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Message From the Director

The role of academic libraries has expanded from repositories of information to active learning environments where students acquire the information literacy strategies needed to thrive in the 21st century.

It's the beginning of the semester. Our incoming students encounter major new ideas, tasks, and responsibilities. Students come to the Library to work on course assign-

ments. Classroom faculty and the courses they teach are the Library's connection to students.

Through instruction the librarians help our students learn successful ways to search, find and evaluate information. We give them the tools to use the information they have found. We guide them in applying the information in legal and ethical ways. We encourage them to

develop new ideas based on existing information. Through our collections and instructional programs we strive to connect people and ideas.

Best wishes for a wonderful semester!

Birthe Nebeker, Director
Evelyn S. Field Library

The LibQual Survey 2008 *Speak Up! We're Listening!*

by Birthe Nebeker

In spring 2008, the RVCC Library is inviting all faculty, students and staff to participate in a library service quality survey. The survey records users' perceptions of services and resources. The information we gather through the survey will be valuable as we plan future library services to support research, scholarship, teaching and learning at RVCC.

What is LibQUAL+?
LibQUAL+™ is a national survey developed by the Association of Research Libraries (ARL). Its purpose is to provide libraries with a standardized, effective method to meas-

ure the quality of library services based on the perceptions of faculty, students, and staff.

Who should participate?
All RVCC students, faculty and staff are invited to participate.

When does the survey take place?
The survey is open from February 18th to March 9th 2008.

How long does it take?
Most respondents take less than 15 minutes to complete the questions.

Win!
15 randomly selected participants will win a \$25 gift card to Amazon. Survey responses are confidential. Participants can elect not to enter the drawing.

More information...
The website for LibQUAL is at <http://www.libqual.org>.



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.



"Personalized services include BIP Alert, a tool that allows you to save your search criteria and receive alerts via e-mail when new titles are released that match your saved search!"

Database Resources

PatronBooksInPrint.com

by Bob Egan

The Evelyn S. Field Library is pleased to announce a beneficial new electronic resource for its patrons -- PatronBooksInPrint.com™.

PatronBooksInPrint.com is the most authoritative database of information on books, audio books, videos, and e-books. With over 5-million titles at your fingertips, PatronBooksInPrint.com offers you unique features and enhancements to help you find exactly what you are looking for.

Easy-to-use search options offer more targeted results and help patrons find any title with minimal information. Additionally, professional book reviews are provided to help choose the best titles. Exclusive features include a "Children's Room," a "Fiction

Room," and "What Year Were You Born?" which allows patrons to search over 100 years of bestsellers. Patrons can browse the winners and nominees of over 400 book industry awards (from Pulitzer to Caldecott), titles by their favorite author (Steven King to J.D. Salinger) or fiction titles in a favorite series or featuring a favorite character (Hardy Boys to Harry Potter). Or, a user can browse by fictional or children's genre -- Fantasy to Romance, Suspense and Short Stories, Movie and Television tie-ins -- just to name a few!

Personalized services include BIP Alert, a tool that allows you to save your search criteria and receive alerts via e-mail when new titles are released that match your saved search! Patrons can search Patron-



BooksInPrint.com and save their results in a personalized reading list which can then be edited, e-mailed, or printed. What's more, PatronBooksInPrint.com links to the Library's catalog system, letting you know whether a title is currently available or has been checked out by another patron.

For more information, just contact the Library at ext. 8350 or speak to any of the librarians.

Available from the library's website at <http://library.raritanval.edu>, then click Databases.

New Jersey Knowledge Initiative

by Birthe Nebeker

The New Jersey Knowledge Initiative (NJKI) is a state-funded program that provides access to ten databases in the areas of science, technology, medicine and business:

- Biomedical Reference Collection
- Business Source Premier
- CINAHL
- Lippencott William and Wilkins Journals
- Medline
- Nature Journals
- Nursing & Allied Health Collection
- Reference USA
- Regional Business News
- Wiley Interscience Journals

The RVCC Library provides access to these databases from our homepage at <http://library.raritanval.edu>. However, funding of the program ends on 29 February 2008, unless the governor restores funding. Although, we hope that funding will continue, we

need to be prepared for discontinued service. The RVCC Library does not have the resources to subscribe to these databases directly. The State is paying \$3 million per year for statewide access to all the databases. More information is available at www.njki.org.



Library Resources ~ Books

Author Profile - Tom Clancy

*"America is the most inventive country in the world because everybody has access to information."
~ Tom Clancy*



Thomas Leo Clancy Jr., American novelist, was born in 1947 in Baltimore, Maryland. By the time he was in elementary school, he was reading Jules Verne and Samuel Eliot Morison. After graduating from Loyola College with a BA in history, Clancy became an insurance agent and eventually purchased his own insurance agency. For his first novel, Clancy used information provided by his agency's clients about technology and weapons, and read countless materials on the Soviet Navy. *The*

Hunt for Red October was a success even though Clancy had never set foot aboard a submarine. His novels have inspired both video and board games, and of course, numerous movie adaptations.

The Library invites you to checkout any of our books by Clancy. (If you would rather read Verne and Morison, like Clancy, we have those too.)

The Bear and the Dragon

PS3553.L245 B42 2000b

Debt of Honor

PS3553.L245 D43 1994

Executive Orders

PS3553.L245 E9 1996

The Sum of All Fears

PS3553.L245 S8 1991

Without Remorse

PS3553.L245 W57 1993

The Cardinal of the Kremlin

PS3553.L245 C37

Shadow Warriors

UA34.S64 C58 2002

Library Resources ~ Periodicals

Political Science Journals

Combining our in-house print collection and our online databases, the Library has access to approximately 290 political science journals, including both national and international titles. Please check the Periodical Locator from the library's homepage for a complete list and dates of coverage.

