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## Message From the Director

Thank you to all who participated in the spring 2008 library survey!

Details about the survey results are found in another article in this newsletter. However, I wanted to highlight the extraordinary, high response rate among faculty. 45 of about 105 full-time faculty filled out the survey. This is a testament to the value our faculty place

on the Library, I believe.

This semester, I am delighted to be able to welcome you to a freshly painted Library. Thanks to Library staff, the first level was painted over the summer. Improved surroundings are certainly one of the reasons for record numbers of users during the first couple of weeks of the semester. An average of 1350 students and

other users came to the Library on a typical day.

I am also happy to announce that we have added Historical New York Times to our collection of databases.

Have a wonderful semester!

Birthe Nebeker, Director  
Evelyn S. Field Library

## Featured Reference Books

**by Julie Maginn**

A greatly underused resource in the Library is our reference collection. Stock full of general and subject-specific dictionaries, encyclopedias, handbooks, and directories, this collection is accessible to students and faculty for research and study.

Subject specific encyclopedias and dictionaries cover a wide range of topics including social work, crime and punishment, advertising, careers, clothing and fashion, historical events, pop culture, forensic science, American civil rights and liberties, education, music, art, literature, animal life, bioethics, medicine, nursing, and information security, as well as numerous subject specific biographies.

To highlight a few, we have the *Congress and the Nation 1945-2004* which details congressional votes and decisions; the *Encyclopedia of New Jersey; Historic Documents 1972-2007*, which contains State of the

Union addresses, primary sources, speeches, and testimonies; and the *Business Plans Handbook: a Compilation of Actual Business Plans Developed by Businesses Throughout North America*. Come see for yourself!



*It is the purpose of the library newsletter to promote library services and resources to the college community, to encourage both faculty and student involvement and participation, and to increase library awareness.*



## Database Resources *Films on Demand*

by Bob Egan

The RVCC Library is pleased to offer a new teaching and learning resource called Films on Demand. This online service allows students and faculty members to view educational videos online from “Films for the Humanities”, “Cambridge”, “Meridian Educational Corp.”, and “Shopware”.

From a catalog of over five-thousand titles, the Library has selected about 50 titles in the areas of arts, biology, business, careers, environment, film studies, student success skills, and many others. These films

can be streamed by the instructor to project in class, can be linked by online instructors using Blackboard or Web-CT, or viewed by individuals.

One of the nice features about this service is that the entire film need not be viewed. Most are broken down into short segments. For example, the film Renewable Energy is 28 minutes long but you could show just the section on Gasoline-Electric Hybrid Vehicles which is only about two minutes long.

One of the advanced features



allows faculty members to create customized video playlists around a specific topic, or for a particular class, and to create a stable URL that can be pasted into Web-CT or attached to an e-mail message.

For more information and a list of the films available through the RVCC Library, check the link from the Resources Menu on the front page of the library’s homepage.

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## Library Survey Results

by Birthe Nebeker

During the spring of 2008, the RVCC library participated in a multi-institutional survey called LibQUAL+™ designed to measure users’ perceptions of library services. RVCC joined the program with ten other VALE libraries from New Jersey.

At RVCC, 156 users responded to the survey: 85 students, 45 full-time faculty, 7 part-time faculty, 13 administrators and 6 support staff.

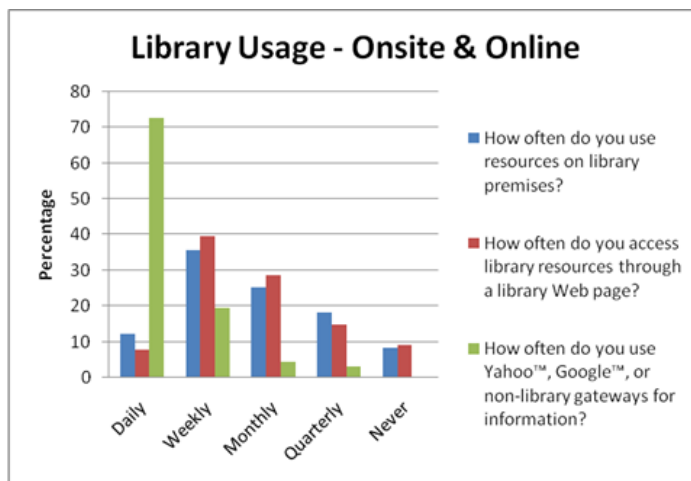
Overall, RVCC library users find that our services meet their needs. The survey shows that students value easy access to library resources. For faculty and staff customer service is more important. All user groups rank the library’s website at the top of their priorities.

