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A Brand New Library Home Page

Winter Break

Library Hours

Monday to Friday

8 a.m. to 4 p.m.



Fall 2005

Spring 2006

Library Hours

Monday, Tuesday

8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Wednesday, Thursday

8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Friday

8 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Saturday

10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Our library presented a newly designed web page at the beginning of the fall 2005 semester in August. The new home page features a totally new appearance with a brand new layout. However, beyond the “face-lifting”, it also comes with added functionality such as “Speed Links,” “Site Map,” and “Quick Search Our Library Catalog,” which are somewhat unique features when compared to other Connecticut community college websites.

The Quick Search Our Library Catalog feature lets our users quickly access the library collections on the opening page without displaying the catalog before searching. Speed Links provide direct links to the off-campus access to our electronic databases and other useful tools. Those who need to do research off-campus can easily link to the needed resources. By clicking the SITE MAP button, you can view most of the links that the library home page presents. It offers a kind of index with ready links to topics of interest.

The new library home page uses CSS (Cascading Style Sheets) to

manage the standardization of the pages and sub-pages. There are four major sections: **ABOUT OUR LIBRARY**, **REFERENCE RESOURCES**, **LIBRARY SERVICE**, and **RESEARCH TOOLS**. These four sections represent who we are and what we do, as well as the services and the resources that are available to NVCC faculty, students, and our community.

In addition, **ONLINE TUTORIALS** give you some practical tips on “How to...” for our most frequently asked questions. The library’s primary goal is to meet the needs of our users. To that end, we continually improve and update our home page. Here is the URL for the library home page:

<http://www.nv2.comnet.edu/library/>

—A. Wang

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Library Online Tutorials

During the Spring Semester 2005, the Learning Resources Center had the privilege of having George Delgado work in the library as a student intern for a computer class. George's assignment was to come up with several electronic tutorials that will assist the students with various library-related tasks. The library purchased a software product called Camtasia which allows one to create multi-media tutorials.

George worked closely with Reference Librarian John Leonetti to come up with a set of tutorials that would assist the students in the completion of their assignments. John and George reviewed basic questions that students have asked and decided to construct some tutorials that deal with the basic components of Microsoft Office (MS Word, Excel and PowerPoint).

Based on the number of questions on accessing the electronic databases from home, and how to find reputable information on the internet, John and George created tutorials on remote access to databases and how to search Google for quality information. There are three tutorials for searching the library's catalog. There is a link on the library's home page on the bottom left for the online tutorials page. All of these tutorials are located at <http://www.nv2.comnet.edu/library/LibRefResources/tutorials.shtml>.

The Microsoft Office Tutorials are located at

the bottom of the tutorials home page. There is a drop down menu to choose Word, Excel or PowerPoint. If you choose one of these options, you will be directed to a page that will contain print instructions for various tasks in these specific applications, and also a short multi-media tutorial to see how the process they need help with is completed. The tutorials on Google, the library catalog, and remote access all provide instructions using callouts. The user will view the screen shots and read the call outs and click the arrow at the bottom right to continue the tutorial.

The library home page links to several other tutorials that provide quality information: how to search Pub Med, using EBSCO Databases, and the dangers of plagiarism. — *J.Leonetti*

Paperback Exchange

Paperback books in L501, the Library Oasis, may be taken out and returned without stopping at the Circulation desk.

If you have paperback books that you would like to donate to the Paperback Exchange, please bring them to the Circulation desk on the 4th floor.

Current popular fiction is desirable and donations of this type are greatly appreciated.

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Internet Nooks & Crannies:

Helpful websites student should know about

Let's face it: we all do it. When web-based sources are needed for an assignment, we fire out a quick Google search and hope for the best. Trouble is, we don't always find what we want, and it's frustrating sifting through 3.5 million results only to have the instructor say what we've chosen isn't credible. Here are three web sites that can help:



Internet Public Library

<http://www.ipl.org>

- **What does it do?** The IPL is a library on and for the Internet, and as such it adds dynamic quality to new ways of accessing credible information sources electronically.

Why is it helpful to students? The Subject Collections, Ready Reference, and Reading Room areas all link to the same kinds of materials you'd usually have to visit a bricks-and-mortar library to find. Here you will spend less time wading through garbage and more time getting your library research done.

THING OF THE WEEK

What's cool? [Best Places for Wasting Time on the Net](#). [Best Pick Up Lines](#). [Frequently Asked Embarrassing Questions](#). And more...



<http://lii.org>

- **What does it do?** The LII is subject index to the web where sites have to meet strict selection criteria to be included. It combines valuable academic sources with excellent popular sites.

- **Why is it helpful to students?** The staff at LII is constantly adding new sources and removing outdated information in their categories, so you know the information is carefully screened for timeliness, and users report high quality of the sources they recommend.

What's cool? Subscribe and receive a weekly list of the top new web sites, "New This Week" by email. Be the first on your blog to hear about what's just out, such as a web page devoted breakfast recipes that use up your holiday leftovers (turkey omelet anyone?).

