



Briarcliffe Library News

Faces at the Briarcliffe College Libraries

Come visit your Briarcliffe College library. Our librarians are here to assist you in your learning needs.

Joseph Williams, College Librarian

Joseph Williams has been at Briarcliffe College for two years. He serves as the director of library services with his main office in Bethpage. Joseph holds a BA from SUNY Geneseo with a dual major of Political Science and History from SUNY Geneseo, and masters degrees in Library and Information Science and American History both from Queens College with honors. He has a teaching background having worked at the secondary level in various schools in New York and sometimes adjuncts at Briarcliffe for their American History courses.

Jennifer DeVito, Librarian

Jennifer is new to Briarcliffe College, having started at the end of January 2008, and new to the world of academic libraries. She

comes to Briarcliffe with years of experience in corporate libraries. She has a BA from the New School University and an MLIS from the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill.

Jeremy Lauber, Library Assistant

Jeremy has been with Briarcliffe since July 2007. He has a Bachelor's degree in Mathematics. Currently he is completing his Masters in Library Science at C.W. Post. He is thrilled to have his "first real job" in the field of librarianship. His favorite book is Catch-22. He has a cat named *Jefferson* after President Jefferson. The cat's nickname is "Jeffercat." Jeremy is also a gamer.

Carlos Heredia, Senior Library Assistant

Carlos is the Senior Library Assistant at Bethpage. He has been at Briarcliffe for eleven years and has an Associate degree in Computers and Telecommunications, a BA in Business Ad-

ministration/Information Technology as well as diplomas in Computer Operations, Computer Service Technology and Cisco Certified Network Associate. In his spare time, Carlos is an avid pongster.

Briarcliffe Library is also open in the evenings to serve you. Continue on to read about our evening librarians...



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Log In!

You can access the **CE-Cybrary** from the library homepage or www.cecybrary.com.

Use your portal ID and password to access journal articles, electronic books and other information sources.

April is:

- Autism Awareness Month
- Celebrate Diversity Month
- Financial Literacy Month

May is:

- Get Caught Reading Month
- National Bike Month
- National Military Appreciation Month

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Emily Peterson, Library Assistant

Emily started at Briarcliffe College on January 14, 2008. She can be found at the Patchogue library on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 5:00 – 10:00 P.M. For the past four years, she has been an elementary School Library Media Specialist. Prior to going into the library she was a second grade teacher. “I’m still learning the ‘ropes’ at Briarcliffe College, but I found everyone has welcomed me with open arms,” says Emily. “This is my first experience at the college library level. It’s quite a bit different than my work with kindergarten

through fifth graders all day! I’m looking forward to new challenges and new experiences!”

Christine Rudkowski, Library Assistant

Christine has been working as a Library Assistant on Monday and Wednesday evenings for the past six months but she has a history spanning twenty years at Briarcliffe College.

“I keep trying to get away, but they keep sucking me back in,” she says. She works as a Web Specialist for Suffolk County IT Department as

well as a Decorative Arts Instructor at BOCES and NYIT. A longtime resident of Patchogue, Christine is also active in the community, serving as an educator for the Patchogue Riverfront Committee.

Christine has an AAS in Fine Arts and one in Marketing; a BA in Business Management and an Art and Antique Appraisal Certificate. Christine is currently working towards a Masters in Library Science as well.



Patchogue Library—Working to Meet Your Needs

The Patchogue campus library has been undergoing some renovations.

- Books have been rearranged in a more user-friendly way.
- A newspaper display has been added near the circulation desk to encourage browsing.
- Additional shelving has been added in anticipation of a major collection build throughout the year.
- A new media cabinet housing our video and DVD collection has been installed.

Please let us know if there are videos or DVDs you would like to see added to the collection.

- New computers and monitors have been installed in the library for your use.
- Plans are underway to convert the back meeting room into a quiet study hall.
- A major inventory project is being conducted. We anticipate that the catalogs of all campuses will be unified within the coming months.

The Briarcliffe Library staff will be sending all students and faculty a BRIEF survey that we encourage you to complete. We will listen to your comments and questions and do our best to make the changes you’d like to see in your library.

Need a book that’s not in our collection?
Ask about our Interlibrary Loan Program.

Harry Benson Photography Event in Bethpage

The Briarcliffe College Library at Bethpage will be hosting an “**Evening with Photographer Harry Benson**” on April 10th at 6:30pm.

