician, Barbara retired. Carol resigned her position in June as secretary to the dean of Learning Resources.

Both Barbara and Carol are enjoying days of leisure, relaxation and world travel.

FYI: For library phone numbers and more info, please go to <http://www.pgcc.edu/library/> and click the Reference or Technical Services link.



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What's New @ Your Library

Listed below are recent additions to the reference collection.

MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers, 6th edition

LB 2369.G53 2003

CQ's Politics in America, 12th edition

JK 1012.C63 2004

Key Events in African History: A Reference Guide

DT 20 .F35 2002

AutoCAD 2002

T 385.C5413995 2002

Depression Sourcebook

RC 537.D4455 2002

The circulating collection has been enriched with new titles in the Middle East and Islam subject areas.

For an annotated listing of these new titles, contact Marianne Rough, mrough@pgcc.edu.



Who's Who

☞ At this year's Conference of the Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASAALH) held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, part-time Reference Librarian Janet Simms-Wood was elected national vice president.

☞ Effective July, 2003, Collections Development Librarian Marianne Rough assumed the duties as chair of Community and Junior College Libraries Section (CJCLS) of ALA's Association of College and Research Libraries. Marianne was elected vice chair/chair elect at the 2002 annual ALA conference.