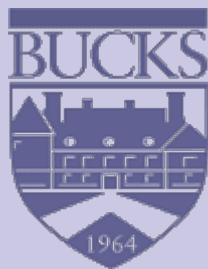


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## Paper Prayers Spotlight World AIDS Day

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Photo of Art Instructor David Hunter Courtesy of Linda McCann, 2006



In recognition of World AIDS Day on December 1st, original works of art created by BCCC students were on display in the library at the main campus in Newtown during the "Paper Prayers" exhibition.

This beautiful and unique ex-

hibit was based on the Japanese practice of using colorfully decorated strips of paper to offer a prayer for well-being and good health.

Students' paper prayers were on exhibit until World AIDS Day at which time the anonymous works of art were sold and the proceeds donated to

the Family Service Association of Bucks County.

For more information on World AIDS Day and other programs to educate and inform the world on the global AIDS epidemic, go to UNAIDS, the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS, at <http://www.unaids.org>.

## Atomic Learning Comes to Bucks

The college has been given the opportunity to evaluate Atomic Learning's suite of web-based software tutorials. These easy-to-use training modules cover more than 100 applications (both MAC and Windows) that are routinely used by faculty, staff, and students. You can use these tutorials to learn new skills, for quick reference, or as a supplement

for your classes. Some of the products covered are: MS Office Suite, OneNote, SPSS, Smart Boards, Dreamweaver, Flash, Illustrator, Contribute, Acrobat Professional, and more.

Atomic Learning is available at <http://highed.atomiclearning.com/>. Access to these materials requires a login and

password. If you're interested in trying out this resource, please contact Jeanette Castello ([castello@bucks.edu](mailto:castello@bucks.edu)), Liz Sette ([settle@bucks.edu](mailto:settle@bucks.edu)), or Marilyn Puchalski ([puchalsk@bucks.edu](mailto:puchalsk@bucks.edu)).

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## Looking for a Good Book?

Whatever your reading taste, the BCCC libraries have a book for you. Visit us to check out one of these titles new to our collection -

***The History Highway: a 21 Century Guide to Internet Resources*** (edited by Dennis A. Trinkle and Scott A Merriam) Call Number: REF 025.069 H673 2006

***Flannery O'Connor's Sacramental Art*** (by Susan Srigley) Call Number: 813.54 O18 S774 2004

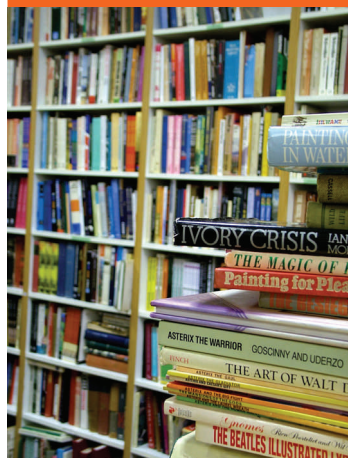
***Hidden Philadelphia and the Amish Country*** (by Patricia Kime) Call Number: 917.481 K49 H632 2006

***Pennsylvania Waterfalls*** (by Scott E. Brown) Call Number: 917.48 B879 P415 2004

***The Persuaders: Americans Are Swimming in a Sea of Messages*** (from PBS Home Video) Call Number: DVD 658.85 P467

## BOOK REVIEW

### The Know-It-All: One Man's Humble Quest to Become the Smartest Person in the World



*The Know-It-All: One Man's Humble Quest to Become the Smartest Person in the World*, by A.J. Jacobs (Simon & Schuster, 2004)

A.J. Jacobs is concerned that he is becoming dumb. In an attempt to halt his descent into dumbness, he resolves to read the Encyclopedia Britannica from A to Z, some 33,000 pages. He longs to become the Smartest Person in the World, and more importantly, smarter than his brother-in-law. Jacobs, an editor for *Esquire* and commentator for National Public Radio, takes us on his hilarious odyssey from a-ak to zy-wiec. By inserting relevant anecdotes from his personal life, Jacobs makes us care about him, his evolving relationship with his father, and whether he and his wife Julie will ever become parents. We also wonder how Julie can en-

dure the endless, exasperating (yet comical) interjections of irrelevant facts during the year Jacobs reads the "E.B." Julie had to resort to charging A.J. a fine every time he drops an unrelated factoid into a conversation. Ultimately, although he finishes the encyclopedia, his brother-in-law remains annoyingly smarter than him and Jacobs still doesn't win the coveted million-dollar prize on a television game show. This fun read supplies a lot of laughs and an abundance of facts we can use to enlighten our friends.

