WELCOME TO THE FALL 2016 SEMESTER

Faculty who wish to bring their students to the Montaukett Learning Resource Center for an Information Literacy and Library Research Instruction session may contact us at any time or use our online scheduling form.

We can accommodate classes of any size on any subject, and we will work with you to tailor a session that will meet all instructional, learning, and research needs.

Feeling innovative? Ask us about creating a flipped classroom experience for your students utilizing customizable online tutorials with Guide on the Side. Developed by librarians, this open source tool provides a platform for building interactive tutorials to teach all kinds of library research skills.

We look forward to working with you to create a unique and meaningful learning experience for your students. Please don’t delay! The fall semester instruction schedule fills up fast. For more information, email Professor Penny Bealle at beallep@sunysuffolk.edu.

NEW DATABASES

- Primary Sources in U.S. History
  - Slavery in America
  - American Revolution
  - Civil War
- Food Science Source
- PrepSTEP (vocational test prep and more)
- Nursing Reference Center Plus
During the 2015 fall semester, librarians at the Reference Desk answered 2,836 questions.

We routinely assist with questions about citations, the computers and scanners, internet searching, and campus directions and services, but our bread and butter is helping students find and use the best sources of information to support each and every academic need.

Though librarians point students toward useful sources, as well as teach students how to search for information independently, we also teach them to think critically about why some sources are more useful or appropriate than others for different tasks.

At the Reference Desk, we strive to plant seeds that will help students develop a conceptual framework for making savvy decisions about information use. When is an encyclopedia entry more useful than a research article? What’s the rhetorical difference between a letter to the editor and a website comment? Why is it often valuable to explore the original research on which taken-for-granted concepts are based?

We want students to consider very carefully the complexities embodied in questions like these as they drill down through the many options they’ll find in any given search of the Libraries’ collections.

When students stop by the Reference Desk, we present them with more than just “the answer.”

“The Aurora Borealis and Aurora Australialis are electromagnetic phenomena that occur near Earth’s polar regions. Auroras are colored and twisting ribbons of light...result[ing] from the interaction of Earth’s magnetic field with ionic gas particles, protons, and electrons streaming outward from the Sun.”

Graphic design affects our decision-making every day in ways that many of us hardly notice. Traffic signs, news layouts, logos, cereal boxes, book covers...visual communication is pervasive. The Eastern Campus offers an A.A.S. in graphic design, but whether you are a student pursuing a career in the field, an instructor looking for teaching materials, or someone simply interested in the history of design, you will enjoy the Library’s beautiful and informative graphic design books. Here’s a sampling. Click the covers to explore.
“Libraries will get you through times of no money better than money will get you through times of no libraries.”
—Anne Herbert, former editor of CoEvolution Quarterly

Like quotes? Check out The Yale Book of Quotations in the Libraries’ eBook Collection.

~~ANNOUNCEMENTS~~

The Library will celebrate our students on **Student Appreciation Day** in the MLRC lobby. Encourage students to drop by on September 14 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. for prizes and useful giveaways.

All faculty are invited to take a **Library Break** on September 28, from 11:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., MLRC 214. Have some coffee and a bite to eat and chat with the librarians and Library staff about collections, services, and anything you’d like to know about what we do. We look forward to finding out how we can help you have a great semester.

The **8th edition of the MLA Handbook** was released this past Spring. The new rules are different, but intuitive, and the style manual now offers “greater flexibility that will better accommodate new media and new ways of doing research” (*MLA Handbook* foreword, viii). Here’s a short guide we put together for FAQs: **Works Cited Basics**.

The Libraries are participating in the **SUNY Digital Repository**. Open access, searchable, digital repositories play an important role in disseminating institutional content to a wider audience and preserving it for future generations. So far, we have uploaded *Lilith*, an Ammerman Campus student publication. If you have content you’d like to see included in the SUNY Digital Repository, please contact Head Librarian Dana Antonucci-Durgan or Media & Reader Services Librarian Susan Wood.

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