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Message From the Director: The USA PATRIOT Act

Libraries value the privacy of their patrons

“Those who would give up essential Liberty, to purchase a little temporary Safety, deserve neither Liberty nor Safety.”

-Benjamin Franklin

As of this writing, the USA PATRIOT Act has been extended through 3 February 2006 to allow further debate. The act has been discussed vigorously in the library community ever since it was enacted in October of 2001 in direct response to the 9/11 terrorist attack.

Libraries have always protected the privacy of their patrons. The PATRIOT Act broadly expands law enforcement's surveillance and investigative powers, including the power to request disclosure of library records. In addition, library staff operates under a gag order after an investigation.

Last summer the Senate passed unanimously the USA PATRIOT Improvement and Reauthorization Act of 2005, which added many of the safeguards for users' privacy that libraries had sought. Similarly, the House's reauthorization bill adds measures that increase protection for library patrons.

Both bills reauthorize the sunset sections of the Patriot Act. The Senate extends the sunset period to 2009; the House to 2015. This coming spring we will follow the reconciliation of the two bills. Other bills may also be introduced.

Meanwhile, libraries overcome privacy concerns in support of the freedom to read by discarding records as soon as they are no longer needed.

Brite Nebeker
Library Director



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

Google Library

One of the more interesting developments in the field of information literacy was the announcement by Google, Inc., the popular Internet browser, that they had entered into an agreement with five large research libraries to scan and digitize the contents of most of the books in their collections. The idea is that when you do a Google search,

you will retrieve relevant books based on the keywords in your search strategy. You will be given some information about the book and a few snippets of text from the books, which highlight your terms.

The libraries, now commonly known as the Google Five, are Harvard University, Oxford University, Stanford Uni-



versity, the University of Michigan, and the New York Public Library. The project will include millions of books and will take several years to complete.

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Department Resources

Book Review Index Plus

The Evelyn S. Field Library is happy to announce the acquisition of another important database, *Book Review Index Plus*. This new tool is a comprehensive online guide to book reviews. It includes more than five million review citations from thousands of publications. More than 630,000 of the reviews are available in full-text.

A sample search for Barbara Ehrenreich's *Bait and Switch* retrieves 21 results from publications as diverse as *The Philadelphia Inquirer*, *People Weekly*, *The New York Times Book Review*, *Columbia Journalism Review*, *Fortune*, and *Mother Jones*. Of the 21 results, 16 are available in full-

text online from this database. And, the database covers not only current reviews, but also reviews published through the years beginning in 1965. Full-text coverage generally begins in the 1990's, however some newspapers and journals offer full-text from the 1980's.

Much of the coverage of *Book Review Index Plus* overlaps with the material available in its print counterpart, *Book Review Index* (also available in the library, in the reference area). Unlike the print version, however, the online database allows searching across all years at once. You can search in several different ways, including searching by the title of the work, by the

author, by reviewer, or just by keyword. You can also limit your search just to refereed publications, ensuring your results will be from quality, academic publications.

This database will surely be an asset for everyone at the college. Faculty members can use it to their advantage for professional research. Students can use it to assist with assignments and research papers. And everyone can use it for personal interests and to find the next best book to read!

Research Paper Workshops

Please encourage your students to attend one of our research paper workshops. The librarians will cover the following topics: How to get started; Selecting a topic; Organizing your research strategy; Evaluating your sources; Organizing the parts of the paper; Writing your references. For more information, please contact Jennifer Schwartz x8412.

March 13, 2006
10:00am-11:30am

March 14, 2006
1:00pm-2:30pm

March 16, 2006
6:00pm-7:30pm

Google Library *continued*

Copyright is an issue. All of the out-of-copyright books will be scanned, and also all of the copyrighted books unless the copyright holder specifically "opts out". Many publishers and authors are opposed to the project because they fear that they will lose sales. Google responds that entire copyrighted materials will not be made available – only small portions – and that this service will actually increase sales by giving exposure to little-known and under-marketed books.

The project continues as challenges work their way through the courts. You may

begin to see some of the book records as you search the Web. Yahoo has announced a similar project.

For more information about the Google Library Project you can visit the Google site at <http://print.google.com/googleprint/library.html>.

They have included links to "blogs" that speak to both sides of the copyright argument as well as examples of sample responses.

Paperback Exchange

The Paperback Exchange involves simply the exchange of one paperback book for another. Essentially, you take one—you leave one. The paperbacks should be in reasonably good condition and can be of any genre. The collection, located behind the Reference Desk, includes mysteries, science fiction, novels, graphic novels, poetry, and biographies, just to name a few.



