NEWTOWN CAMPUS LIBRARY

Phase One of Renovations Completed, Phase Two Begins

Phase One of the Newtown Campus Library Renovations is complete! On February 2nd, administrators, staff, and students attended the re-opening of the Library. Additional classrooms, a new multimedia space, and a new Tutoring Center are some of the features. Phase Two, which will offer even more collaborative learning spaces for our students, is already underway.

Images of Newtown Campus Library courtesy of Linda McCann, 2012
TUTORING CENTER

Tutoring Services Offered at All Three Campuses This Spring

The Tutoring Center has moved! Visit us in our brand new location in L210. Our tutors are eager to assist students in the contemporary, welcoming Center. The innovative construction offers adjoining Math and Writing areas designed to facilitate concentration and study. Comfortable and accommodating, the new Tutoring Center includes amenities such as quiet spaces and a convenient proximity to MinDSpace and the reference section of the College's Library.

Our services are free and available for currently enrolled students taking credit and non-credit courses at the Newtown, Upper Bucks, Lower Bucks, and Virtual Campuses.

Assistance is available at Newtown for math, writing, reading, study skills, American English as a Second Language (AESL), Spanish, computer science, music, nursing, chemistry, biology, physics, economics, and accounting. Math, accounting, economics, and physics tutoring are on a drop-in basis at the Newtown Campus, while our remaining subject areas require appointments for individual half hour sessions. Upper Bucks offers tutoring for writing, reading, study skills, AESL, math and chemistry, while Lower Bucks provides assistance in writing, reading, study skills, AESL, math, and accounting.

The Newtown Center is open Monday through Thursday from 8:30am to 7:00pm. On Fridays, the Newtown Center closes at 4:00pm. The Lower and Upper Bucks Campuses have different hours of operation. Please refer to the website at http://www.bucks.edu/tutor for specific information regarding these locations and their specific subject areas, dates, and tutor availability hours. All tutoring locations are closed on Saturdays and Sundays.

Online Services

The Tutoring Center additionally continues to provide online asynchronous and real-time tutoring. Access the online writing form to electronically submit assignments for a cyber-tutoring session at http://www.bucks.edu/tutor. The convenience of real-time tutoring for math, writing, reading, study skills, and AESL is also available for 45 minute sessions during daily set time frames, scheduled by appointment. Many of these appointments are available after the Center’s face-to-face hours end.

Students will find a convenient link on the Tutoring Center’s website that permits them to request appointments for any subject area. A survey web link is also available, so the Center can gather students’ feedback regarding these online options, as well as conventional face-to-face sessions. In addition, students, as well as others who are interested in tutoring at Bucks County Community College, can access a tutor application on this site. Students and faculty also have access to supplemental online resources, such as handouts and orientation requests for instructors.

For more information about our services, please call (215) 968-8044 or consult our website at http://www.bucks.edu/tutor for additional days and times that individual subject areas are offered at the three Campus locations and the Virtual Campus.

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RESOURCE NEWS

Familiar Databases Move to EBSCOhost

If you’re looking for the Biographies Plus Illustrated and Education Full Text databases and can’t find the links on our Databases page, the databases didn’t go away — they’re just part of EBSCOhost now! Link to EBSCOhost and look for Wilson Biographies Illustrated and Education Full Text in the alphabetical list of EBSCOhost databases. Search them as you would any other EBSCOhost database.

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LOWER BUCKS CAMPUS

BCCC Book Discussion

On April 19th at 12:30pm, students, faculty, and members of the public are invited to participate in a lunchtime discussion of Rick Smith and Bruce Lourie’s Slow Death by Rubber Duck: The Secret Danger of Everyday Things at the Lower Bucks Campus Library.

Copies of this book may be checked out at the LBC Library. This program is sponsored by the Margaret R. Grundy Memorial Library in Bristol.

For more information about the BCCC Book Discussions, please contact Linda McCann, Director, Library, at mccannl@bucks.edu.
Congratulations…

Please join us in celebrating the happy arrival of Catherine Avani Healy. Little Cate was born on September 26th to the delight of her parents, Jay Healy and Nicole Tracey, Director of Tutoring Services at BCCC. Congratulations and best wishes to all!

