

Faculty Newsletter

Fall 2012

LIBRARIAN ARRIVAL

Fresh from Paris Junior College Library, Alexia Riggs will be taking her place with Librarians Alan Berecka, Sally Bickley and Lisa Muilenberg, offering students and faculty the best in Reference and Instruction Services. Alexia has the benefit of being a recent MLS graduate and is very energetic in her desire to bring all things library to the students of Del Mar College. Please visit the 2nd floor of the White Library to meet her and listen to her ideas. If you don't stop by, she may be visiting your office soon, to spread the word about the great resources offered by the Libraries.



KINDLES IN THE LIBRARY

Beginning in Fall 2012, the Del Mar College Libraries will be lending Kindle Touch e-readers to students, faculty and staff. The Libraries purchased the Kindles through the Del Mar Faculty Grant Program. Library faculty will be researching whether readers prefer Kindles or print books for pleasure reading. For the fall semester, over 60 titles will be loaded onto each Kindle Touch. These titles are some of the more popular titles from our Popular Reading program. Participants who check out a Kindle or a popular reading title will be asked to complete a survey on their reading preferences. Library staff will fine tune policies and workflows to determine if e-readers are a feasible way to provide content to library users. It is also the intent of the library to provide e-readers to students who may have never used an e-reader. E-books are here to stay, but formats, devices and models are still being determined.

Participate in our e-reader experiment. Check out, or encourage your students to check out a Kindle and let us know what you think. Here are links to our [FAQ page](#), a [link to titles loaded on the Kindles](#), and [our policies](#). Please check with Sally Bickley or Lisa Muilenburg if you have questions on the Kindle Pilot Project.

Are Your Students Information Literate?

Your students

- know how to find what they need in the library.
- know when they have found correct information.
- can use the information they find correctly and creatively.
- can use the library to find information related to their interests.
- love to read and read lots of different things.
- think about the best ways to find and use information.
- always cite sources of information. Plagiarism is wrong!
- can work in a group to find information to solve problems and to communicate the solutions.
- know that a good citizen uses information to make right choices.

Everyone in a democracy has the right to find and use information.

Adapted from American Association of School Librarians. Information Standards for Student Learning: Standards and Indicators. American Library Association. 1998. 15 June 2006.

Schedule a Library Instruction session to help your students navigate authoritative, reliable sources for their assignments. Classes can be in either library or in your computer-equipped classroom. *Call now to get on our calendar.* Research shows that the best library instruction sessions coincide with a class assignment. To arrange for Library Instruction at 698-1311, White Library, or 698-1877, Barth Learning Resource Center.

LEARNING EXPRESS

Practice tests and e-books for:

- GED tests
- college placement tests (COMPASS and THEA)
- college entrance tests (ACT & SAT)
- Certification tests for
 - nurses
 - firefighters
 - police
 - culinary

Check out the Learning Centers in *Learning Express* to see what's available for your students.

From the Library's Home Page (library.delmar.edu), go to "Databases by Title", choose "L", then choose "Learning Express" from the alphabetical menu. Everyone needs to create a free account, and then explore the resources to prepare for the testing to come!

GALE VIRTUAL REFERENCE LIBRARY

Scores of Reference books in many subjects are available to the Del Mar Community through the Gale Virtual Reference Library (GVRL). Starting with *21st Century Novels*, acquired last year, DMC's GVRL has expanded to include books on literature, social science, science, multicultural studies and many more subjects. Searchable across titles, and also very readable by individual title, these reference books will provide scholarly, reliable information sources for your students.

GROSS ANATOMY DISSECTOR

Allied Health faculty and students have a new resource to use in teaching and learning about the human body. Visit the newest electronic resource, "Gross Anatomy Dissector", with photos, videos and explanations of muscles, bones, organs and tissues. Look for it under "Health and Medical" under "Databases by Subject" on the Library's home page.

SALEM PRESS EBOOKS

The Libraries have acquired titles in print and electronic format from Salem Press in *Science, Health, History* and *Literature*. To access these ebooks, go to Database by Title, choose "S", and find "Salem Health", "Salem History", "Salem Literature" and "Salem Science". Many excellent references are available for faculty and student use.

QUESTIONS ? CONTACT THE REFERENCE LIBRARIANS

- phone, 698-1311 (East)
- phone, 698-1877 (West)
- email at refdesk@delmar.edu
- Try our *chat service*, from the Library's home page and mobile site
- in person at either Library