Best Information on the Net

<http://library.sau.edu/bestinfo>

- **What does it do?** Provides you with links to academic websites hand-picked by college librarians.

- **Why is it helpful to students?** The **Resources by Major** section is organized by college disciplines similar to those at NVCC. The **Hot Paper Topics** section helps you sort through topic ideas. The resources are all web-based and have been evaluated and found to have educational merit.

What's cool? The alphabetical index merges all the web services into one handy search tool.

So whether your assignment specifies that you find credible academic internet sites or you're looking for value in general information sources, next time try starting with one of these helpful pages *before* you google. —**L. Frechette**

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Get an Alert, Keep up Your Current Awareness

One of our primary database vendors, EBSCOhost, provides students and staff a handy way to be alerted when a particular magazine or journal is available online. If the magazine/journal is offered in full text, EBSCO will send you via e-mail a list of links to each article in full text. If the journal is not available in full text, EBSCO will then send you an abstract and the bibliographic information for each article in the publication. EBSCO e-mails you the information as soon as the new issue is available online. All one needs to do is create an account and apply. Just follow these directions:

- navigate to the library web page <http://www.nv2.comnet.edu/library/>
- select the link for [Electronic Databases](#)
- then choose the [EBSCOhost Research Databases](#) link
- Only any of the following databases will allow setting up an alert [Health Source: Nursing/Academic Edition](#), [MasterFILE Premier](#), [Newspaper Source](#), [Psychology and Behavioral Sciences Collection](#), , so you must choose one of these. Select one now.
- On the large green bar that extends across the page near the top, click on the Publications link.
- Then find the publication title for which you wish to create a Journal alert. You may do so by Browsing Publications, by putting a title in the box and/or using the alphabetic index, by subject, or word match.
- When you see a link to the title you seek, click on it.
- That should take you to what is called the journal Publication Overview Screen which looks like this

Database: MasterFILE Premier Publications

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The screenshot shows the EBSCOhost interface for the journal 'Time'. At the top, there is a green bar with 'Publications' and a folder icon labeled 'Folder is empty'. Below this, there are navigation links: '◀Previous Record' and 'Next Record▶'. To the right, there are links for 'Search within this publication' and 'Journal Alert'. The main content area is divided into two columns. The left column is titled 'Publication Details for "Time"' and contains the following information: Title: Time, ISSN: 0040-781X, and Publisher Information: Time Inc. The right column is titled 'All Issues' and contains a list of years with plus signs: '+2005', '+2004', '+2003', and '+2002', each with a small blue arrow pointing to the right.

- Click on the Journal Alert link on the upper right part of the screen
- You must either login if you already have an EBSCO account or create an account by clicking "I am a new user," and submitting the requested information.
- Next you must fill in the information about the duration of the alert(one year is the default), E-mail address(es) (separate more than one by a semicolon), a subject for the e-mail, an alert title, e-mail format, choose the remaining defaults, and click save.
- Now the Alert will be active, and you will be emailed each time a new issue is available online. You will find the e-mail very simple to use with new articles just a click away.—*J. Cupole*

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Please join the library in welcoming Elaine Milnor, Jocelyn Miller, and Stacey Williams as the most recent additions to our staff. We are sure that they will prove to be assets to our division. Elaine and Jocelyn currently have a one year appointment.

Elaine Milnor is the new Circulation Supervisor at the library, overseeing all operations at the library's 'front desk'. She brings many years of library and higher education experience to her position.



Elaine Milnor

She is very enthusiastic about being at NVCC, and says, "Working here has been a pleasure. I admire NVCC students – they're hardworking and ready to dive right into learning new skills. I hope every one of them, along with our faculty and staff, will come to the library, or connect to our library resources from off-campus locations through our library web page. Either way, NVCC folks will discover how easy it is to find information at the library, and how helpful the staff is in showing them how to identify resources and get what they need". Elaine has a Master of Education degree from Boston University, and a Bachelor of Arts degree from Mount Holyoke College. She loves music, movies, reading and listening to books on tape.

Jocelyn Miller is the new evening and Saturday reference librarian. After four years teaching music and English, she began her library career in 1984 and received her MLS in 1987. She worked in three public libraries and worked for 18 years for a regional library consortium. Jocelyn started working at NVCC at the library circulation desk this past January. She finds the diversity of students



Jocelyn Miller

and the variety of topics being studied at NVCC refreshing, enjoyable, and educational.

Stacey Williams has been involved in higher education in Connecticut for fourteen years, the first half of which was as a full-time faculty member at Gateway Community College. Her experience is in program and curriculum development/coordination in both classroom and online learning environments. She came to Naugatuck Valley from Yale University, where she was an Instructional Designer in the department of Academic Media and Technology. Her educational background is in business management, and she holds an MBA degree. Additionally, since 1999 she has been a small business owner and independent project consultant for educational institutions and small businesses, specializing in planning, strategy development, and implementation of creative initiatives.



Stacey Williams

Best of luck, ladies !