The survey also shows that remote usage surpasses usage on premises. However, students favor the physical library over the virtual. Quiet space for individual activities is rated as the least adequate overall. With a few exceptions, customer service is generally perceived as most adequate.

The journal collection is rated among the least adequate services, whereas the printed library materials are rated fairly adequate.

We will use the results to guide us in future planning. The survey helps us use limited resources in areas that are important to users.

For more information, access <http://library.raritanval.edu/libqual>



## Library Resources ~ Books

### *Nursing*

*“Libraries: The medicine chest of the soul.”*  
~Library at Thebes, inscription over the door

The Library owns a variety of books available for our nursing students and faculty. Books cover a variety of topics including diagnosis handbooks; scopes and standards of practice; pediatric, transcultural, geriatric, maternity and community nursing; clinical nursing skills; medical dictionaries and encyclopedias; nursing ethics; historical perspectives and biographies; nursing exam reviews and study guides; and career guidance.

We also have a number of titles in the “...Made Incredibly

Easy” series, such as nursing care planning, maternal-neonatal nursing, charting, medical Spanish, respiratory care, and ECG interpretation.

Recent additions to the collection include the following:

**NCLEX-RN Review: 1,000 Questions to Help You Pass**  
RT55.N732 2008

**Medical Billing 101**  
R728.5.R56 2008

**ICD-9-CM Coding Handbook, with Answers**  
Ref RB115.B76 2008

**CPT 2008: Current Procedural Terminology**  
Ref RB115.C85 2008

**Contemporary Nursing: Issues, Trends & Management**  
RT82.C44 2008

**Visual Nursing: a Guide to Diseases, Skills, and Treatments**  
RT57.V57 2008

**Nursing Informatics: Scope and Standards of Practice**  
RT50.5.N8696 2008



## Library Resources ~ Periodicals

### *Nursing Journals*

Combining our in-house print collection and our online databases, the Library has access to over 180 nursing journals. Please check the Periodical Locator from the library’s homepage for a complete list and dates of coverage.

Nursing journals in the Library include:

- *American Family Physician*
- *American Journal of Nursing*
- *JAMA: the Journal of the American Medical Association*
- *Journal of Professional Nursing*
- *New England Journal of Medicine*
- *New Jersey Nurse*

- *Nurse Educator*
- *Nursing*
- *Nursing Times (NT)*
- *RN*

Nursing journals in our online databases include:

- *American Nurse*
- *Creative Nursing*
- *Critical Care Nurse*
- *Emergency Nurse*
- *Health Care Informatics*



- *Journal of Nursing Research*
- *Nursing Ethics*
- *Nursing Forum*
- *Nursing Standard*
- *Pediatric Nursing*

Our in-house periodical collection is located at the Circulation Desk on the main floor of the Library. Faculty, staff, and administrators may check out periodicals for one week. Students may check out periodicals for use within the Library. To access any of the online journals from off-campus, you will need to provide your network username and password.

### **REMEMBER:**

Your College ID is required when checking out library materials. All students, faculty, administrators, and staff must present their ID card at the time of checkout.

College IDs are now available in the Library!





## Services for Faculty

### Library Instruction

If you have assigned your class a research project, big or small, or if you would like your students to get a general introduction to library services, please contact the Instruction Librarian, Megan Dempsey (x8412) to arrange a date and time, or you can use the online form:

<http://library.raritanval.edu/faculty/instruction.asp>

The Library provides both general and specialized instruction classes that will help your students become more familiar with what services the Library offers and how to use those services. Additionally, we have a wonderful program set up for English I and English II students. Since instruction sessions are required for these courses, it is ensured that they are receiving the essential tools they will need to make it through these challenging classes.