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## NEW WEBSITE

### Curriki.org: Free and Open Source Curricula for All

One of the best parts of my job as a librarian is that nuggets of information sometime show up in the oddest places and often time serendipitously. An example of this is the website Curriki.org, developed by Scott McNealy, the Chairman of Sun Microsystems, as noted in a recent article in *Time Magazine*.

Curriki.org (<http://www.curriki.org>) is an open-source website built around the principles of a wiki. The primary audience is K-12, as well as BCCC students who are assigned to remedial classes. This open source, community-built project was designed and envisioned by Mr. McNealy while he was helping his son locate information for a science project. It became apparent to Mr. McNealy that there was a need for quality educational

curricula that could be accessed by any child anywhere in the world via the Web.

As noted by Mr. McNealy in the introduction to Curriki.org: "This is about No Child, Parent, OR Teacher being held back" or hindered by not having access to quality tools that will assist in educating our children. There are lessons, assessments, resources, and textbooks available for free and open source.

Curriki.org was launched January, 2006, with support from individuals, educational institutions, international organizations, and corporate partners. The corporate sponsors are Congruent, Elluminate, and Sun Microsystems. The British Department of Education and Skills, the Korea Education and Research Information Service,

Free High School Science Texts (FHSST), and the National Repository of Online Courses (NROC) make up the educational arm. The United Nations through their Millennium Project Digital Storytelling Effort and the Sport for Development and Peace represent the international focus of this project.

NROC and FHSST have resources on the website. NROC provides links to resources on the environmental sciences, calculus, and physics. FHSST has a link to a source that discusses Finance for Grade 10. Curriki.org is still building its resources and, as such, warrants repeat trips to see how much and what has been added.

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## Free Tutoring Services Offered Throughout the Spring at All BCCC Campuses

The Tutoring Center's spring hours at the Newtown Campus are Monday through Thursday, 8:30am-7:00pm and Friday, 8:30am-4:00pm. Tutoring is available at no charge to all currently enrolled Bucks students (credit and non-credit).

### Math Tutoring

Math tutoring is available for any level course and is available on a walk-in basis. Phone-in tutoring is also available. Please call the Tutoring Center during our business hours for tutoring, for more information, or to check tutor availability for a particular course.

### Math Workshops

Math workshops are held in the Center. Please call 215-968-8307 or visit the website for more information.

### Writing, Reading, Study Skills, and AESL Tutoring

Writing, Reading, Study Skills, and American English as a Second Language (AESL) tutoring is available by appointment for any Bucks course. The appointments last half an hour, and a student may have one appointment per day. Online writing help is also available. Please visit our website for more details.

Study skills help includes: how to take notes – in class and while reading, using visual organizers, annotating texts, time management, listening skills, analyzing past tests, etc.

Specific AESL tutors are available for AESL students in any course involving reading, writing, or study skills for the

following days and hours:

Monday 9:00am-2:00pm / Conversation Group 12:00-12:30pm

Tuesday 9:30am-7:00pm / Conversation Group 12:30-1:00pm

Wednesday 9:00am-4:00pm / Conversation Group 3:00-3:30pm

Thursday 9:30am-1:00pm / Conversation Group 4:30-5:00pm

Friday 9:00-10:30am

\*Individual Tutoring Sessions cannot be scheduled during the Conversation Group.

### AESL Conversation Groups

The Tutoring Center will hold AESL Conversation Groups this semester. These sessions are casual, informal opportunities to gather and practice speaking English with other AESL students. All students currently enrolled in Bucks courses are welcome to attend any session at their convenience and do not need to sign-up in advance. Students should meet at the Tutoring Center (Library 121). Please see the AESL tutoring hours above for Conversation Groups times. For more information, contact the Center at 215-968-8044.

### Writing Workshops

Writing, reading, study skills, and AESL student workshops are held throughout the spring semester. Please call the Center at 215-968-8044 or visit the website for days, times, and locations.

### Accounting Tutoring

Accounting tutoring is available at the Newtown and UCC Campuses on a walk-in basis the following days and times:

Monday Newtown: 8:30-10:30am & 4:00-6:30pm

Tuesday Newtown: 11:00am-1:30pm

Wednesday Newtown: 1:00-3:00pm; Upper County: 10:00am-12:00pm

Thursday Newtown: 9:00-11:00am

Phone-in tutoring is also available during the listed times. Please call the appropriate campus.

### Computer Tutoring

Computer tutoring is available at the Newtown Campus for select computer courses. Please visit our website for a listing of the courses. Our tutor will be available the following days and times:

Monday 2:30-6:30pm

Wednesday 9:30am-12:30pm

Friday 11:30am-2:30pm

For computer inquiries other than for the listed courses, please visit the Technology Learning Center on the third floor of the library, call them at 215-497-8754, or visit the TLC website (<http://www.bucks.edu/tlc>).

