Information Edge - Library Newsletter - Spring 2015

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Spring 2015 at Pace Library

Scholarship Information Event

On March 11 during Common Hour (12:10-1:10 pm), Fulbright Senior Scholar Dr. Janetta Benton, Dolores Alfieri of the Office of Prestigious Fellowships & Awards, and Fulbright recipient Hannah Tall ('12), will speak about scholarships and awards available to Pace Students. Please join us on the first floor of the Mortola Library for this informative session.

Birnbaum Library Events

There are two exciting events coming up in April at the Birnbaum Library.

In collaboration with the Office of Multicultural Affairs and the Center for Community Action and Research, the library will host a discussion on food justice. Pace students and faculty will discuss some of the food justice initiatives Pace community members are involved in, both on campus and in New York City.

Later in the month we’ll have an exciting panel with a group of students who are doing research with political science professor Meghana Nayak on immigrant rights in New York City. Both events will take place in the Fishbowl Lounge during common hours. Stay tuned to the library website for event dates and more details.

The Living Library at Mortola

The Mortola Library at the Pace Pleasantville campus will hold a Living Library on Thursday, April 16 (from 1-4 pm). Participants can “check out” an individual to hear personal, real-life experiences of overcoming challenges and adversity. The borrowed person or “book” may offer a unique perspective on a familiar topic or experience. These conversations can last for up to 30 minutes – at which point, the checkout period expires and the book can be loaned to another borrower. For more info on the Living Library and how it works: http://humanlibrary.org/

Hoops for Heart Event

On February 6 the Mortola Library sponsored a fundraiser for the program Hoops for Heart (HFH), and staff members dressed in red to support awareness of women's heart disease. The fundraiser was held in conjunction with Ardsley Middle School student Delilah Kula, daughter of Assistant Coordinator of Access Services Atila Kula, and raised over $500 in donations. Way to go!

Pace Library on Social Media

facebook.com/mortolalibray
facebook.com/birnbaumlibrary
twitter.com/pacelibrary
Instagram.com/pacelibrary
Faculty Profile: Research Skills & The Classroom

In what will be an ongoing series for The Information Edge, we’ll ask one faculty member to explain how they incorporate information literacy, or research skills, into the undergraduate classroom.

Our first profile focuses on Brandon McCluskey, a history department instructor currently teaching U.S. and The World (HIS 113) to CAP students at the Pleasantville campus. Brandon is unique among the history faculty at Pace Pleasantville because he has an office located in the Mortola Library (on the 3rd floor in the Center for Academic Achievement), and is a frequent visitor to the reference desk for information and/or conversation. Brandon typically begins one of his courses by bringing the students to the library, giving them a tour of the physical space, introducing them to staff, and informing them of the resources available in the building. The tour is an important part of the course because it familiarizes the students with resources and staff, so that later in the semester, when Brandon recommends the students meet with a librarian for assistance, “they can’t say they don’t know where the library is.” For his research assignments, Brandon requires at least 3 books and 3 electronic sources “of reputable stature,” and he will usually schedule a session taught by one of the instruction librarians to provide an overview of the Pace Library catalog and article databases. His students will work on the research assignment throughout the semester, submitting at least 2 drafts before the work can be deemed satisfactory. Brandon has found that this approach has given freshman students more confidence with research assignments as they progress in their college career.

Meet our New Librarian

Kristina Bilello joined the Birnbaum Library staff in December. Kristina comes to the Birnbaum Library with six years of relevant experience from both academic and corporate library settings. She has worked at the New York Daily News conducting research, Effat University in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia in both reference and library instruction, and more recently at Queens College and the Teacher’s College at Columbia University providing reference.

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Library Homepage Survey

This year, the library rolled out a significant redesign of our website in an effort to streamline and improve access to library resources.

We plan to continue making improvements, and we are now seeking feedback from library users to aid in this effort.

To provide feedback on the library website, please follow the link from our website that reads Library Homepage Survey, or scan the QR code to take the survey on your smartphone. Your feedback is greatly appreciated!