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## Information Edge - Library Newsletter - Fall 2014

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### **Mortola Library**

Mon–Thurs: 8 am– 2 am

Fri: 8 am– 11 pm

Sat: 10 am– 8 pm

Sun: 10 am– 2 am

Wed, Nov. 26: 8 am– 5 pm

Thurs, Nov. 27– Sat, Nov. 29:

CLOSED

Mon, Dec. 1– Thurs, Dec. 18:

24-Hour Access

Sat., Dec. 20: 10 am– 5 pm

### **Birnbaum Library**

Mon–Fri: 8 am– 11 pm

Sat: 10 am– 8 pm

Sun: 12 pm– 11 pm

There will be extended hours during finals week.

### **Collaborative Learning Room (Birnbaum Library)**

Mon–Fri: 9 am– 9 pm

Sat: 10 am– 6 pm

Sun: 12 pm– 8 pm

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## **Welcome, Pace Students!**

This fall the Pace Library welcomes the Class of 2018. Staff at the Mortola and Birnbaum Libraries



are eager to help students check out books; use online research tools (e.g., article databases, citation guides); pick up reserves; set up wireless access and wireless printing in the library; and borrow laptops, headphones, and other devices. As the Pleasantville campus continues renovations, the Pace University Library has been changing as well. In September the student-managed Pace Mart (which stocks coffee, snacks, and beverages) had its grand opening on the first floor of

the Mortola Library in a new room adjacent to the computers. Much of the third floor has been renovated to allow additional office space for Tutoring Services.

On the New York City campus, the Birnbaum Library has also received renovations. Library staff are enjoying a new office on the second floor, and quiet and group study areas have been more clearly delineated in the library.

The section on the first floor of Birnbaum Library previously used by library staff has been converted into additional seating/study space as an extension of Café 101.

In addition to these changes, the Pace Library has a new website at [www.pace.edu/library](http://www.pace.edu/library), which includes a different search engine for locating books, articles and media (see page 2) and Ask-a-Librarian chat service.

## **Library's Student Advisory Council Seeks Volunteers**

Staff at the Mortola Library are seeking volunteers for the Library Student Advisory Council. The Council will help provide first-hand information about student concerns and



perspectives regarding the Mortola Library and library services. Students will be able to give feedback about library plans and initiatives. The meeting will be held on October 20 at 7 pm. in the Blue Room on the first floor. Refreshments

will be served. If interested, please contact Daniel Sabol at [dsabol@pace.edu](mailto:dsabol@pace.edu) or (914) 773-3250.

## **Halloween Displays**

This month the Mortola Library celebrates the spine-chilling literature and cinema of horror! On shelves and in display cases you will find books and movies that are perfect for an evening of scares in preparation for Halloween. Please stop by to look at our items and decorations.



## New Search All Tool Highlights updated Library Website

The library web team launched a new website for the library this fall, featuring new tools and an easy-to-use interface.

The website now features all of our searching tools in a tabbed box in the center of the webpage, with options to search the catalog for books and media; a tab to search for specific journal titles; links to databases and course reserve materials; and our librarian-developed research guides.

The highlight of the website redesign is the new *Search All* tool, an innovative new way of searching built on EBSCO's Discovery Service product.

Pace community members can use the *Search All* tool to search the library catalog and many of our databases simultaneously. This option is a great

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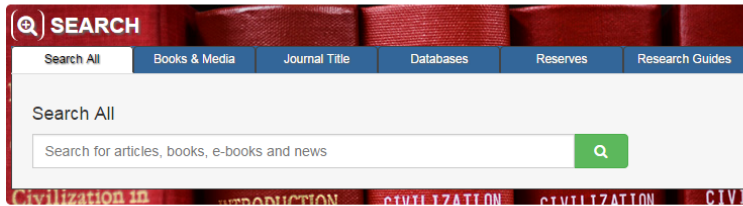
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starting point for students beginning their studies at Pace to see the variety of reliable sources available to support their studies.

Currently the *Search All* tool is in Beta release as the web team is still making changes to improve the functionality of the tool, but patrons are encouraged to try the service and share their experience with Pace University Librarians. Please send any comments or issues related to the new website or the *Search All* tool to Christina Blenkle at [cblenkle@pace.edu](mailto:cblenkle@pace.edu).



### Therapy Dogs are Back!

Therapy dogs from the Good Dog Foundation will be visiting the Pleasantville campus to help you de-stress during final exams. The furry friends will be at the Mortola Library on December 10 from 10 am-1 pm, and at the Kessel Student Center from 1-4 pm.



### Cite It Right!

Need help citing your sources? Trouble deciding if your sources are credible? Instructional Librarian Phil Poggiali will host Cite It Right! Workshops at the Mortola Library to help students



assemble bibliographies to support their research assignments. The workshops will be held in the Library's electronic classroom on December 3 & 4 from 12-1 pm.

### Game Night

On Friday, November 7, from 7–10 pm, the Mortola Library will host the ever-popular Game Night. Students are invited to compete in various board games (including Risk and Monopoly) and enjoy refreshments with library staff.

### 24-Hour Access in December

This semester the Mortola Library will be open 24 hours for final exams. From Monday, December 1, through Thursday, December 18, the Library will be accessible throughout the night. After 2 am from Sunday to Thursday, and after midnight on Fridays and Saturdays, library services will end (to resume later in the morning), and students may use the first floor of the library for the overnight period.