### Spanish Tutoring

The Center offers Spanish tutoring for all levels. The tutor will be available the following days and times:

Tuesday 10:30am-12:00pm

Thursday 10:30am-12:00pm

Please visit the Center's website or call 215-968-8044 to make an appointment.

### UCC & BRISTOL

**UCC** Math, Writing, Reading, Study Skills, and Accounting tutoring are available at UCC. Math and Accounting tutoring are available on a walk-in basis, and Writing, Reading, and Study Skills tutoring are available by appointment.

Call 215-258-7721 to schedule an appointment.

### Writing (by appointment)

Tuesday 10:00am-12:00pm & 4:30-6:30pm

Wednesday 10:00am-12:00pm & 4:30-6:30pm

Thursday 10:00am-12:00pm & 4:30-6:30pm

### Math (drop-in)

Tuesday 9:30-11:30am & 4:30-6:30pm

Wednesday 4:30-6:30pm

Thursday 9:30am-11:30am & 4:30-6:30pm

### Accounting (drop-in)

Wednesday 10:00am-12:00pm

**BRISTOL** Math, Writing, Reading, and Study Skills tutoring is available at the Bristol Center Library. Math is available on a walk-in basis, and Writing, Reading, and Study Skills are available by appointment. Call 215-781-3941 to schedule an appointment.

### Writing (by appointment)

Tuesday 10:00am-12:00pm & 4:30-6:30pm

Wednesday 10:00am-12:00pm & 4:30-6:30pm

Thursday 10:00am-12:00pm

### Math (drop-in)

Tuesday 10:00am-12:00pm & 4:30-6:30pm

Wednesday 10:00am-12:00pm & 4:30-6:30pm

Thursday 4:30pm-6:30pm

Finally, please remember to visit the Center's website (<http://www.bucks.edu/tutor>) for online writing tutoring, online handouts, and links to helpful web pages!

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## New & Noteworthy in Learning Resources

### Congratulations...



**Deborah White**, Cataloging and Circulation Technician, was honored for her 35 years of service to the college during the College Recognition Ceremony on November 21st. A lifelong resident of Newtown, Debbie began her career in November of 1971 working in the library as a clerk typist in the Technical Processing Department where she typed cards for the card catalog. In 1979, as the library upgraded to computers, so did Debbie, and she was promoted to copy cataloging. A short time later, her position was upgraded once again to library technician. Congratulations, Debbie, and thank you, for your hard work, dedication, and professionalism.

**Carol Seufert**, Administrative Assistant, recently earned a Bachelor of Science in Business at The University of Phoenix. Although she likes computer programming, Carol wanted to try something different. She has always enjoyed working with numbers and formulas, so she chose an accounting emphasis. Carol has worked at the college since 1991 and enjoys being part of the Learning Resources team. Congratulations on your achievement, Carol.

### Online @ Your Library

WITH WILLIAM HEMMIG

**A**s your new Online Learning Librarian, I'll be bringing you news about the library's newest electronic resources and tips on using them effectively. As it happens, there's a lot of news, so I'll jump right in.

Through the BCCC's participation in the Access Pennsylvania Database Project (which helps library patrons across Pennsylvania find books and other resources statewide), we have acquired access to a number of databases, including six additional EBSCO databases. Three of these use the EBSCOhost interface that you're familiar with, and so you'll find them by clicking the EBSCOhost link on the Library's Online Resources page at <http://www.bucks.edu/library/eresources/>.

**Book Collection: Nonfiction** has abstracts and searchable full-text for nearly 4,000 popular nonfiction books. Included are full-text entries on core subject areas, plus information on careers, health, technology, life skills, and more.

**History Reference Center** offers full-text from more than 1,000 reference books, encyclopedias, and other books, as well as full-text for 60 history periodicals, thousands of historical documents, biographies, historical photos and maps, and more than 80 hours of historical video.

**Professional Development Collection** is a specialized collection of quality education journals, including full-text for more than 350 peer-reviewed titles, plus over 200 educational reports.

Remember that you can search two or more EBSCOhost databases simultaneously by selecting the databases from the EBSCOhost database list, and then clicking "Continue." For example, try searching *ERIC* and *Professional Development Collection* at the same time for literature on education topics. Your search will be both more comprehensive and more efficient.

The other three databases don't use the EBSCOhost interface, so you'll find links to them directly on the Online Resources page. All have general information about books. *Book Index with Reviews* will help you find in-print, out-of-print, and forthcoming editions of books, with reprints of reviews for many current titles. *NoveList* and *NoveList K-8* will help you find adult, children's, and young adult fiction by author, title, subject matter, genre, and other criteria—useful for students of literature and education, as well as for the casual reader.

