



# Briarcliffe Library News

"The library is the temple of learning, and learning has liberated more people than all the wars in history" - Carl T. Rowan

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## LOG ON TODAY!

Please visit the Briarcliffe College Library Web-site:

<http://library.briarcliffe.net>

Access the newly combined Bethpage/Patchogue catalog, find links to research databases & other electronic resources!

## LIBRARY HOURS

### BETHPAGE

Mon 8am-10pm  
Tue 8am-10pm  
Wed 8am-10pm  
Thu 8am-10pm  
Fri 8am-3pm  
Sat 9am-4pm  
Sun Closed

### PATCHOGUE

Mon 8am-10pm  
Tue 8am-10pm  
Wed 8am-10pm  
Thu 8am-10pm  
Fri 9am-4pm  
Sat 9am-2pm  
Sun Closed



## Where are the recycling bins?!

In 2008, Briarcliffe College was excited to institute a paper recycling program on the Patchogue and Bethpage campuses. Several hundred pounds of paper were hauled from each campus in the few months the program was active.

In January 2009, Briarcliffe learned that the recycling company was suspending the recycling program until the economy improves. Between the gas prices and the falling stock market, recyclers can no longer make a profit. The bad economy is affecting recycling all over the country.

Much like the stock market, prices for recycled paper

have taken a nosedive in the past few months. According to the website SecondaryFiberPricing.com, in July 2008, the price for re-



cycled mixed paper was \$103 a ton. By the end of October 2008, it was \$5.63.

The decline in price is due, in part, to the downturn in the global export market.

As the recession began to spread across the globe, Asian countries such as China, which buy large amounts of recycled materials, stopped buying. This caused the prices to dip even further and has led to recycling companies having to lay off employees, suspend recycling programs and cut other costs. It will be a challenge to convince consumers not to change their recycling habits and to find a way to continue recycling programs, even in tough economic times.

## Database Spotlight: Opposing Viewpoints

Now hear this! **Opposing Viewpoints Resource Center (Gale)**, the electronic database specializing in providing a wide variety of full-text resources, offering both sides of hotly debated contemporary issues, has just made a significant upgrade that is sure to get your ears' attention. Users are now able to download

articles from this database in .mp3 format and then listen to the article's content on their computers or even transfer the files to portable media devices. Fans of audio books and people on-the-go will definitely appreciate this new, highly convenient option when performing research or just catching up on the current

events.

To access **Opposing Viewpoints Resource Center**.

-Logon to **CECybrary**.

-Click on "**Find Journal Articles**" towards the upper left corner of the page.

-**Opposing Viewpoints** will appear as the 4th item in the "All Subjects" category. Click on the link to access the database..

# Tales of Incompatibility & Woe



**Damn you,  
unreadable file  
formats!!**

*“So if you have a concern at all that your essay or writing assignment will have problems or, just want to be cautious, save your file like normal and then save a 2<sup>nd</sup> copy as a Rich Text Format.”*

*Dear Tech Library*

*I am your average student who has written an essay using my word processing program at home. I then transported that file to school and now the computers at school won't open it. Please help!*

*Sincerely,  
Troubled Masses*

Dear Troubled Masses,

You might only exist as a temporary imaginary concept to help illustrate a problem, but it is one that a large number of students grapple with. It is very simple to solve. But when you have 5 minutes till class and that essay is due, it is still a very nerve-racking, panic-stricken 5 minutes. Just a little bit of knowledge about file formats, and how to use them might just give everyone a little bit more piece of mind.

Let us start at some sort of a beginning. Computers use hard drives to store information. And that information stored on hard drives is in 0s and 1s. Different programs save their information to the hard drive in different configurations of 0s and 1s – that in essence is a file format. It is just a program's unique configuration of 0s and 1s of saving information to the hard drive. A simplistic way to think of this would be to have Harry Potter translated into different languages. You know it is still the same book, but each language translates the words and ideas of the book into a different configuration of letters.

Now let's just take this up one level and talk about how a program, say Microsoft Word, can save a file in a number of different file formats. Don't get worried about this; it isn't unusual for pro-

grams to have the option of saving in more than one file format.

When using Microsoft Word the quickest and easiest way to tell what file format your file is saved as is to click on File and then click on 'save as', but don't do anything. Just carefully take notice of the text 'save as type'. The file format is then listed to the right of the text 'save as type'. If you are feeling adventurous at this point go ahead and click on the pull down menu. Each of those options is a different file format. And a lot of those file formats are there for backwards compatibility.

The file format that will concern us will be Rich Text Format (RTF). RTF is a file format that is nearly universal. So if you have a concern at all that your essay or writing assignment will have problems or, just want to be cautious, save your file like normal and then save a 2<sup>nd</sup> copy as a Rich Text Format. In order to save your file as a RTF just go to File, then select 'save as', and then just select 'Rich Text Format' from the box next to the text 'save as type'. And then hit save. This will now give you two files, one primary and the other as a backup.

