



Between The Bookends

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Your Library Newsletter



COLLEGE APPOINTS A NEW DIRECTOR OF THE LEARNING RESOURCES CENTER/LIBRARY

Please join the library staff in welcoming our new director, Dr. Samuel R. Brown. Dr. Brown was selected as director after an extensive search and interview process, which took place over the past several months. He will succeed Jennie Seeley, who became Acting Director after the retirement of Rosalie C. Levinson in 2002. Ms. Seeley retired in June of 2003, but stayed on until the search process was completed.



Dr. Brown comes to us from Albertus Magnus College where he served as director of the library for seven years. He previously worked at Seton Hall University (NJ), Fordham University (NY), and Spring Hill College (AL).



Dr. Brown earned his doctorate in Sociology and master's degree in Demography from the University of Pennsylvania. He holds an M.A. in Sociology from the University of South Alabama and a M.L.S. (Library Science) from Rutgers University. His bachelor's degree in Sociology is also from Rutgers.

Library Hours

Monday and Tuesday

8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Wednesday and Thursday

8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Friday

8 a.m. to Noon

Saturday

10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Dr. Brown is currently serving a three year term as a member of the Board of Directors of the Connecticut Library Consortium. He is also the Vice President of Temple Beth David in Cheshire and a Cub Scout den leader. Sam and his wife, Sharon, a pediatric physical therapist, have lived in Cheshire for seven years. They have two children, Julie 12, and Andrew, 10.

Sam is looking forward to becoming a member of the staff at Naugatuck Valley Community College and joining the Learning Resource Center Team.

**The Library has
Federal and CT Tax Forms!**

**Outside the 4th Floor
Entrance.**

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Library Resource Information System
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**ONLINE TUTORING VIA
DISTANCE LEARNING**

Need help with your writing NOW? Struggling with a math problem? The Connecticut Distance Learning Consortium (CTDLC) through its partnership with SMARTHINKING, offers you real tutors in real time from wherever you are, whenever you need help. Create your personalized account by typing in your username and password provided to you by your school. If you don't have a username and password, go to <http://www.ctdlc.org/Student/Tutoring.html> to get your institution's registration information

Suggestions/Questions

Email: libcirc@nvcc.commnet.edu

**... for off-campus
access to the library databases?**

Your Banner/Student ID and PIN are all that are now required for off-campus access to the online databases for articles.



Paperback Exchange

For those who aren't already aware of it there are many paperback books shelved in L501, the Library Oasis. These books may be taken out and returned without stopping at the circulation desk. If you have any paperback books that you would like to donate to the library for use in L501 please bring them to the library circulation desk located on the fourth floor. Current popular fiction is desirable and donations of this type are greatly appreciated.



Cell Phone Usage

Please turn cell phones off in the library because they disturb other patrons. Calls can be taken down the hallway by the bathrooms. Thank you.



See you in the library

Library Home Page

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

Our website has many tools to look up books, videos and journals. For example, you can link to reQuest, Connecticut's Statewide Library Catalog to see if other libraries own a journal title, books or videos.



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What's new in newspaper access?

The library at NVCC subscribes to three very powerful databases that together provide access to a great deal of what's in newspapers today:

- ▶ iCONN's **LexisNexis Academic Universe**
- ▶ iCONN's **iCONN Newsstand**
- ▶ EBSCOhost's **Newspaper Source**

Access to most of the newspapers is embargoed, which means articles are held for a certain number of days, depending on the database, before they are made available.

LexisNexis Academic Universe provides wide coverage of national and regional news sources. Its Guided News search service has a precise format for accurate results, but you must start with a keyword, or subject word; browsing the news is not possible in this database. Click the Tips link for more search information.

Connecticut newspapers include The Hartford Courant, The Connecticut Post, and The Connecticut Law Tribune.

iCONN Newsstand provides full text, cover-to-cover article coverage of 6 newspapers: The Christian Science Monitor, The Hartford Courant, The Los Angeles Times, The New York Times (including the Book Review and Magazine), The Wall Street Journal, and The Washington Post. Precise searching AND browsing the news are both possible here.

To browse all of the full text articles *from any given day*, including the current day, click the Publication Search tab, then click Show All Publications. Select the title of the newspaper you wish to read, then select from the list of dates that appears.