These databases are a terrific addition to our online resources. Try them out!

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### ASK A LIBRARIAN

**Question: "What if the book that I need is checked out?"**

**Answer:** The online catalog lists all titles that are in the library's collection and indicates whether each item is available or checked out. If a checked-out title is important to you and not readily available elsewhere, you may request that the title be placed "on hold" for you. When the item is returned, it will be placed on a shelf at the Circulation Desk and a notice will be sent to you, giving you 7 days to pick it up. To place a hold, speak with a librarian at any of the three BCCC campus libraries.

## New & Noteworthy in Learning Resources (continued)



It's 2:00 AM...the library's closed...and you need an answer now?

Get real-time help 24/7! *Ask Here PA* is Pennsylvania's new live chat reference service, created by the Office of Commonwealth Libraries, Pennsylvania Bureau of Library Development. It is available free to all Pennsylvania residents.

To connect to *Ask Here PA*, go to the library's website at <http://www.bucks.edu/library/>, click on "Services", and look for the *Ask Here PA* logo. Select the "Connect to a College Librarian" link to reach a college or university librarian.

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### Did you know...

...that Learning Resources provides assistance to faculty and staff in the use BCCC's Intranet, [my-bucks.edu](http://my-bucks.edu)?

For more information, contact Jeanette Castello, Coordinator, Intranet & Learning Technologies Services, by phone at (215) 968-8002 or by email at [castello@bucks.edu](mailto:castello@bucks.edu).

## Bucks History Contest Winners

Congratulations to Jennifer Oakes and Katie Linton, winners of the Bucks History Contest at the Upper County Campus.

A very special thank you to BCCC students Julie Cooper-Fratrik, Bill Rech, Amy Rowland, and Kara Groschopp for assisting students with their MLA citations. Thank you also to library colleagues Dolly Herff and Jenifer Whiting.

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## Tech Help Available

Who do you call when using campus technology? The answer is the Technology Learning Center's Help Desk! There are three ways to contact the center for assistance: by phone at (215) 497-8754, by email at [tlc@bucks.edu](mailto:tlc@bucks.edu), or by stopping by the TLC on the 3rd floor of the library at the Newtown Campus or at the libraries at the Upper County and Bristol campuses. The TLC staff can answer your questions or direct your questions to the appropriate office. The TLC provides assistance with all of the technology that you'll use on campus, including software application features, Campus Edition 6, logins and passwords, Internet browsers, printing, Web Advisor, and WebMail. For more information, check the TLC website at <http://www.bucks.edu/tlc>.

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## Learning Studio: Opening Spring 2007

Beginning this spring, information literacy sessions will be moving from L212 to the Learning Studio, a new library learning space. This new space is part of an overall renovation project occurring at the Newtown campus in support of one-stop-shopping for student services. The Learning Studio will contain a projector and screen, teacher station, and wireless laptops for student use. We envision this space with flexible furniture to accommodate the needs of the campus community. Watch for our grand opening!



## Snakes in the Library

The Upper County Campus library is the perfect place to brush up on herpetology studies. Lately, there have been three sightings of snakes on the Perkasio Campus. The species of the reptiles has yet to be determined, but they range from 18" to 25' long and ¼" to 5' wide, depending on which witness is making the description.

Librarian Anita Samuel, snake stick in hand, was heard saying "Isn't she a beauty? Crikey! You're all right mate." Fortunately for the snakes, our Director, Linda McCann, is a firm believer in non-discriminatory practices. "If they have a student or staff ID card," Linda stated of the snakes, "they should be allowed to check out books just like any other patron."

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Bucks County Community College adheres to federal copyright laws protecting the rights of owners of works of intellectual property.

It is the responsibility of every member of the College to follow the copyright laws set forth by Congress in the Copyright Act of 1976, the Digital Millennium Copyright Act (DMCA), and the Technology Education and Copyright Harmonization Act (TEACH Act). To that end, a website was developed to help you in gaining information about copyright questions and where to go for further assistance in answering these questions.

<http://www.bucks.edu/library/copyright/>

## Academic Department Liaisons

Each academic department at BCCC has a professional librarian assigned as that department's liaison to assist faculty and staff with their library and research needs. Please contact the appropriate liaison, and they will be happy to assist you.

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## Spring 2006 Library Hours

### January 17th - May 15th

**Monday-Thursday 8:00am - 9:00pm**

**Friday-Saturday 8:00am - 3:30pm**

**Sunday (Newtown only) 1:00pm - 5:30pm**

**Closed: March 12th - March 18th**

This schedule is subject to change. All changes will be posted in the library and on the library website.

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