

Faculty Newsletter

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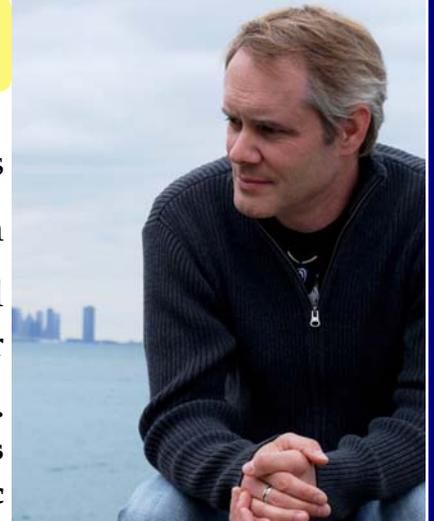
POETRY READING

DMC Poetry Series Presents

Nathan Brown

poet, author, songwriter, musician, editor, teacher and scholar

Thursday, March 22, 2012 11:00 a.m.
Room 433 White Library, East Campus
Free and open to the public



POPULAR READING COLLECTIONS

The Del Mar Libraries recognize that leisure reading is important to advance goals of literacy, lifelong learning and critical thinking. To address these goals, we created a Popular Reading Collection in both libraries. We've put comfortable furniture in a quiet section of the library and stocked shelves with books from bestseller lists and popular Young Adult lists. There is something for everyone, including fiction, biography, and non-fiction.

The Popular Reading Collection is open at both libraries. At Barth Learning Resource Center on the West Campus, it is located to the right as you enter the library, along with the popular magazines. The White Library's Popular Reading Collection is on the 3rd floor to the right of the elevators and stairs.

Students have an opportunity to suggest titles to add to the collection, by either posting to our Facebook page, using a pencil & paper suggestion box, communicating through our chat service, or emailing suggestions to refdesk@delmar.edu. Tell us what you want to read.

DEL MAR COLLEGE LIBRARIES ON FACEBOOK

The Del Mar College Libraries have a Facebook page! Like us and get posts on our activities and upcoming events. Keep current on the latest movies in the Curricular Film Series, and find out



**DMC Libraries has
joined Facebook**



about the TWO poetry readings in the library this semester. We'll also post a Featured Database every week. Like us, add us to your friends list, and suggest a book title to add to the Popular Reading Collection (see article on p.1).

LIBRARY INSTRUCTION

The Library offers Library Instruction to classes per instructor request. Del Mar College Libraries provide over 80 electronic databases, thousands of electronic books, print books and journals. Schedule a class to help your students navigate these authoritative, reliable sources for their academic work. 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. Students are motivated and the concepts are used immediately. Please contact us to arrange a Library Instruction session (698-1311, White Library, or 698-1877, Barth Learning Resource Center).

QUESTIONS ?

Contact the Reference Librarians

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

REF USA

Welcome to Ref USA, the Del Mar College Libraries newest electronic resource. This business database provides data on existing businesses for entrepreneurs, business students and researchers. Two quick tutorials on using RefUSA are at <http://www.referenceusa.com/Static/VideoTutorials>. To access this database, go to "Research Resources" from the library's home page, then "Database by Subject", then "Business". Choose Ref USA to begin using this new business resource.

TOP TEN REASONS YOUR STUDENTS NEED A LIBRARY INSTRUCTION SESSION:

10. Students don't realize the library has books. ("The library has a second floor?") [White Library Only]
9. Students think Wikipedia is the only source they need.
8. When we show a student the library databases, the comment we hear most often is: "I wish I had known about this before."
7. Students don't know that they need to cite sources, OR "I already wrote my paper, I just need some sources. "
6. An entire class gets help with their research, not just a few brave souls.
5. Students will need to know how to do library research to be successful at a 4-year university.
4. Skilled research is a crucial part of many careers
3. Students will feel more comfortable asking for help in the library
2. Students will turn in better papers and projects.
1. Learning to research properly encourages critical thinking and enables life-long learning.