Library Resources ~ Books

Author Profile - Toni Morrison

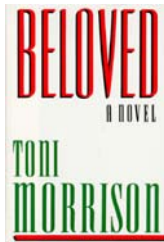
“Access to knowledge is the superb, the supreme act of truly great civilizations. Of all the institutions that purport to do this, free libraries stand virtually alone in accomplishing this mission.” ~Toni Morrison



Beginning in her hometown of Loraine, Ohio, Morrison worked as a library page earning a sum of \$12 in 1942. Sixty-four years later, she has received countless awards and recognition for her contributions to literature, as well as to the library community.

Morrison is a trustee of the New York Public Library. In 2000, she helped mark the 125th anniversary of Purdue University Libraries by being a guest speaker, and she received the Library of Congress’s “Living Legend” award.

More recently in 2005, Morrison was the recipient of the American Library Association’s Coretta Scott King



Award which honors African-American authors and illustrators of outstanding books for children and young adults. She won for her 2004 book, “Remember: The Journey to School Integration.”

In many of her speeches she stresses the importance of the community library, the importance of learning, and the importance of getting lost in a good book.

If you are thinking of getting lost in a good book, stop by the library to check out one of Morrison’s creations.

BeLoved
PS3563.O8749 B4

Conversations with Toni Morrison
PS3563.O8749 Z464



Jazz
PS3563.O8749 J38

Paradise
PS3563.O8749 P37

Playing in the Dark: Whiteness and the Literary Imagination
PS173.N4 M67

Song of Solomon
PS3563.O8749 S6

Tar Baby
PS3563.O8749 T37

Sula
PS3563.O8749 S9

Books can be checked out for 28 days and a College ID is required.



Library Resources ~ Periodicals

Newspapers - Local / National / International

The library owns numerous newspapers both in print and online. Titles carried in print are kept for two months at the Circulation Desk. The newspapers online may be accessed from campus or from home using your network login. Included here is a list of all of the library’s newspapers in print, as well as a small sample of what is available in our online databases which can be accessed from:

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

Newspapers in print:

- Barron’s
- Christian Science Monitor
- Chronicle of Higher Education
- Courier News
- Hunterdon County Democrat
- Hunterdon Review
- New York Times
- Somerset Messenger Gazette
- Star Ledger
- USA Today
- Wall Street Journal

Newspapers online:

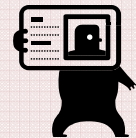
In ProQuest Newspapers:

- Atlanta-Journal Constitution
- Boston Globe
- Chicago Tribune
- Los Angeles Times
- New York Times
- Washington Post

In the Newspaper Database:

- Boston Herald
- Daily Star (London)
- Denver Post
- El Norte (Mexico)
- Financial Times
- Houston Chronicle

REMEMBER:



Your College ID is required when checking out library materials. All Faculty, Staff, and Administrators must present their ID card at the time of check-out.

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 Jennifer Schwartz (x8412) to arrange a date and time, or you can use the online form:

http://library.raritanval.edu/forms/bi_form.html

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.

The instruction classes take place in the library's classroom, equipped with 29 computer stations. Most sessions include a demonstration of the library catalog, several online databases, and 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 libraries to share materials among faculty members, as well as graduate students.

If you would like to borrow materials from one of the participating member libraries, simply fill out an application form located at the Circulation Desk, and then take the

completed form to the library you would like to borrow from. They will issue you a library card that will be valid until June 30th of that year.

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

<http://library.raritanval.edu/VALE.htm>

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.

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. 8317.

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/Copyright/Coursepacks.htm>

These instructions will outline when and what you need to do when compiling a coursepack. If you have any questions, please contact Sean Boyle at ext. 8901 or Julie Maginn at ext. 8303.

Course Reserves

Course Reserves allow faculty members to place certain items at the Circulation Desk for students to use in the library. Typical items include articles, chapters, books, videos, and lecture notes.

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/Copyright/CourseReserves.htm>

There are two types of reserves, "traditional" and "electronic." Traditional is a hard copy of the material, and electronic is an online copy of the material. When requesting a course reserve, please specify if you would like it to be traditional or electronic.

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

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Library Displays

January

Martin Luther King

February

Black History Month

March

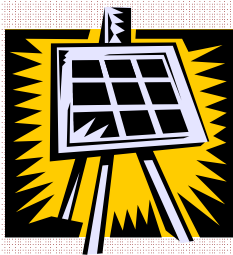
Women's History Month

April

Earth Day

May

**Asian Pacific American
Heritage Month**





Library Catalog Enhancement ~ Featured Lists

The library catalog is now capable of highlighting specific sections of our collection. From the library homepage, under the link for “Finding Books and

Media” is a link for “New Acquisitions.” As shown in the picture below, most of the Featured Lists showcase the library’s new books and media

items. We also plan to feature special collections in connection with displays and programs. The lists will be updated monthly.