The instruction classes take place in the library's classroom, equipped with 29 computer stations. Most sessions include a demonstration of the library catalog and several online databases, and also re-inforce critical thinking skills. We also allow time for the students to begin work on their projects with individual assistance from the librarian.

### VALE Borrowing Program

The Library is a member of New Jersey's Virtual Academic Library Environment. This initiative allows academic li-

braries to share materials among faculty members, as well as students.

If you, or one of your students, would like to borrow materials from one of the participating member libraries, simply fill out an application form located at the Circulation Desk. Bring the form to the library you have indicated on the application. They will issue you a library card that will be valid until June 30th of that academic year.

For more information please contact Julie Maginn at ext. 8303 or visit the following website:

<http://library.raritanval.edu/general/vale.asp>

### Interlibrary Loan

Looking for a book that the Library does not carry? Use our Interlibrary Loan Service. We can request books and articles from thousands of participating libraries throughout the United States.

You may either make a request in person at the Circulation or Reference Desk, or by using the appropriate online form accessible from the library homepage.

On average, requested material will arrive within one week, but please allow 2 weeks for delivery.

If you have any questions regarding the Interlibrary Loan Service, please contact Chad Peters at ext. 8224 or Keely Coffey at ext. 8558.

### Coursepacks

If you would like to make a coursepack for an upcoming semester, the process begins in the Library with copyright permissions. Each book chapter or article to be used must obtain copyright clearance to be reprinted. Step-by-step instructions can be found at:

<http://library.raritanval.edu/faculty/coursepacks.asp>

If you have any questions, please contact Keely Coffey at ext. 8558 or Julie Maginn at ext. 8303.

### Course Reserves

Course Reserves allow faculty to place items at the Circulation Desk for students to use in the Library. Typical items include articles, chapters, books, videos, and lecture notes. Items can be placed physically at the Circulation Desk or electronically, so that students can access these materials from home.

To place articles or book chapters on reserve, copyright permission must be obtained. Instructions for placing items on reserve can be found at:

<http://library.raritanval.edu/faculty/reserves.asp>

If you have any questions regarding course reserves, please contact Chad Peters at ext. 8224.

### Attention Faculty!

#### Liaison Librarians

Each Academic Department at the college is assigned a Liaison Librarian. Feel free to contact your department's Liaison Librarian for ordering books, requesting library instruction, participating in weeding projects, and completing accreditation reviews.

#### **Megan Dempsey** x8412

Business & Public Service  
Computer Science  
English

#### **Bob Egan** x8300

Humanities, Social Sciences  
& Education  
Mathematics  
Science & Engineering

#### **Julie Maginn** x8303

Communication &  
Languages  
Health Science Education  
Visual & Performing Arts

## Services for Students

### Books and Periodicals

The circulating book collection is on the second floor of the Library. The catalog is available from the library's homepage and may be accessed from home as well. Display periodicals are available for leisure reading. In addition, the Library holds a small printed collection of academic journals which are available at the Circulation Desk. Periodicals are to remain in the Library. Periodicals may also be accessed through the library's databases.

### Group Study Rooms

The Library has three group study rooms available on the second floor. Groups of two or more students may reserve a room to either view DVDs or videos for class, or work together on assignments and projects. Rooms can be reserved for three hours at a time. Please see the Circulation Desk for complete details.

### Wireless Laptops

Wireless laptops are available at the library's Circulation Desk. In addition to Internet access, they also have Microsoft Office 2003. They can be checked out for three hours at a time with both a driver's license and a College ID. Laptops must remain in the Library and be returned promptly. Please see the Circulation Desk for complete details. Unfortunately, printing from laptops is not available, so be sure to save your work.

### Research Guides

Need a place to start your research? Try a Research Guide. The Library has created over 50 guides to assist students with their research assignments. Each guide focuses on one subject: Art, Marketing, Sociology, World Civilization, etc. The guides detail which Reference books the Library has on the topic, directs students to the appropriate section of the circulating book collection, links into the appropriate databases for research, and offers useful Internet sites. The guides are arranged alphabetically at:

<http://library.raritanval.edu/researchguides>

### Interlibrary Loan

Looking for a book but the Library does not carry a copy? Use our Interlibrary Loan Service. We can request books and articles from thousands of participating libraries throughout the United States.

