THE LIBRARY SAYS FAREWELL TO BUILDING 27

BY CHELSEA CONTRADA

You’ve been hearing about building 19 for a while, and now the time has finally come. This November we will make the big move to the brand new, state-of-the-art Ira H. Rubenzahl Learning Commons!

The campus library has been in building 27 since it opened, but has gone through many transformations. Take a walk through the library’s history below!

HUMBLE BEGINNINGS

The library started out on only the second floor of building 27 and was later expanded to include the first floor. In 1973, the library had only two typewriters! The first computer didn’t show up in the library until the 90’s and a card catalog was used until 1995. The library celebrated going digital with a fundraising event titled “Dropping our Drawers!” Faculty, staff, students, and guests all participated in ceremonially discarding the old catalog cards.

Since then the library has grown to hold a collection of over 10,000 print items, more than 80 online databases, 40 computers for public use, 6 laptops for use in the library, and several Chromebooks and wireless hotspots for students to take home!

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One of the library’s biggest and most recent changes was the shrinking of our print reference collection. Some may remember that the group study area on the first floor used to include bookshelves with dictionaries, encyclopedias, atlases and other reference materials. Since the library subscribes to so many high-quality online reference resources, we thought it best to remove those shelves to create more study space for our students.

LOOKING AHEAD

The library staff is excited to move to Building 19. The new library space will include six study rooms, lounging/reading areas filled with natural light, group study space and, of course, plenty of computers. But the move will be bittersweet. We asked our staff what they will miss about Building 27. Here are their answers:

“I’m not going to miss the old library being either too hot or too cold! Hopefully Building 19 will be just right!!!!” - Dan Paquette, Systems and eResources Librarian

“I’m going to miss the hiss and clank of the radiators; that sound gave me comfort most of my life, knowing that I was safe and cared for in a really fundamental way.” - Kim Noel, Access Services Manager

“The private bathroom.” - Dorothy Austin, Technical Services

“I will miss the creaky wooden floors.” - Chelsea Contrada, Outreach & OER Librarian

The library is scheduled to relocate over the Thanksgiving Break. Keep your eyes open for more communication about our move and our new business hours!

RESOURCE SPOTLIGHT:
MARKETLINE ADVANTAGE

BY DAN PAQUETTE

In this semester’s newsletter, we are featuring a key business database available to the STCC community. Marketline Advantage provides a wealth of data useful to anyone interested in business, economics, and entrepreneurial ventures.

Interested in obtaining a company profile on MGM or another potential employer? Seeking to learn about how the manufacturing or biomedical industries in the USA are forecasted to grow over the next decade? From individual company profiles, to industry analysis from around the world, Marketline Advantage offers detailed reports relevant to anyone needing data on corporations, industries, and specific segments of the economy.

Key Features include:
- Coverage of 33,000+ companies
- 5,000+ industrial profiles
- 330+ company-focused Case Studies
- 500,000+ news articles

STCC Library provides access to a wealth of credible business information and librarians are always here to help. MarketLine Advantage is available with all library business sources on the library website https://libguides.stcc.edu/businessdatabases

For off campus access to this database, be sure your RamCard is registered for the academic year by stopping by the Circulation Desk at the Library in Building 27. As always, librarians are here to help with your research needs! For more info, email Dan Paquette at djpaquette@stcc.edu

Above: Workers removing the reference shelves to make room for more study space, summer 2016.

FIND US ONLINE!

@STCCLIBRARY
Chromebook Success Leads to Expansion, Policy Changes

By Dorothy Moore

The Chromebook and wifi hotspot lending program, launched in Jan. 2017, has been immensely popular with STCC students. Twenty Chromebooks and hotspots were purchased with funding from a national grant with the goal of increasing digital equity among STCC students. In the last 18 months, the Chromebooks were borrowed 426 times and the hotspots 373 times. Due to the popularity of these items, the library has launched the STCC Digital Equity Program which aims to make necessary educational technology available to all students. With a generous anonymous donation, the library was able to purchase 10 more Chromebooks for the program.

Students can borrow a Chromebook, wifi hotspot, or both items together if they are currently registered for classes, have a valid RamCard and have signed a User Agreement. Due to the popularity of these items, the loan period for the equipment is now 7 days, although this may change depending on the volume of borrowing. In addition, Chromebooks and hotspots cannot be reserved or renewed. Borrowers are financially responsible for lost or damaged equipment and/or accessories. For more information about the Chromebook / hotspot lending program, call or stop by the library and speak with a staff member.

Massachusetts Selects New Ebook Platform

By Eric Warren

In July, Massachusetts announced a new statewide eBook and audiobook platform, selecting OverDrive to replace Axis 360 and two other products. You may know OverDrive already, as our C/W MARS service has offered a version to the STCC community for years. The new upgraded edition will have expanded access to thousands of digital e-books and audiobooks in addition to dozens of popular magazine titles.

To use OverDrive, look for the link on the library’s home page that says, “eBook Resources” (or type http://libguides.stcc.edu/eBookResources into your browser’s address bar). Choose the box that says “OverDrive from C/WMARS.” To sign in, begin by selecting “CW MARS Patrons” from the menu, and then enter your 14-digit STCC barcode (from the back of your RamCard). You’re all set to start reading or listening!

Mobile access is available through OverDrive’s free Libby app, downloadable from the App Store for Apple devices, or Google Play for Android. If you are blind or visually impaired, we recommended you use the original OverDrive app, available from the same sources.

The new expanded version of OverDrive currently allows you to search four other Massachusetts Library networks for additional titles – the catch is you have to sign in separately to each one. It sounds a little complicated, but you can always a library staff member for assistance – we’re here to help! The website listed above is also a good source of additional information.

Above: Student Clarence Williams checks out a Chromebook with help from Mayre Sullivan, circulation assistant.

REMEMBER!

You must register your Ram Card in the library in order to access our online resources from home!
CHECK IT OUT! THESE BRAND NEW ITEMS ARE AVAILABLE NOW!

BY MARKO PACKARD

Grand Canyon
By Jason Chin
Juvenile Fiction/Picture Books
“Concise explanations of natural history run in tandem with a visual story of a girl and her father hiking in this stunning depiction of the Grand Canyon.”

The Art of Charline Chan Hock Chye
By Sonny Liew
“A biography showcasing the life and work of Chan Hock Chye, a pioneering but largely forgotten comics artist in Singapore. With a career spanning more than five decades, Charli’s work reflects the changing political and economic environment in Singapore.”

Shame Nation
By Sue Scheff
Non-fiction
“An eye-opening examination around the rise in online shaming, and offers practical advice and tips including: Preventing digital disasters, Defending your online reputation.”

¡Manteca! An Anthology of Afro-Latin@ Poets
Edited by Melissa Castillo-Garsow
Poetry
“¡Manteca! Is the first poetry anthology to highlight writings by Latinos of African descent. The themes covered are as diverse as the authors themselves.”

What It Means When a Man Falls from the Sky
By Lesley Nneka Arimah
Fiction
“Short stories about people and relationships, set in Nigeria and among the Nigerian expat community in the US.”

All descriptions from Amazon.com and Goodreads.com
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