“**Harry Benson**, is an internationally renowned photographer. His pictures have appeared in many publications including [Life](#), [Vanity Fair](#), [People](#) and [The New Yorker](#). Benson has been the subject of nu-

merous exhibitions, taken over a hundred cover shots for [People](#), published several books and won many awards. Most recently he was presented with a Lifetime Achievement Award at the Scottish Press Photography Awards on April 25th, 2006.”

This event has been arranged through the efforts of Professor Harold Naideau and the *American Society of Media Photographers*.

Admission is free to ASMP Members and students with a valid ID. General public admission charge is \$10.

RSVP to 516-918-3707. Seating is limited.

Letter from the Library Director

The libraries have undergone many positive changes in the past two years and, looking forward, faculty, students, and staff at Briarcliffe can expect further improvements in library services. Libraries and their roles in academia have been in a state of constant change due to the technological revolutions of the past two decades. The library and its services have kept pace with these changes by not only implementing new programs and technology, but also by looking at what has worked in the past and continuing to build upon it. Over the past two years the library has done the following:

- Added thousands of books and other materials to the collection in all subject areas and often satisfying faculty requests for specific materials
- Created a web site to help students and faculty navigate our resources
- Cleaned up the catalogs so that what is actually on the shelf is reflected by what is in the electronic database
- Enhanced the information literacy skills of students and faculty by providing workshops customized to

specific curriculum needs

- Augment library outreach and use by having outside speakers and programs on campus
- Implementation of interlibrary loan and research library programs

The library has for some time shifted from its traditional role as a guardian of books, to also one of being information commons where materials in all formats can be considered. In addition, the library is an educational instrument. Our role is to *teach* students how to research information in conjunction with the curriculum, not simply furnish answers. To further our role at Briarcliffe College, the library system plans on implementing the following over the course of the next year:

- A continuation of library workshops and presentations for faculty, staff, and students to augment their familiarity with what databases we have
- Unification of all campus catalogs so that students can see all resources from one database

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- Additional collection building at all campuses with the intent of adding thousands of books to the collections this year
- Research, test, and possibly add further online databases at all campuses.
- Furthering our relationship with Library and Information Science programs in the area by implementing an internship program.
- Continue our staff development by attending workshops and conferences to stay current on the latest information technologies and methods.

To achieve these goals and create a truly excellent academic library we need the direct input of the Briarcliffe community: faculty, students, staff, and administration. It is in this way that our services can remain at the cutting edge of what you need for support and research.

—J. Williams

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National Library Week—April 13-19, 2008

“Join the circle of knowledge @ your library”

National Library Week celebrates the contributions of libraries, librarians, and library workers in schools, campuses and communities. It was started in the mid-1950s in response to research that showed Americans were spending less time reading and more time listening to radio and watching television. The goal, to promote libraries as places to read, learn

and interact with your community, remains the same today.

Stop by your Briarcliffe College library and check out our new acquisitions, browse the collection, learn about the electronic resources available to you, read the newspapers and magazines or ask about information literacy training.

A library is not a luxury but one of the necessities of life.
--Henry Ward Beecher

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Hey Professors!

Let us know what topics your students are researching so we can help them find the resources they need.

Briarcliffe History

At Briarcliffe College, students can pursue careers in fields such as criminal justice, business administration, accounting, visual communications, graphic design and digital photography.

The communities of Bethpage and Patchogue offer Briarcliffe students a wide variety of entertainment options as well. The golf course in Bethpage is world-class. There are state parks with hiking trails and beaches. Patchogue offers a vibrant downtown with shopping, dining, theater, art galleries and antique stores. Fire Island is a short ferry-ride away.

The libraries at both campuses offer students use of computers, internet access, materials to support coursework, information literacy instruction and a quiet place to study.

What are you Interested In?

Briarcliffe College offers its students several programs of study.

The Bethpage campus offers: criminal justice, business administration, accounting, visual communications, graphic design and digital photography.

The Patchogue campus offers: criminal justice, business administration, visual communications, and graphic design.

The library has worked very hard to build a collection that suits your learning needs. The library's website has a link to our OPAC (online public access catalog). Here you can search our collection by title, keyword, subject, author.

We guarantee that you will find some-

thing that will suit your studies. If you need any assistance searching the catalog, just ask a librarian...that's what we're here for!

As mentioned in the letter from our library director (Joseph Williams) both libraries have recently received book orders. Just a few of the new titles that compliment your curriculum are:

Benezit Dictionary of Artists
Complete Works of Michelangelo
Hardcopy Annual Reports
Capital Rules
Focal Encyclopedia of Photography
Key Correctional Issues