FEATURED LISTS (5 entries)

CATEGORY	# of Titles
1 RVCC New Books (December, 2005)	98
2 RVCC New Reference Books (December, 2005)	22
3 RVCC New DVDs and Videos (December, 2005)	16
4 RVCC Audiobooks	89
5 RVCC NetLibrary E-books	4296



Blogs

According to Merriam-Webster, a blog (short for weblog), is a website that contains an online personal journal with reflections, comments, and often hyperlinks provided by the writer. The term was first used in the mid 1990s, but only recently has the practice of “blogging”

surged with topics ranging from politics to houseplants.

Globe of Blogs (www.globeofblogs.com) has 34,486 registered weblogs. There are 478 blogs on colleges and universities; 115 blogs on library science; and 61 blogs on cloud watching.

Google also has their own

site: <http://search.blogger.com>

A search for “community colleges” retrieves over 77,000 blog entries. A search for “classroom pedagogy” retrieves over 2,000 blog entries.

“My lifelong love affair with books and reading continues unaffected by automation, computers, and all other forms of the twentieth-century gadgetry”.

- from *Books in My Life*

Robert Downs

Liaison Librarians

Each Academic Department at the college is assigned a Liaison Librarian. Feel free to contact your department’s Liaison Librarian for ordering library books, requesting library instruction, or for any of the services the library provides.

You can work with your department’s Liaison Librarian with collection development and weeding projects, detailing library services for accreditation reviews, and providing specialized library instruction for classroom assignments.

Bob Egan Ext. 8300

Humanities and Social Science
Mathematics
Science and Engineering Technology



Julie Maginn Ext. 8303

Communication and Languages
Health Science Education
Visual and Performing Arts



Jennifer Schwartz Ext. 8412

Business and Public Service
Computer Science
English



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

Phone: 908-218-8865
Fax: 908-526-2985

Street Address:
Route 28 and Lamington Road
North Branch, NJ 08876

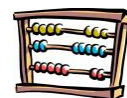
Mailing Address:
P.O. Box 3300
Somerville, NJ 08876

Please forward any comments, suggestions, or questions pertaining to the newsletter to Julie Maginn at ext. 8303, or email jmaginn@raritanval.edu.

Library Mission Statement

The mission of the Evelyn S. Field Library is to provide services and resources that support the educational goals and purpose of Raritan Valley Community College. The Library is dedicated to providing the highest quality service, resources, and environment for the students, faculty, and staff of the College.

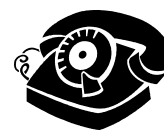
The Library in Numbers



<u>Resources</u>	<u>Last year...</u>
70,347 books	209,357 visitors
10,791 reference books	12,733 books checked out
4,296 e-books	10,910 books checked out by students
364 DVDs	7,261 reference desk questions answered
186 print periodicals	143 Ask-a-Librarian questions answered
91 audiobooks	
66 computers	
44 databases	
26 study carrels	
4 group study rooms	
3 printers	
2 copiers	

Library Directory

Reference Desk Ext. 8350
Circulation Department Ext. 8423
Serials Department Ext. 8385



Sean Boyle	Library Assistant	Serials, Copyright, Reserves (Evening)	Ext. 8901
Keely Coffey	Library Assistant	Circulation, Interlibrary Loan, Reserves (Evening)	Ext. 8317
Bob Egan	Librarian	Technical Services	Ext. 8300
Grace Hsu	Library Assistant	Serials	Ext. 8385
Janet Knoeringer	Library Assistant	Cataloging	Ext. 8368
Barbara Kreyling	Adjunct Librarian	Reference	Ext. 8350
Sylvia Levy	Library Assistant	Circulation, Overdues	Ext. 8423
Julie Maginn	Librarian	Circulation, Serials, Interlibrary Loan, Copyright	Ext. 8303
Birte Nebeker	Director	Library Management, Electronic Resources	Ext. 8351
Laura Palmer	Adjunct Librarian	Reference	Ext. 8350
Chad Peters	Library Assistant	Circulation, Interlibrary Loan, Reserves	Ext. 8224
Nanette Peterson	Adjunct Librarian	Reference	Ext. 8350
Jennifer Schwartz	Librarian	Reference, Instruction	Ext. 8412
Diana Simon	Adjunct Librarian	Reference	Ext. 8350
Margaret Truskowski	Administrative Assistant	Office Management	Ext. 8559