Announcing the **BIG READ** book for 2019

GCC is again promoting a Big Read this Spring semester in partnership with the International Festival of Arts & Ideas, New Haven Free Public Library, and others. As part of the Big Read, Gateway students, faculty, staff, and those in the Greater New Haven Community are encouraged to read *The Namesake: A Novel* by Jhumpa Lahiri. Events centered around the book will be going on throughout the Greater New Haven area from February through June, 2019. Gateway library will be hosting a book discussion on May 8th at 12:30pm in the Library Multipurpose Room. Afterwards, attendees will enjoy Indian-themed refreshments.

The Big Read is an initiative of the National Endowment for the Arts and Arts Midwest. It is designed to restore reading to American communities by bringing the transformative power of literature into the lives of citizens and promoting the joy of sharing a good book. The major aim is to broaden understanding of our world, our communities, and ourselves.

*The Namesake* describes the struggles and hardships of a Bengali couple who immigrate to the United States to form a life outside of everything they are accustomed to. Multiple hard copies and audio copies on MP3-CD of the book are available to borrow from the library. Connecticut residents with a public library card may have access to the audio or e-book through their public library’s *Hoopla* or *Overdrive* account. See your public library’s website.

For reviews & additional information please click on **Events** on the Library’s homepage.

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**Black History Month Book Discussion**

February is Black History Month and to mark the occasion, Humanities Professor Renee Gaines will be facilitating a book discussion on James Baldwin’s *If Beale Street Could Talk*. The novel, published in 1947 and recently released as a major motion picture, is a love story set in Harlem in the early 1970s and encompasses the themes of racism, social injustice, and relationships. The discussion will take place on Thursday Feb. 28th at 1:45pm in the Library Multipurpose Room. All faculty, staff, and students are welcome to attend. For those wishing to read the book ahead of time, copies are available in print and audiobook format in the library, but is not required to attend the discussion. Refreshments will be served. This event is sponsored by the Center For Teaching (CFT) and the Library.

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CSCU Library Staff Professional Development Day

Over 100 library staff members from across the CSCU system convened in January for an all day conference at NVCC. The event was organized by CSCU library directors and featured former American Library Association President Maureen Sullivan as the keynote speaker. Break-out sessions were held in the afternoon so that various work groups could meet to discuss relevant issues and share best practices with their peers. Attendees agreed that more professional development and resource sharing across institutions were two important initiatives that would enhance productivity and be cost effective. Those present also expressed interest in meeting on a more regular basis as the CSCU continues to transition to a new merged system.

Gateway Librarian to Have Essays Published

GCC Librarian Lillian Maisfehlt has had an essay selected for publication in the upcoming 2nd edition of *Trans Bodies, Trans Selves: A Resource for the Transgender Community* (Oxford University Press). Her essay, titled “On Passing,” discusses notions of being perceived to be and recognized as one’s lived gender, and the complex and sometimes problematic ways in which trans people interact with others as their authentic selves. A second essay, “Exquisite Loneliness,” which is a reflection on the personal experience of being transgender, was also selected for publication, space permitting.

*Trans Bodies, Trans Selves* is a “resource guide by and for the trans, gender expansive, and non-binary community and their families. It includes information on health, legal issues, cultural and social questions, relationships, history, activism, and much more.”[^1] It was inspired by the women’s health book *Our Bodies, Ourselves.*[^2] The 1st edition is available at the library, and the anticipated publication date for the 2nd edition is mid-2021.


Guitar Recital in the Library

A concert in the library during finals week?? When Dan Corr first proposed the idea of his guitar class having their final exam concert in the library, Interim Director Martha Lipowski wasn’t so sure. After some thought and discussion with the library staff, the idea of exposing classical guitar music to students who may never have attended such an event, convinced her to agree. Afterwards, it turned out most students thought it was “very cool!” There was also a Facebook comment from someone asking about taking a guitar class after seeing the video posting. Given the positive response, we look forward to hosting this event again at the end of the Spring semester.

Instructor Dan Corr and his Guitar 1 class concert in the library.

Chess Boards in the Library

At the request of the Chess Club, the library will now have two chess boards on reserve for in-house use. Chess Club advisor and librarian, Todd Hampton, says the club was happy to provide the chess boards and hopes it encourages others to learn, or relearn, this classic and thought-provoking game.

Faculty Publications

Books and articles written by Gateway faculty are being featured in the library’s display case for the Spring semester. The library has also created a libguide of faculty publications which includes works by Professors Franz Douskey, Chester Schnepf, Rocky Tremblay, Susan Chenard, Steve Fries, Megan DeLivron, and Todd Degree. Part-time instructors who have published include Tom O’Neill, Pat Bissell, Rita Ellen Stone, and Alice Emery. To view the guide and more detailed information go to http://gwcc.libguides.com/facultypub. If you have published material and would like to be included in the display case and libguide, please contact librarian Jianxin Yang at jyang@gwcc.commnet.edu or stop by the library.

Research Help Available

Having trouble finding or citing sources for your paper? Schedule a Research Appointment with a librarian for one-on-one uninterrupted assistance. Call or stop by the library for more information. We’re here to help!
Top Ten Reasons to Love Your GCC 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 Advanced 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

OER Spring Webinars & Summit

The Community College Consortium for Open Educational Resources is offering a series of free webinars for Spring. Webinars will be held on Wednesdays at 3:00pm ET and will also be archived for viewing at a later date. Here is the list of dates and topics to be discussed.

- Jan 30  Faculty and College OER Adoption Stories
- Mar 4-8  Open Education Week - Faculty Dialogues
- Apr 3  The OER Connection with Dual Enrollment
- May 8  OER/ZTC Degree Pathways
- June 5  Regional Models for OER Implementation

For more details and to register go to:
https://www.cccoer.org/2019/01/18/2019-spring-webinar-series/

To celebrate Open Education Week (March 4th-8th, 2019), the CSCU OER Advisory Council is excited to announce the upcoming CSCU OER Summit on Friday March 1 at Manchester Community College. It will be a split day event for faculty and student government leaders to learn about the benefits of OER, the basics of Copyright & Creative Commons licensing, and the concepts of Open Pedagogy.

For more details and to register go to:
https://events.eventzilla.net/e/cscu-oer-summit-2138733293

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