KIM NOEL WINS AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICE

BY RUTH ALCABES

At the Massachusetts Library Association’s annual conference in Hyannis this May, STCC Library’s Access Services Manager Kim Noel was awarded the MLA Paralibrarian Section Award for Outstanding Library Support Staff. This award is presented to a “library worker who brings something extra to the table, and who carries their passion for library services out into the community, both near and statewide.” Kim’s family came to Hyannis in order to see her be presented with the award at the MLA Awards Gala on May 23, 2017.

In the nomination form, her colleagues wrote that Kim, “Demonstrates concern for our patrons through kindness, consideration and thoughtful commitment when working with our very diverse population” and that, “she does whatever she can to make our patrons’ experiences in the library stress-free and enjoyable.” Eric Warren, Coordinator of Reference Services, praised Noel for her dedication to students over the past 13 years she has worked in the STCC library: “Kim’s professionalism, service ethic and commitment to student success are evident every day. She richly deserves to be recognized with this award.”
LOOKING AHEAD TO A STUDENT LEARNING COMMONS

BY RUTH ALCABES

Renovation is continuing on STCC’s Building 19, in order to create a space that will combine more than 17 different student services and resources under one roof. The library will be housed on the second and third floors of the building, which will also include offices such as the Registrar, Student Activities, and the tutoring center.

The library’s space will include desks for circulation, reference and computer help services. There will be space for books, including our children’s collection, for magazines and journals, and areas for displays. Although there will be less shelf space for print books than in the library’s current space, books are only some of the resources available to students. There are several different collections of electronic books that can be accessed through the library catalog and materials may be requested from other libraries through C/WMARS, a group of more than 140 libraries in central and western Mass.

An important part of the design was to include plentiful space for students to study, with seating in well-lit areas near windows. This will include both quiet study space and group tables for collaborative learning. There are also five study rooms planned, which will have floor to ceiling glass in order for groups to work without the noise disturbing others.

The work on the renovations will be continuing throughout this academic year, and the building is projected to open in Fall 2018.

FREE ONLINE COURSE TRAINING OFFERED TO STCC STUDENTS

BY CHELSEA DELNERO

Taking an online class for the first time can be intimidating. There are lots of things to think about and many questions you may ask yourself: Do I have the right computer and internet connection? Do I have to be online at the same time as the instructor? How do I submit my assignments?

The good news is that all of these questions can be answered in one excellent training session! Leila Haddad, STCC’s Blackboard Systems Administrator conducts several online learning trainings at the beginning of each semester both online and in person. Trainings are offered on a variety of days and times, so you’ll be sure to find a session that works with your schedule. The training covers system requirements, computer basics, online communication, time management, and more! The Fall training schedule is to the left. Make sure you RSVP to Leila!

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FALL 2017 TRAINING SCHEDULE

Monday 8/28, 10:00 am - Library Computer Lab
Tuesday, 8/29, 2:00 pm - Online
Wednesday, 8/30, 1:00 pm - Library Computer Lab
Thursday, 8/31, 4:30 pm - Online
Tuesday, 9/5, 5:00 pm - Online
Wednesday, 9/7, 1:00 pm - Online
Saturday, 9/9, 10:00 am - Library Computer Lab

A computer drawing of the entrance of the future Ira H. Rubenzahl Learning Commons (Bldg 19)
A YEAR IN THE LIBRARY

BY DOROTHY MOORE & CHELSEA DELNERO

Have you ever wondered just how popular the library is? Or how many books we check out every year? Well, the library keeps track of that information so we can share the work that we do with the whole campus! These images show how popular our services are. They are based on statistics that the library staff collected and analyzed.

JOIN THE LIBRARY

STUDENT ADVISORY BOARD

BY CHELSEA DELNERO

With a new facility coming soon, the library has an opportunity to closely evaluate our resources and services. Student feedback is now more important than ever!

That’s why we are looking for students to join our Student Advisory Board. The Board is responsible for communicating thoughts, ideas, and concerns to the STCC librarians and staff. The primary responsibility of this group is to make suggestions on ways to improve the effectiveness of the library. Some things you can help us think about are: types of resources and how to find them, study spaces, library technology, connecting with others in the STCC community, promoting library events and services, and much more. Your ideas can help make STCC a better place for everyone!

Being a board member also looks good on your resume and gives you valuable experience you can use after college.

The board will hold its first meeting on Wednesday, September 20, during college hour. We will meet at the group tables on the first floor of the library. Snacks will be provided.

We hope you will join us and bring a friend! Those who are not regular library users have just as much to offer as students who are here every day.

If you have questions or want to learn more, visit our website: libguides.stcc.edu/sab

Or email Chelsea Delnero, Outreach Librarian: cadelnero@stcc.edu

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MEET STCC’S TEXTBOOK HEROES

A few years ago, the library conducted a survey about the cost of textbooks. We were not surprised to find that 70% of STCC students have decided against buying or renting a required textbook because it was too expensive.

Did you know that there are courses you can take here at STCC that use a FREE textbook? Pictured below are some of the STCC professors making a difference by using free, open educational resources instead of traditional textbooks! If you’d like to learn more about Open Educational Resources at STCC, visit libguides.stcc.edu/oer OR email cadelnero@stcc.edu

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College Success (COL 101)

Christine Atwater
Principles of Management (MGT 101)

Eileen Cusick
Communications/Editing (OIT 110 & 111)

Brandon Poe, PhD
Anat. & Physiology (BIO 231)

Shanon Trueman
Environ. Biology (BIO 141)

Not pictured: Renee Tetreault (OIT 110 & 111), Anne Simao (MAT 100), Su Thavanthri (PHY 231)