

Say Good-bye to Marianne and John

Two Librarians are Leaving PGCC

A rare event will soon take place @ your library. Two librarians, Marianne Rough and John Bartles, are leaving the campus. Marianne is retiring after 24 years at PGCC. John is leaving to pursue full-time doctoral studies at Drexel University. The dean, Lynda Logan, as well as the other librarians, thought it a good idea to feature both librarians in this issue. Read on to learn more about them.

Marianne Rough came to the PGCC library in 1983. When her husband relocated to Maryland to work at the University of Maryland College Park, Marianne responded to an ad in the local paper calling for a librarian to manage the periodicals section. Shortly after being hired, Marianne remembers being responsible for much of the library's move from Kent Hall to its



current location in Accokeek. Several years later she began her current role as the collection development manager, responsible for acquiring materials to enhance the library's collection. Before arriving at PGCC Marianne was the head of the department for audiovisual materials and services at SUNY, Old Westbury.

Marianne finds the most enjoyment helping students while working at the reference desk. Her training and preparation for librarianship came from obtaining a master of library science degree from Long Island University in 1978. In addition to helping students Marianne has made time to be involved in various committees during her tenure at the community college. Professional organizations have recognized her at the local, regional and national levels for her work as chair and member of various library committees. She has also worked on the editorial board for the *College and Research Libraries* journal. Marianne responded to a few questions to help us learn more about her. Following is a summary of her interview.

Q: What has been your favorite job?

MR: *Working at the reference desk. I enjoyed helping the students and it was most gratifying when students came back to tell me they got an "A." We were so excited that we hugged one another.*



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Q: How would you describe your tenure at PGCC?

MR: *I would have to say it was always exciting. I found myself happy to get and go to work. When a project required I spend extra hours at work, I did not mind at all.*

Q: What would you like faculty, staff, and administrators to know about you?

MR: *I enjoyed working with everyone in all capacities to fill their library needs. I will especially miss my friends in the library.*

Q: What are your plans for the future?

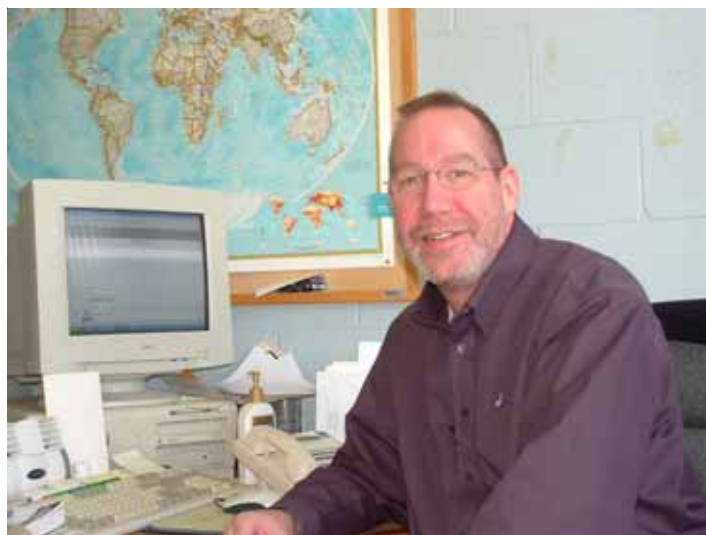
MR: *I will move to South Carolina to be close to my family members. I hope to volunteer at local libraries there. Since I have recently begun to pursue my interest in art (I have one work on exhibit in the Marlboro Art Gallery, "Cherry Blossoms") I want to continue by taking classes and participating in local shows.*

A long-time resident of Baltimore, John came to PGCC as a student worker twenty-three years ago. His first job was working in the media office where he took care of booking films requested by faculty members. John eventually earned his bachelor's degree from the College of Notre Dame in Baltimore. John took a career test to learn in what area his talents would best fit. Based on his curiosity and thirst for knowledge the results of the test suggested his career interests could be satisfied by working as a professional in a library. With lots of encouragement from the library dean, Lynda Logan, John considered becoming a librarian. He enrolled in a program offered by Drexel University and for two years traveled to the Philadelphia campus to complete the requirements for a master of library science degree in 2000.

At PGCC, John eventually became the coordinator/chair for technical services overseeing the day-to-day operation of cataloging and materials acquisition. He has been involved in many of the college's ad hoc committees and most recently was vice president of the faculty senate. Monitoring the migration of the library's catalog from Windows to Web access has been one of John's greatest challenges. However, John is hoping to deal with other challenges once he completes his doctorate, that is, he plans to educate future librarians or become an administrator in the library science discipline. Following is a summary of John's interview with the editor.

Q.: Having worked here all of your adult life, what will you miss most about PGCC?

JB: *I will miss my colleagues, the majority of the faculty, and the changes yielding more diversity in the faculty.*



Q: How would you describe your tenure here?

JB: *When I think about working here I could get bogged down in the negatives, but in actuality, I am proud to have been part of the team of a progressive community college library, especially because it was the first in the state to have an online catalog and to offer subscription databases. I especially liked reference work since it gave me the most challenges and required lots of thinking.*

Q: What are your plans for the future?

JB: *I hope to work with the underserved based on age, gender, and the disabled of all kinds. I am especially interested in assistive technology for college students.*

Q: What last words would you leave us with?

JB: *Always remain open for the best option regardless of your situation. Our students need a little extra help so they can move forward from here.*

The staff and librarians wish both Marianne and John much success. They will surely be missed.

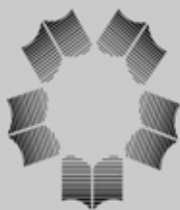
Partnering with a Collegian Center

A challenging job for many academic libraries is marketing the services available to faculty, staff and students. There are many ways to enrich learning experiences and one of them is through collaboration. Recently one of the librarians collaborated with a collegian center. On March 21, 2007, Imogene Zachery, faculty librarian, presented an American Psychological Association (APA) workshop, "How to Write Your College Papers Using APA Citations in the library." The workshop was sponsored by the Psychology, Sociology, and Education Collegian Center, headed by this year's coordinator, Dr. Dawn Lewis. The session was lively and interactive. Learning activities included hands-on exercises using the library's instruction area computers. Students were thoroughly engaged and many commented that the workshop was practical and valuable.

A series of APA citation workshops will be given during fall 2007. Stay tuned for more information.

Congratulations!

Christy Wright, part-time reference librarian and editor of the library's newsletter, successfully defended her dissertation as the final requirement for earning a doctorate in Higher Education. Christy was one of the members of the Morgan State University cohort based at PGCC. If you want to send her congratulations and you don't know who Christy is, just look for the librarian with a big bright smile.



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Correction: In the fall issue there was a misspelling in the wish for a happy holiday. We apologize for overlooking this error.