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Message From the Director

Welcome back to a new semester! We would like to invite you to come and see our new journal display that holds 80 journals, including back issues. Until now, many of these journals were available only on request. Our goal is to provide better access to library resources and increase visibility of our services.

The Library has taken the lead in providing instruction in information literacy that prepares

our students to cope with our increasingly complex information society. This spring we will be working on assessment of our instructional program, which consists of one library session for English I students and one session for English II students. The assessment is developed to help us determine whether the students are really learning what we say we are teaching them. The results will be used to make any necessary changes to our program.

As you embark on your many responsibilities, we encourage you to take some time to visit the library and check out the New Book Display, browse the DVD collection or discover a must-read novel.

Best wishes for the new semester,

Birthe Nebeker, Director
Evelyn S. Field Library

New Periodical Display

In the Fall, the Library implemented a new way for current periodicals to be displayed. You may have already seen 3 of 4 new shelving units in the Library. With this new shelving, the Library can display over 80 current periodicals, in addition to back issues which are neatly concealed behind the current issue. The Library is waiting for the fourth unit to be delivered before we begin stocking the units with back issues. Watch the Library homepage for an announcement.

Faculty, Staff and Administrators may checkout back issues of periodicals for one week with a College ID. Unfortunately, the current issue on display cannot be checked out.

The Library is also currently working on a project to make all of our bound periodicals available for checkout. The collection will be located on the second floor of the Library. We hope to have this service available within the next year.

In the meantime, please enjoy the new periodical display

by Julie Maginn



which enables more titles and more issues to be available to the college community.

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 *Safari Books Online*

by Megan Dempsey



"This database contains more than 5,200 electronic books from renowned computer science publishers..."

To keep up with the most current and recognized books in the computer sciences, the library now subscribes to Safari Books Online. This database contains more than 5,200 electronic books from renowned computer science publishers, including O'Reilly, Addison-Wesley, Sams, Que, Peachpit Press, Prentice Hall, and John Wiley & Sons. And there's no need to come to the library for these books - you can access and read them all from your computer, even from the West Building! Want to learn a new program? Open the manual from Safari on your computer

and practice using the program while you read.

Check out the books that Safari has available by visiting the library's Databases page at <http://library.raritanval.edu/databases>. From Safari's homepage, you can find specific books by searching for the title. Or simply search for the program or system you're interested in, and Safari generates a list of books on that topic. Not sure exactly what you're looking for? Use the Browse by Category feature to view titles in a particular area, like Desktop Publishing, Markup

Languages, Security and much more.

Like all library databases, you will need to enter your G# and password to access Safari from off-campus. But this fantastic resource is available to you 24/7. So when that late-night craving for JAVA tips strikes, log on to Safari, open an e-book, and satisfy it!

NEW Information Literacy Tutorial

by Megan Dempsey

We want to make sure our online students have the same great experiences at RVCC as every other student. And that's why the Library has created a new web-based Information Literacy I tutorial. This interactive tutorial leads you through the basics of research,

from developing a topic, through finding book, article, and Internet sources, to creating a Works Cited page.

The material covered in the Info Lit I tutorial replicates what English I students learn in a face-to-face research instruction session. If you are

taking English I as an online course, you will probably complete the tutorial while preparing to write your research paper. If you missed the English I library session, the tutorial will provide you with all the information you need before starting your research. The

tutorial can also be used by students in other classes in any discipline to refresh their basic research skills, including finding scholarly journal articles and evaluating research-quality websites.

We hope this tutorial is useful for our distance learners and anyone who would like to sharpen their basic research skills. The tutorial can be found on our homepage, <http://library.raritanval.edu>, under the Research Help menu. Look for the new Information Literacy II tutorial in Fall 2009, for a lesson on more advanced research techniques. Happy researching!

INFORMATION LITERACY I TUTORIAL

WELCOME!

This tutorial is designed for students who are relatively new to the college research process.¹ Even if you have previously written research papers, this tutorial will help you better understand the research process. You will learn the most effective ways to use library resources and the Internet to find quality sources to support any research topic. By the end of this tutorial, you will be able to:

1. Focus your research topic and select appropriate keywords to search for sources.
2. Find books and media related to your topic using the Library Catalog.
3. Find articles using electronic Databases.
4. Find and evaluate research-quality websites using various search engines and online resources.
5. Document your sources appropriately using MLA or APA citation format.

¹The Information Literacy I tutorial also serves as online library instruction for English I classes. English II students should use the Information Literacy II tutorial.

HOW TO USE THIS TUTORIAL

This is an interactive tutorial that allows you to participate in your learning.

Library Resources ~ Books

Science

“The library connects us with the insight and knowledge, painfully extracted from Nature, of the greatest minds that ever were, with the best teachers, drawn from the entire planet and from all our history, to instruct us without tiring, and to inspire us to make our own contribution to the collective knowledge of the human species.”

~*Cosmos*, Carl Sagan

The Library’s general science book collection can be found in the Q section. There are also numerous subcategories, such as QB for astronomy, QC for Physics, QD for Chemistry, QH for biology, and QR for microbiology. Some books covering multiple topics may be in different sections. Check with one of the librarians to get connected to the insight and knowledge Carl Sagan speaks of.