I hope that this quick explanation of file formats and how to utilize one particular file format, Rich Text Format, has helped you oh Troubled Masses

Signing Off,

*Tech Librarian*

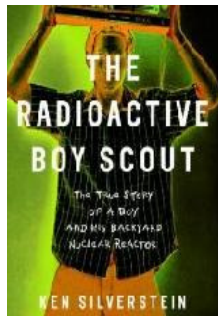
**For even more helpful library & technical advice please visit:**

<http://techlibadvice.blogspot.com/>

# Recommended Reads @ the Library

by Jeremy Lauber

Recently, I read *The Radioactive Boy Scout* by Ken Silverstein. In brief, it is about the **TRUE** adventure of a boy scout and his fully functional backyard nuclear reactor, made from nothing more than mere household implements, and a good helping of McGuyver-ish ingenuity.



that once existed in the 1950s to the disillusionment and social malaise of a very different society in the 1990s.

spiring in the 1950's however, this scout's story is set against the unlikely backdrop of a bleak and rusted out Detroit suburb and the slowly encroaching bleakness that seems to creep not only into his entire family, but also into the very heart of the radioactive boy scout himself.

Beneath this simple story, however, is the stark dichotomy of undirected individual achievement and seeming lack of purpose with the soaring hopefulness of a society

Here is a boy surrounded by a room full of 1950s-era science books, which describe limitless possibilities. He himself initially possesses this same utopian nature. Rather than tran-

**-The Radioactive Boy Scout** by Ken Silverstein is available for check-out at the Briarcliffe College Library.

Learn about the  
**CECybrary!**

InfoBites

Patchogue campus

Library

Wednesday

February 11, 2009

@ 5:30pm

## New in the Library

The Briarcliffe College Library welcomes librarian Jason Kaloudis! Jason came to Briarcliffe in November 2008. He is a graduate of Long Island University's CW Post Library Science program and has an undergraduate degree in philosophy and psychology from Stony Brook University. Jason's library experience includes working

as an Adult Reference Librarian in Jericho Public Library and Locust Valley Library. Jason splits his time between the Bethpage and Patchogue campuses.

The Patchogue Library is now offering extended Friday hours. The library will be open from 9am to 4pm on Fridays.

The Library is excited to announce a new workshop series called "InfoBites." InfoBites are 20 minute workshops on a variety of topics such as the CECybrary, Word 2007, the student portal and library resources. Stop by your campus library for more information.

## Online Catalog Gets A Facelift

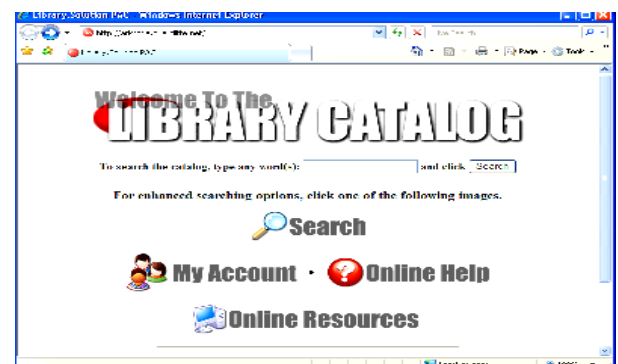
Once you log on to the library's online catalog this spring semester to search for books, the first thing you might notice upon your return is a significant aesthetic upgrade. Over the holiday break, the Briarcliffe College Library catalog has been tweaked to be not only more

visually appealing, but also a bit easier to use and navigate.

To see for yourself, please visit the library homepage at:

<http://library.briarcliffe.net/>

and simply click on the link for 'Online Catalog'.

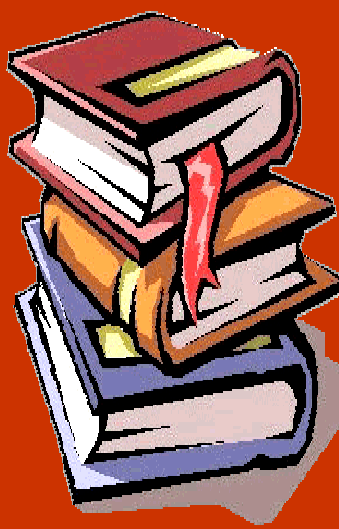




## Briarcliffe College Library

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(516) 918-3627**

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Patchogue, NY 11772  
(631) 730-2006**



### **PROFESSORS!**

Please keep the library staff updated on the topics your students are researching so we can better help them find all the resources they might need.

**The current issue of Briarcliffe Library News is also available for download on the library homepage!!**

**CHECK US OUT ONLINE!**  
<http://library.briarcliffe.net>

## The Library's All Ears

The Briarcliffe College Library is continually endeavoring to find new, innovative ways to improve upon and further expand the many services it currently provides. What better way to do so than to simply ask its very own users about what direction such potential changes should take?

In an effort to facilitate greater communication between the Briarcliffe College Library and the diverse community of students, faculty and staff it strives to serve, we have now placed comment/suggestion boxes located at the circulation desks at the Bethpage and Patchogue campuses. Simply

fill out one of the suggestion postcards provided, drop it in the box, and let your voice be heard.

Please take part in helping to shape the library's future. Tell us how we're doing and also, what we could be doing better. Stop by the library and fill out a suggestion card today.



## Academic Calendar Spring 2009

JAN 12	Spring Semester & Session I classes begin
JAN 19	Martin Luther King— <b>No Classes</b>
JAN 20	Last day to add Spring Semester & Session I classes
FEB 2	Last day to Withdraw from Session I classes without academic penalty
FEB 16	President's Day— <b>No Classes</b>
MAR 2	Last day to withdraw from semester classes without academic penalty
MAR 5	Monday evening classes held, Thursday evening classes cancelled
MAR 5	Session I classes end
MAR 11	Session II classes begin
MAR 18	Last day to add Session II classes
APL 1	Last day to withdraw from Session II without academic penalty
APL 6-12	Spring Break— <b>No Classes</b>
MAY 5	Spring semester & Session II classes end