Political Science journals in the library include:

- *American Political Science Review*
- *Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science*
- *Congressional Digest*
- *Dissent*

- *Monthly Review*
- *National Review*
- *Progressive*

Political Science journals in our online databases include:

- *American Journal of Political Science*
- *Campaigns & Elections*
- *Capital & Class*
- *Contemporary Politics*
- *Journal of Democracy*
- *Journal of Politics*



- *Perspectives on Political Science*
- *Political Communication*
- *Political Science Quarterly*
- *Review of Politics*
- *Washington Monthly*

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.





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-inforces 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 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. 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/faculty/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. 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/faculty/coursepacks.asp>.

If you have any questions, please contact Keely Coffey at ext. 8317 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. 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/resources/researchguides.asp>.

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.

Research Tools

The Library has over 70 computers dedicated towards academic research. We subscribe to almost 50 databases, cover-

ing over 11,000 journals, magazines, 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.

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.asp>.

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.

March 3, 2008
12:00pm-1:00pm

March 19, 2008
4:00pm-5:00pm

March 26, 2008
10:00am-11:00am

April 2, 2008
6:00pm-7:00pm

April 8, 2008
12:00pm-1:00pm



Workshops for Faculty, Administrators & Staff

Library Resources and Services info sessions – Give us an hour, we’ll give you it all!

Researching an obscure topic for that graduate school paper you are writing? Need a place other than WebMD to learn about a diagnosis or medication? Want to know which libraries collect those musical scores you’ve been looking for? Trying to find the transcript of an NPR broadcast you heard only parts of? Learn how to do all of these things at the Library!

Stop in to one of the Library Resources and Services ses-

sions that we will be hosting for Faculty, Staff, and Administrators in February. We’ll introduce you to some of the services we offer, databases we subscribe to, and collections we develop that you may not have heard about yet. You’ll be excited to see we have more than just books!

In one short hour, we’ll demonstrate how you can get answers to all your health, financial, and educational questions using our electronic databases. Use LexisNexis to find television and radio transcripts, newspaper articles, legal or business information. Fulfill your entertainment needs for

free with our DVD collection! Get book reviews for thousands of titles right at your fingertips. And more!

The Library isn’t just for students! We offer many services to meet your professional and personal needs. Please join us from 11AM-12PM on Wednesday, Feb. 6 or from 3-4PM on Wednesday, Feb 13 in L107. If there is a particular service you’d like to learn about or question you’d like answered, email Megan at mdempsey@raritanval.edu. See you there!

Announcing the RVCC Library Satisfaction Survey. Help make your library even better! We are inviting students, faculty & staff to participate in a web-based survey about the Library. Each respondent is eligible to win a \$25 Amazon gift certificate. The survey will run from February 18th to March 7th. For more information please visit: <http://library.raritanval.edu/libqual>. Check your college email for further details.

More info on front page!

The Library Welcomes Megan Dempsey

The Library would like to introduce our new Reference/Instruction Librarian. Megan Dempsey joined the college in December and we are very fortunate to have her. She is responsible for reference services and the library’s instructional program.

Megan is a graduate of Ramapo College holding a BA in literature with Teacher Education Certification. She recently graduated from the Palmer School of Long Island University with a masters in library and information science. Megan has worked at Montclair State University as a

Reference Librarian, and at both East Brunswick High School and Manchester Regional High School as an English Teacher.

Please join the Library in welcoming Megan to the college community. She can be contacted at ext. 8412.

Library Promotional Program

Please spread the word around!

The first 100 library patrons to register their College ID with the Library this semester will receive a special gift.

The library’s new promotional program appreciates our first-time library patrons with personalized pens, pencils, high-

lighters, scratch pads, and penlite key chains. Access to library resources will literally be at your fingertips!

Student? Staff? Faculty? Administrator? Doesn’t matter! All first-time users are eligible.

Visit the Library with your College ID to register today!

PROMOTIONAL ITEMS:

- PENS
- PENCILS
- HIGHLIGHTERS
- STICKY SCRATCH PADS
- PENLITE KEY CHAINS



Evelyn S. Field Library @ Raritan Valley Community College

Library Hours ~ Spring 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.

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.

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

Keely Coffey Library Assistant
Megan Dempsey Librarian
Bob Egan Librarian
Grace Hsu Library Assistant
Janet Knoeringer Library Assistant
Barbara Kreyling Adjunct Librarian
Sylvia Levy Library Assistant
Julie Maginn Librarian
Birthe Nebeker Director
Alex Palilonis Library Assistant
Laura Palmer Adjunct Librarian
Chad Peters Library Assistant
Nanette Peterson Adjunct Librarian
Diana Simon Adjunct Librarian
Margaret Truszkowski Administrative Assistant

Library Directory



Circulation, Interlibrary Loan, Copyright (Evening) Ext. 8317
Reference, Instruction Ext. 8412
Technical Services, Archives Ext. 8300
Serials Ext. 8385
Cataloging Ext. 8368
Reference, Instruction Ext. 8350
Circulation, Overdues Ext. 8423
Circulation, Serials, Interlibrary Loan, Copyright Ext. 8303
Library Management, Electronic Resources Ext. 8351
Circulation, Electronic Resources, Webpage (Evening) Ext. 8901
Reference, Instruction Ext. 8350
Circulation, Interlibrary Loan, Reserves Ext. 8224
Reference, Instruction Ext. 8350
Reference, Instruction Ext. 8350
Office Management, Acquisitions Ext. 8559