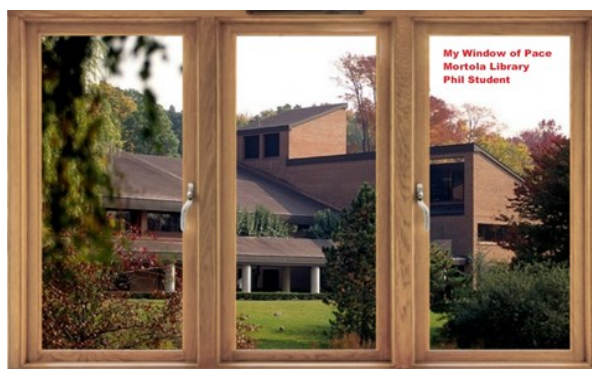
## New Books



### “Windows of Pace” Competition

Do you have a favorite place at Pace? Do you have photography skills? If so, please join the Mortola Library as we hold a competition open to Pace University students at the Pleasantville campus. Take a photo of your favorite place on campus and send it to us. Photos should be high resolution. Five student photos will be selected and placed in vinyl, wall sticking “window frames” displaying the student’s name and photo. The frame will be hung in the Mortola Library.

Please submit photos by October 15 to Danny Sabol at [dsabol@pace.edu](mailto:dsabol@pace.edu).



### Grad Center Library & Master’s Thesis Collection

Just as Mortola and Birnbaum Library staff members have been helping students settle into the fall semester, Michelle Lang, Graduate Services Librarian, has been busy assisting master’s and doctoral program students at the Pace Graduate Center in White Plains. This semester Michelle is excited about the recent addition of the Master’s in Public Administration capstone thesis projects to the Graduate Center Library collection. The collection of 117 documents includes Pace students’ submissions in all three tracts (health care management, nonprofit, government) of the public

administration program. The complete list of items in the collection can be accessed using the term “MPA Capstone” in the Books & Media search box (limit to keyword) on the library home page. In addition, Pace doctoral dissertations, from the DPS in Computing and DPS in Educational Technology programs, are available online through the Pace Digital Collections page at <http://www.pace.edu/library/find-resources/library-catalog/digital-collection>. Students and faculty interested in reading one of the dissertations can email Michelle at [mlang@pace.edu](mailto:mlang@pace.edu) to request a pass-

word for access. Visitors to the Graduate Center Library may view collection items and use the computers and physical space to complete assignments, but Michelle emphasizes that the Library is also a place “where faculty and students can come to share ideas.” She says the smaller student body at the Graduate Center allows her more time to work one-on-one with the Pace community on research assignments. “I am completely devoted to the students.”

## Hallowread for Halloween!

On October 29, beginning at 6 p.m., you are invited to the courtyard of the Mortola Library for the first-ever Hallowread event. Students, faculty, and staff will be reading aloud and/or performing scenes with a focus on horror and the macabre. Please stop by to experience haunted works of literature ... and more. To volunteer your time to read or perform, and for more information, contact Christina Blenkle (cblenkle@pace.edu; 914-773-3222) or Phil Poggiali (ppoggiali@pace.edu; 914-773-3230). To

see a list of available reading times, go to <http://libguides.pace.edu/hallowread> and click the "Available Time Slots" tab.

## Vampires: No Interviews

Also on October 29, from 12:15 to 1 p.m. in the Mortola Library, Pace faculty member Kevin Czerwinski, who is teaching Studies in Horror and Science Fiction & The Cold War during the fall semester, will talk about the popularity of Dracula and vampire tales in books and movies.

## First Year Students Find Their Passions at Birnbaum Library

Every year sees a new group of first year students streaming into the library for the required library orientation. As the first year class continues to grow, the library tries new ways to reach all of the students. Library orientation is a required part of UNV 101, the freshman seminar, and this year there are two options for students.

As in the previous two years, one option is an in-person library scavenger hunt. This year's scavenger hunt focuses on the theme of the first year experience "Finding Your Passion or Purpose." The game prompts students to use library resources to help a fictional student decide on a major. As they complete the hunt students are introduced to the library's physical layout; the new discovery service search tool; the book catalog; and service points around the library. Many UNV 101 instructors are bringing their classes to the library to

complete the game during class time, and students may also complete it independently.

The second option for the library orientation is online, consisting of a video and an online quiz. The library has used online orientations in the past, though not for the past two years. Jennifer Rosenstein, First Year Outreach Services Librarian, filmed the video over the summer with three student actors. The video covers all the content included in the scavenger hunt, and actually delves a bit more into how to use the book catalog and discovery search tool.

The library orientation kicked off October 1<sup>st</sup>, and will be available throughout the semester.



## Meet our New Librarians!

**Daniel A. Sabol** is the Mortola Library's Evening and Weekend Reference Librarian. He joined Pace in January 2014. He obtained his Masters of Science in Library and Information Science in 2010 from Long Island University, Palmer School of Library Science. He has been an academic librarian for four years and continues to enjoy working with students to help further their education and become lifelong learners. He has twin daughters, Kate and Elizabeth, and a wife, Amy.



**Catherine Elwood** joined the Birnbaum Library team in October 2014 as Part-Time Reference Librarian. Catherine has a Masters of Library Science from Queens College and has worked as a reference librarian for the past seven years in academic libraries and a law firm in both New York and California. She has one daughter.



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