Recent additions to the collection include the following:

Is Nature Ever Evil?: Religion, Science, and Value
BD581.I595 2003

The Monkey in the Mirror: Essays on the Science of What Makes Us Human
GN281.T365 2002

The Fly in the Ointment: 70 Fascinating Commentaries on the Science of Everyday Life

Q173.S38 2004

The Intelligibility of Nature: How Science Makes Sense of the World
Q175.32R45 D43 2006

Science, Evolution, and Creationism
QH366.2.S35 2008

Second Nature: Brain Science and Human Knowledge
QP376.E323 2006



Library Resources ~ Periodicals

Science Journals

Combining our in-house print collection and our online databases, the Library has access to over 400 science-related journals. Please check the Periodical Locator from the library’s homepage for a complete list and dates of coverage.

Science journals in the Library include:

- *American Scientist*
- *Astronomy*
- *Bioscience*
- *Discover*
- *Nature*
- *Natural History*
- *New Scientist*
- *Perspectives in Biology & Medicine*

- *Quarterly Review of Biology*
- *Science*
- *Science News*
- *Scientific American*
- *Smithsonian*

Science journals in our online databases include:

- *American Midland Naturalist*
- *Bulletin - NJ Academy of Science*
- *Foundations of Chemistry*
- *History of Science*
- *Interdisciplinary Science Reviews*



- *Issues in Science & Technology*
- *Journal of College Science Teaching*
- *Life Sciences*
- *Perspectives on Science*
- *Science World*

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 G# 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
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English

Bob Egan x8300

Humanities, Social Sciences
& Education
Mathematics
Science & Engineering

Julie Maginn x8303

Communication &
Languages
Health Science Education
Visual & Performing Arts
(On leave Spring 2009, please
contact Birthe Nebeker)

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 or the Library's webpage 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 2007. 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, direct students to the appropriate section of the circulating book collection, link into the appropriate databases for research, and offer 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, 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.

<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 two hours with a College ID 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, 2009
2:00pm-3:00pm

March 18, 2009
6:00pm-7:00pm

March 26, 2009
1:00pm-2:00pm

March 30, 2009
11:00am-12:00pm

April 7, 2009
4:00pm-5:00pm

The Library Welcomes Stacy Cozin



The Library would like to welcome a new adjunct librarian, Stacy Cozin. Stacy is a recent graduate of the School of Communication, Information and Library Science at Rutgers University. She has a bachelors degree in political science from

Rutgers College and has also taken several courses in graphic design at the County College of Morris.

She previously worked at Parsippany High School as a Media Center Intern, for the

Internet Public Library, and in various positions for the March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation.

Please join the Library in welcoming Stacy to the college community.

Library Year-End Statistics

The DVD checked out the most in 2008, totaling fifteen checkouts was *The Bourne Ultimatum* starring Matt Damon. Coming in a close second with fourteen checkouts was *Ratatouille*.

The Audiobook checked out the most in 2008, totaling six checkouts, was *Instant Immersion*

Spanish. In second place, with five checkouts, was *Black Like Me*.

The top webpage visited was the Library's databases, followed by the Library's research guides and citation pages.

On average, hourly usage of the Library's website peaks

between the hours of 10am and Noon, with Monday receiving the most traffic.

The Library had 195,543 visitors in 2008; patrons requested 566 interlibrary loans and checked out 7,611 books; and asked our Circulation Staff 3,510 questions!

TOP DVD:
The Bourne Ultimatum

TOP AUDIOBOOK:
Instant Immersion Spanish

Copyright 101

by Julie Maginn

Works in a fixed and tangible form are protected by copyright. Works can include literary works; musical works; dramatic works; pantomimes and choreographic works; pictorial, graphic, and sculptural works; motion pictures; sound recordings; and architectural works.

What can you do as a copyright holder? You can reproduce the work; prepare derivative works based upon the copyrighted work; distribute copies by sale, rental, lease, or lending; perform the work; and display the work.

It is not necessary for a copyright notice to be present on a

work for it to be copyrighted. However, it is highly recommended to register your work with the U.S. Copyright Office. The cost for registration is between \$35-45.

The Technology, Education and Copyright Harmonization Act (TEACH Act) revised the existing Copyright Act to allow for exemptions regarding distance education. In a nutshell, the TEACH Act allows a performance or display of a work by a professor if the work is integral to the class session; if only students enrolled in the class attend; if any transient copies made are only kept for a reasonable amount of time—

not indefinitely; and if performances of certain works are limited to reasonable and limited portions.

Copyright permissions always depend on the situation. Your use may be considered fair use, but quite possibly not. It depends. Taken to an extreme, your Pre-K teacher who displayed your pretty picture of rainbows and trees and flowers was infringing on your copyright when your drawing was posted for all to see during Open House.

For more information, see the Copyright Guide located at: <http://library.raritanval.edu/general/copyright.asp>



Evelyn S. Field Library @ Raritan Valley Community College

Library Hours ~ Spring 2009

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

Library Directory



Keely Coffey	Public Services Associate	Circulation, Interlibrary Loan, Copyright (Evening)	Ext. 8558
Stacy Cozin	Adjunct Librarian	Reference, Instruction	Ext. 8350
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
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Alex Palilonis	Electronic Resources Specialist	Circulation, Electronic Resources, Webpage (Evening)	Ext. 8901
Chad Peters	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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