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### Research Tools

The Library has over 70 computers dedicated towards academic research. We subscribe to almost 50 databases, covering over 11,000 journals, maga-

zines, and newspapers. Follow the Databases link from the homepage to find the complete A-Z list.

Working on your bibliography? Visit the library's Citation Help webpage to find assistance using the MLA and APA style guides.

<http://library.raritanval.edu/databases>

### Research Assistance

Remember that there is always a librarian-on-duty who can help you with your research. Feel free to drop by the Reference Desk with any questions you might have regarding your projects and assignments.

Not on campus? Not a problem. You can also call the Reference Desk at 908-526-1200 x8350 to talk with a librarian, or you can email your question. The Ask-A-Librarian service allows students to send their questions by email. All emails are answered within 24-48 hours, excluding weekends and holidays. Follow the link below, to access the form:

<http://library.raritanval.edu/ask>

### Textbooks on Reserve

A select number of textbooks are available at the Circulation Desk. Textbooks may be checked out for three hours with a College ID card and can only be used within the Library. Please see the Circulation Desk or the library's homepage for a complete list of textbooks available.



### Attention Students!

#### Research Paper Workshops

Do you have a research paper due this semester? Sign up for a research paper workshop. A librarian will cover the following topics: how to get started, selecting a topic, organizing your research strategy, evaluating your resources, organizing the parts of the paper, writing your references. For more information, please contact the Instruction Librarian, Megan Dempsey at x8412.

**October 29, 2008**  
11:00am-12:00pm

**November 4, 2008**  
3:00pm-4:00pm

**November 11, 2008**  
6:00pm-7:00pm

**November 17, 2008**  
1:00pm-2:00pm

**November 25, 2008**  
2:00pm-3:00pm



## Library Promotions

The Library would like to congratulate four staff members on recent promotions. Keely Coffey was promoted from Library Assistant to Public Services Associate. Keely has been with the Library since 2004. You may start receiving some e-mails from Keely as she begins to coordinate new library programming.

Janet Knoeringer was promoted from Library Assistant to Technical Services Associ-

ate. Janet has been with the Library since 2000. Janet's new responsibilities will include assisting the Technical Services Department in the acquisition of new library materials.

Alex Palilonis was promoted from Library Assistant to Electronic Resources Specialist. Alex has been with the Library for just over a year. He is responsible for the library's website and access to the library's online databases.

Finally, Chad Peters was promoted from Library Assistant to Acting Public Services Coordinator. Chad has been with the Library since 2002. Chad is now responsible for the daily management of the Public Services Department including Interlibrary Loan, Serials, Reserves, and Material Circulation.

Congratulations!

**A Word about Ourselves.**  
We publish to-day the first number of the *New York Daily Times*, and we intend to issue it every morning, (Sundays excepted) for an indefinite number of years to come.

We have not entered upon the task of establishing a new daily paper in this city, without due consideration of its difficulties as well as its encouragements. We understand perfectly, that great capital, great industry, great patience are indispensable to its success, and that oven with all these, failure is not impossible. But we know also, that within the last five years the reading population of this city has nearly doubled, while the number of daily newspapers is no greater now than it was then;—that many of those now published are really *class* journals, made up for particular classes of readers;—that others are objectionable upon grounds of morality;—and that no newspaper, which was really fit to live, ever yet expired for lack of readers.

## *New York Times from 1851 Now Online!*

The Library is pleased to offer the *New York Times Historical* database. Not only do we have access to current issues of the *New York Times* online, we now have access to every issue from 1851 to 2005! By accessing the *New York Times Histori-*

*cal* database from the library's website, articles, images, headlines, and ads can be viewed as PDF files.

The database can be searched by author, person, abstract, and document text, just to name a few. And for you diehard mi-

crofilm fans, the Library still owns the microfilm to the *New York Times* back to 1851.

(FYI: the NYT cost 1 cent when the paper went to press on Sept. 18, 1851. The excerpt to the left is from the inaugural issue.)

