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Spring Semester Hours

Mortola Library

Mon–Thurs: 8 am– 2 am

Fri: 8 am– 11 pm

Sat: 10 am– 8 pm

Sun: 10 am– 2 am

Birnbaum Library

Mon–Fri: 8 am– 11 pm

Sat: 10 am– 8 pm

Sun: 12 pm– 8 pm

Collaborative Learning Room (Birnbaum Library)

Mon– Fri: 9 am– 9 pm

Sat: 10 am– 8 pm

Sun: 12 pm– 8 pm

Mortola - Spring Break

Fri. 3/22: 8 am-9 pm

Sat. 3/23: 10 am-6 pm

Sun. 3/24: 10 am-6 pm

Mon. 3/25 – Thu. 3/28: 8 am – 9 pm

Fri. 3/29: 8 am – 5 pm

Sat. 3/30: 10 am – 6 pm

Sun. 3/31: CLOSED

Birnbaum - Spring Break

Fri. 3/22: 8 am-9 pm

Sat. 3/23: 10 am-8 pm

Sun. 3/24: 12 pm-8 pm

Mon. 3/25 – Fri. 3/29: 8 am – 9 pm

Sat. 3/30: 10 am – 8 pm

Sun. 3/31: 12 pm-8 pm

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Pace Library Update from Professor David N. Rahni, Associate Provost for Academic Affairs (interim), Provost/EVP Academic Affairs



After having served our university as a faculty member while enjoying the many benefits of the library system for twenty-five years, it is my honor and privilege to interact with you closer in my new capacity. The Pace Library System stands as a physically and virtually appealing place for learning, sharing, scholarship, and advancement of knowledge. Working toward greatness, the Library contributes to key institutional endeavors innovatively:

- By the intelligent collection and arrangement of classical and electronic information resources;
- Through careful assessment of the latest library technologies and digital dissemination and integration of information resources;
- Through the teaching of how knowledge is searched,

retrieved, organized, showcased, and integrated in support of instructions and scholarships;

- In the creation of environments which foster reading, collaborative enterprise, inquiry, research, writing and critical thinking;
- In enhancing student learning outcomes and success through our commitment to deliver information resources to every course in an integrated approach with our professorial colleagues;
- In our integrated approach to partnership of the librarians with our professional colleagues, enhancing their instructional and scholarship platforms.

The paradigm shift of technology and social change impacted on universities and libraries has been succinctly investigated. Many have suggested that the challenge of responding to change is not necessarily technical but rather personal. Therefore, it would follow that the roles and responsibilities of academic librarians need redefinition, and that knowledge, skills, and attitudes have to be reconsidered and reconstructed to meet the needs of our clientele: students, professors, staff and alumni as well

as the residents in the surrounding community.

It has been envisaged that bold and imaginative librarians are leading the path toward transforming future academic libraries.

The new century is a symbolic juncture where reflecting on the past, probing the present, and envisioning the future is evident. Thinking about the future is appropriate so that our programming is adapted or transformed to pursue a relevant learning experience useful in a changing, complex and intertwined world. An effective library paradigm, therefore, positions itself at the forefront of teaching and scholarship, and will integrate well with instructional and pedagogical modalities.

Paving the path to our future requires a perpetual examination and refinement of where we have come from; where we currently are; where we intend to go; and, above all, what our role should be with respect to family and self, and for the advancement of the local to global communities.

Our Library Mission Statement is a formal expression of purpose and intended direction.



One of the new study rooms at Mortola Library

Mortola Library Adds Study Rooms and Security Cameras

New Study Rooms

In February, four new study rooms were constructed on the second floor of Mortola Library.

These rooms are available by reservation only and hold a maximum of 4 people. Because of their location in a more quiet area of the library, only quiet conversation is permitted in the rooms. To book a room, use the computer terminal next to the

rooms or by the Reference Desk. Rooms may be booked for up to 3 hours a day. For more details email Steve Feyl at sfeyl@pace.edu or ask a librarian at the Reference Desk.

Security Cameras

In other Mortola Library news, approximately fifteen cameras will be installed this month. After a handful of robberies at the library in the last year, the Pace Student

Government Association requested additional surveillance. Representatives from the Student Government Association are working with the Safety & Security Office and Mortola Library Staff to implement the technology. Students and other visitors to the library are still urged to take precautions to protect their belongings. For more information email Steve Feyl at sfeyl@pace.edu.



Wayne & Helen Marks in front of their estate, now Marks Hall at Pace Pleasantville

Pace Library Documentary Highlights Pleasantville Campus History

This fall will mark the 50th anniversary of the opening of the Pace Pleasantville campus, and University Archivist Ellen Sowchek has a creative plan to highlight the campus' rich history. Ellen will design a documentary that uses voice-over to present actual interviews and testimonies: a dramatized audio tour through a vast collection of photographs of the campus and its leading figures of the period.

Ellen calls her upcoming documentary a "Ken Burns-style" approach to presenting primary source materials "in a way that's interesting enough to make

people want to know the story."

The Pace Pleasantville campus had its genesis in 1962 when Pace graduate Wayne Marks, then Vice President of General Foods Corporation, donated his estate (now Marks Hall) to Pace. The State Education Department approved the inclusion of the Pace Westchester campus as a branch of Pace College in November 1962, and after complicated proceedings with the Town of Mount Pleasant over zoning laws, the campus opened for classes in September 1963.

Ellen wanted to make a video partly to educate student orientation leaders on the Pleasantville campus.

"There's a lot of interest [from the orientation leaders] because they are going to be asked those questions by the students," Ellen says, "so they want to know more about their campus and its history."

However, Ellen emphasizes, the documentary will not be designed "for one particular group," and she's excited about having a copy in the library collection for future generations of students to access. In addition to the library documentary, Ellen is planning to arrange an exhibit of Pleasantville campus photographs.

Database Trials

The libraries currently have several databases for a trial period that are being considered for addition to the collection. Please visit the following url to try the databases and send feedback to Christina Blenkle at cblenkle@pace.edu.

tinyurl.com/pacelibrarytrial

Trial Databases

- Ebsco Discovery Service
- Ebsco Ebooks
- PsycCRITIQUES
- PsycEXTRA
- Oxford Social Explorer
- Reference Universe

New Books at Mortola and Birnbaum Libraries



New books are added frequently to the library collections. Faculty and students are welcome to place requests for new materials through the library catalog:

<http://www.pace.edu/library/find-resources/library-catalog>

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