Job Well Done…

On November 29th, BCCC recognized employees for their years of service to the College, including three members of the Learning Resources staff. Please join us in congratulating Bill Hemmig (5 years), Maureen McCreddie (35 years), and Deborah White (40 years).

Transliteracy Institute: March 12th – March 16th

After two years of reviewing the feedback from media literacy institute past, I set out to find a more aptly defined education buzzword for the institute, and Eureka! The Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL) provided exactly what I was looking for – transliteracy.

This emerging concept has received a lot of attention in the blogosphere, and professional organizations are starting to publish content and conduct conferences about this concept.

Transliteracy is the ability to read, write and interact across a range of platforms, tools, and media. What a great term to summarize the objectives of an assignment completed for the institute! So, that takes us to this year’s institute, the Transliteracy, formerly known as Media Literacy, Institute.

This Spring Break Margaret Montet and I ran the Transliteracy Institute. We guided faculty through a discussion on this new term and how it applies to learning objectives of Bucks classes.

The first two days of the institute featured guest speakers, instructional sessions, and hands on activities to put into practice the theory of this new transliteracy topic.

The institute concluded with the faculty participants demonstrating a project that they created based on an assignment they wrote to facilitate student acquisition of transliteracy skills.

For more information about the Transliteracy Institute, please contact me.

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A related article on transliteracy is available for free on the ACRL site at - http://crln.acrl.org/content/71/10/532.full
A Fresh Look for the Library Catalog

The start of the spring semester brought with it a refreshed Bucks Library Catalog. A recent upgrade to the system has spruced up the look and feel of the site.

This upgrade lays the groundwork for new features the Library is working on to allow students to connect to their Library account from the new MyBucks portal. Presently, students have no access to their accounts. When enabled, students will be able to renew items, request items, and check on the status of requests.

While these new features will take time to develop, students can enjoy the streamlined look and feel of the catalog including changes to the “Power Search” that make it easier to narrow by material type. The pull-down menu for “type” has a simplified listing of materials including combined categories such as “Books” or “Books or Online Books” making it easier for the user to get what they want.

This is particularly helpful since the Library loaded the 6000+ Films on Demand titles last semester. Those resources are categorized in the system with the “Online Film” item type. In some cases, the presence of those film resources was making it difficult to locate book titles. The Library hopes this clarification to the Power Search helps users get to what they need more easily.

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UDI Draws BCCC Faculty Over Winter Break

The new year was once again greeted by the inspiring sight of faculty members giving up a week of break to come in and learning about engaging more minds more often in the Universal Design for Instruction (UDI) Institute.

The Institute, now in its second year, focused on the practical applications of the Principles of UDI in the classroom. The number of applicants exceeded the number of slots available by a fair margin, indicating the continuing interest of Bucks faculty in learning to create courses that engaging a wide range of learners.

A graduate of last year’s institute, Kate D’Auria, came back to give a presentation on kinesthetic learning and Voicethread. Facilitators Bill Ford and Paul Proces guided sessions on multiple learning styles, captioning videos, and sharing ideas that work. We expect the UDI Institute to be offered again in the future, so watch for an announcement in upcoming issues of the Learning Resources Newsletter.

Paul Proces
New Media Librarian

SCRAP PAPER NEEDED
Tutoring Services is always in need of your scrap paper. Please contact Nicole Tracey at traceyn@bucks.edu to arrange for a pick up.
Did you know that around-the-clock research assistance is available to you and your students? It’s true!

Ask Here PA—a service of the Office of Commonwealth Libraries, Bureau of Library Development—provides synchronous virtual reference assistance, including online chat services, to all residents of Pennsylvania, 24 hours per day, 7 days per week.

Ask Here PA is just one of the many tools available and provided by BCCC to help faculty, staff, and students locate accurate, timely information.

For more information about Ask Here PA, please visit http://tinyurl.com/askherepa.
Spring 2012 Library Hours
January 18th through May 15th
Monday - Thursday: 8:00am - 9:00pm
Friday - Saturday: 8:00am - 3:30pm
Sunday: 1:00pm - 5:30pm (Newtown only)

Exceptions: The Lower and Upper Bucks Campus Libraries are closed March 12th – March 18th during Spring Break. The Newtown Campus Library will remain for limited hours during Spring Break. For more information, please visit our website at http://www.bucks.edu/library/hours/hours.html or call (215) 968-8009. Please note that all dates and times are subject to change.

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