## *Tuesdays with Stories Display*

by Megan Dempsey

As you know, the Theater at RVCC will be hosting a fun and unique series of events this semester, Tuesdays With Stories. It's very exciting for us to see excellent works of modern fiction represented in a fun way by another department. After all, books are usually our thing!

The Library will be using some of our displays this fall to support the theater's efforts to entertain and enlighten you with great stories. Visit our display between The Robeson

Room and the library classroom for books similar to the ones featured during Tuesdays With Stories. If you're touched by *The Secret Life of Bees*, you'll find more inspiring and empowering tales of overcoming the odds. If *The House on Mango Street* and *Black Boy* resonate with you, you'll appreciate other tales of cultural struggles, diversity and battling discrimination. If you're stirred by Frank McCourt's experiences in *Teacher Man*, you'll love his

other novels and similar stories of how learning is a life-long experience. And if the *Kite Runner* makes you question everything you thought you knew, you'll be eager to learn about other cultures and countries that seem so foreign to your own life.

And don't forget! If you'd like to read any of these novels after seeing the performance, you can check them out of the Library and save yourself that trip to the bookstore.

Visit our display between The Robeson Room and the library classroom for books similar to the ones featured during Tuesdays With Stories.

# Evelyn S. Field Library @ Raritan Valley Community College

## Library Hours ~ Fall 2008

Monday-Thursday	8:00am-9:00pm
Friday	8:00am-5:00pm
Saturday	9:00am-5:00pm

## Contact Information

Phone: 908-218-8865    Route 28 & Lamington Rd.  
Fax: 908-526-2985    North Branch, NJ 08876

<http://library.raritanval.edu>

Please forward any comments, suggestions, or questions pertaining to the newsletter to Julie Maginn at ext. 8303, or email [jmaginn@raritanval.edu](mailto:jmaginn@raritanval.edu).

## Library Mission Statement

*The Evelyn S. Field Library is the center for research and information at Raritan Valley Community College. The library faculty develops the collection in collaboration with classroom faculty to support the educational program. In selecting the materials, the Library seeks to stimulate intellectual curiosity, provide diversity of thought and offer personal enrichment. The Library also maintains a collection pertaining to the history of the college.*

*The entire library staff strives to advance the college's mission of student success. The Library is committed to continued personal and professional growth. The staff participates in campus life and governance of the college. The library facilities provide a welcoming environment that is conducive to study.*

*The library's instructional program is an integral part of the general curriculum. The Library is in the forefront of promoting information literacy to the college community. The two libraries, the physical and the virtual, offer opportunities for a variety of learning styles.*

*The Evelyn S. Field Library provides borrowing privileges and discretionary access to information and resource-sharing for Somerset and Hunterdon county residents.*

<i>Reference Desk</i>	<i>Ext. 8350</i>
<i>Circulation Department</i>	<i>Ext. 8423</i>
<i>Serials Department</i>	<i>Ext. 8385</i>

## Library Directory



Keely Coffey	Public Services Associate	Circulation, Interlibrary Loan, Copyright (Evening)	Ext. 8558
Megan Dempsey	Librarian	Reference, Instruction	Ext. 8412
Bob Egan	Librarian	Technical Services, Archives	Ext. 8300
Grace Hsu	Library Assistant	Serials	Ext. 8385
Janet Knoeringer	Technical Services Associate	Cataloging	Ext. 8368
Barbara Kreyling	Adjunct Librarian	Reference, Instruction	Ext. 8350
Sylvia Levy	Library Assistant	Circulation, Overdues	Ext. 8423
Julie Maginn	Librarian	Circulation, Serials, Interlibrary Loan, Copyright	Ext. 8303
Birthe Nebeker	Director	Library Management, Electronic Resources	Ext. 8351
Alex Palilonis	Electronic Resources Specialist	Circulation, Electronic Resources, Webpage (Evening)	Ext. 8901
Laura Palmer	Adjunct Librarian	Reference, Instruction	Ext. 8350
Chad Peters	Acting Public Services Coordinator	Circulation, Interlibrary Loan, Reserves	Ext. 8224
Nanette Peterson	Adjunct Librarian	Reference, Instruction	Ext. 8350
Diana Simon	Adjunct Librarian	Reference, Instruction	Ext. 8350
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