Newspaper Source provides access to articles from hundreds of regional, national, and international newspapers, news services and newswires and radio and television program transcripts. Content may be limited by subject.

Connecticut newspapers include The Stamford Advocate, The Connecticut Post, The Day, The Greenwich Time, The Hartford Courant, The Hour, and The Waterbury Republican-American (business news only, and embargoed 2-4 days).

Keep in mind, most newspapers today have a web page where today's news is either summarized or available in full text.

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What's new in newspaper access? (continued from page 3)

The Waterbury Republican-American's news page is <http://www.rep-am.com/> and provides access to today's articles and links to archived articles, some with limited content.

The Hartford Courant's news page is www.ctnow.com and provides access to articles, but requires user to register. Registration is free.

Links to more of Connecticut's newspapers is provided by the Connecticut State Library: <http://www.cslib.org/cnp/web.htm>



Growing Between the Book Ends: About Collection Development



To support of the mission of the college, the LRC/Library provides a unified program of resources and services. Our primary goal in Collection Development is to assess and maintain these resources to assure that materials are available to support and enhance the curriculum and the instructional needs of students, faculty, and staff.

As part of Collection Development, the staff at the library evaluates the existing collection with respect to these needs, and makes decisions on acquiring new materials in various formats, within the constraints of available funds. Faculty, students, and staff are welcome to participate in this process by submitting a request for library material. For NVCC faculty, a fast and easy way is to submit online. Go to the library home page, then chose [NEW MATERIAL REQUEST](#), fill out the form and submit. When the material that you request is fully processed, you will be notified. For NVCC students, there are order cards available at the circulation and reference desks. Please check with library staff for help. For special requests, contact [Alison Wang](#), the Technical Services Librarian.

The library serves a community of life-long learners with a broad range of interests and prior educational experiences. Our Collection Development strives to reflect this diversity in maintaining a variety of general information resources in many subject areas. For scholarly or research needs beyond the scope of our collection, the library staff can help to identify, locate, and borrow such materials through Interlibrary Loan.

As of January of 2004, our collection totaled 51,148 items including books, videos, music CDs, eBook titles, computer CDs and periodical subscriptions. Since the fall of 2003 we have added over 800 new titles in the social sciences, arts and humanities, math & science, business, etc. From our web page, log on to the [Library Online Catalog](#) and click the [New Titles](#) tab to browse these new purchases.





<—Pictured on left

Alison Wang demonstrates the latest Library technology to members of the Library Advisory Committee. Standing left to right are Diane Guerette, Ed Wierzbicki, Len Yannelli, and Joe Ward. Other attendees not shown are Jennie Seeley and John Cupole representing the Library.

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Upcoming Displays
Black History Month & Women's History Month
Suggestions Welcomed!
Most Display are able to be checked out.

Link-Resolvers and Open URL ...to the rescue!

Looking for information? The increase in the number of sources, services, vendors, and formats available to libraries today is staggering, and managing them all can be daunting. However, new developments in library technology promise a way to tie them all together.

At present, a thorough searcher, who has a citation, must systematically query many electronic services or resources one by one to find all of the material sources available. This approach is painstaking and often repetitive, not to mention the effort to analyze each of the results. For instance, to find a full-text document or other accessible information on a given topic, with a citation in hand, the searcher may need to search the online library catalog, or else search for articles in a database such as Masterfile Premier. If the search does not yield a document, the hunt continues to the Infotrac Onefile database, then another database, and another and so on, until success is attained. This strategy can be a very time-intensive, tedious, laborious process, but with a **link-resolver** service it becomes a snap. With one click, all of the context-sensitive links to the citation become immediately accessible in terms of our own resources. It sets up or resolves links based upon our library's holdings because it has information on our rights and the materials we own. In short, users will immediately see if the library has the material and where to get it.

The technology behind this is called OpenUrl and has far-reaching implications and application in the library world. OpenUrl will make all searching, document delivery, interlibrary loans easier and more efficient for patrons and librarians. It will impact courseware for libraries and classrooms everywhere.

Stay tuned to learn more about OpenUrl and how it can help you. The library staff will be evaluating these services and will report our impressions to you.

