Library & Ed Tech New Changes for Fall Semester

New Library System

The Gateway Library and Learning Commons is pleased to announce that together with all the libraries of the twelve Community Colleges, the four State Universities and the Connecticut State Library, we have successfully completed the transition to a brand new library system. The new Alma/Primo system is now fully implemented, bringing the next generation of library system with better, more integrated searching of all the libraries’ resources. This is a culmination of many months of countless hours of learning, refining of workflows, collaboration and decision-making that brought you a true 21st Century research tool.

From one single search box, Gateway Search will give library users access to the catalogs of 17 libraries. You will also be able to search for and request items available from the system state colleges and universities. You no longer have to run the same search over multiple catalogs. Enter your keywords in one search box and see a list of results from all of the library’s resources print and electronic - ranked by relevancy. You can start using the new catalog today from the library homepage at gatewayct.edu/library.

New Educational Technology Website & Faculty Summer Technology Training

We are also excited to announce that our new and revamped Ed Tech homepage is also live. The updated site includes changes to the structure and content of the services provided, new graphics and updates that have made the site easier to use. There’s a whole host of smaller but impactful changes, all to make your online experience much better. Visit the site at http://gwcc.libguides.com/edtech to see the new changes.

The Gateway Community College Foundation awarded us a technology grant this summer which allowed the department to offer pilot workshops to give instructors hands-on time with various college instructional technologies and software on Aug. 15, 16 and 17. These technologies enhance student engagement, simplify content creation, and are already present throughout our classrooms. A stipend was available for each participant for up to 20 participants in each session. A total of 27 instructors attended the sessions and most took multiple sessions. There will be upcoming small group, one-on-one faculty training workshops offered this fall and summer 2018. Be on the lookout for the schedules.

Dr. Clara Ogbaa, Dir. Library & Ed Tech, Interim
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IBISWorld

Where knowledge is power

Information Literacy Updates for Faculty

Information Literacy Instruction Request Forms

- If you would like to schedule an Information Literacy Instruction class, request forms can be found at the Library Reference Desk or online at http://gwcc.libsurveys.com/GCCLibraryILForm. All sessions will be confirmed by Shauna DeStefano, Instruction Coordinator.

Information Literacy Instruction Calendar

- View upcoming instruction classes and/or availability via the Library Instruction Calendar. The calendar can be found on the Library’s homepage by clicking on Instruction Calendar.

Pre and Post Information Literacy Assessments

- Pre and Post Information Literacy Assessments will be utilized this semester. The assessments feature a six question electronic quiz that will assess students information literacy skills upon the beginning and completion of instruction.

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Thirty to forty college eclipse enthusiasts participated in the 2017 eclipse viewing in the Library on August 21, 2017 from 2-4pm. Thanks to Library Associate, Lillian Maisfehl, for providing the protective eyewear, for GCC students, faculty & staff to view the solar eclipse in the Learning Commons!

Update!! Changes to Group Study Rooms

The library provides Group Study Rooms that are available for groups who wish to work collaboratively on assignments, projects or study together.

- **NEW:** Prior to utilizing a group study room one group member must check out a barcoded key pass at the Library Service Desk. This key pass will grant access to a study room and a key to unlock the door.

- **NEW:** Once a reservation is complete the study room door must be locked and the pass returned upon leaving. If the pass is not returned, a hold/fine will be placed on the group member’s account.

- There are five Group Study Rooms located on the second floor of the Library (L200B, C, D, E & F) and one on the first floor (L100B - NEW).

- Group Study Rooms can be reserved online via the library’s homepage or in person at the Library Service Desk.

- Study rooms can be used by GCC students, faculty or staff. Reservations will be held for only fifteen minutes after their reserved time; after which they will be considered open and available for reservation.

- Group Study Rooms are intended for collaborative study and are not to be utilized for socializing, holding office hours, class meetings, or other activities deemed disruptive.

- As a courtesy to other library patrons, group study room users must maintain a moderate noise level. Groups that are excessively noisy and disturb others will be given one warning, then be asked to vacate a room.

**Failure to comply with these policies will result in a loss of study room privileges.**

Need Help? Schedule a Research Appointment!

Did you know that GCC Library provides individual research assistance? Librarians are available to assist you with:

- Starting your research
- Finding books or ebooks in the online catalog
- Finding journal articles in the library databases
- Citing your research paper with EasyBib.

Appointments require a minimum of 3 days notice and can be scheduled by completing the Research Appointment Form at the Library Service or online from the Library’s homepage click on “Research Appointment.” Appointments will be confirmed within 48 hours.
Updated African American Collection

This past summer the African American History Collection has added approximately 350 books from the GCC Main Library holdings. The addition of these materials will enhance this interdisciplinary collection which broadly documents the African American experience and African diasporic cultural. This collection can be found on the second floor of the library in the Special Collections area.

Top Ten Reasons to Love Your Library!

1. State of the Art Library & Learning Commons
2. Professional & Friendly Librarians
3. Self-Checkout System
4. C-Pods (Collaborative Workstations)
5. Group Study Rooms with Advance Registration Online & In Person
6. Student-Centered Learning Spaces
7. Quiet Study Area
8. Ask/Chat/Text a Question
9. Laptops
10. Research Databases & eBooks Available 24/7

GCC Librarians

Library Staff members welcome new and returning students to the Fall semester!

Top Left: Todd Hampton, Jianxin Yang, Dr. Clara Ogbaa - Library Director, Martha Lipowski and Jennifer Brown. Bottom Left: Conor Perrault, Michael Cifferelli, Shauna DeStefano and Lillian Maisfehlt

Fall Semester Library Hours

Monday—Thursday: 8am-9pm
Friday: 8am-6pm
Saturday: 8am-1pm