



Briarcliffe Library News

“Nothing makes a man more reverent than a library.” - Sir Winston Churchill

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LOG ON TODAY!

Please visit the Briarcliffe College Library Web-site:

<http://library.briarcliffe.net>

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

LIBRARY HOURS

BETHPAGE

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

PATCHOGUE

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

QUEENS

Mon 8am-6pm
Tue 8am-6pm
Wed 8am-6pm
Thu 8am-6pm
Fri 9am-3pm
Sat & Sun Closed



Library News & Updates Galore

By Jason Kaloudis

It has been a busy few months in the Library since the last installment of the *Briarcliffe Library News*. We would like to offer our congratulations to Jeremy Lauber, Library Assistant – Bethpage, on his recent marriage and his successful completion of the Master’s degree program in Library and Information Science at Long Island University. Mazel tov, Jeremy!

The Library also has a few noteworthy staffing changes to report. On the Patchogue campus, we welcomed Elizabeth Trapasso as our evening Library As-

sistant. Liz comes to us with a background in education and is pursuing her Master’s degree in Library Science at Long Island University. Liz replaced our longtime Library Assistant Christine Rudkowski, who moved just down the hall to Career Services! Welcome, Liz! Congratulations, Christine!

Charles Aidoo, a work-study student in the Bethpage Library for more than a year, graduated in December. Our work-study student in the Patchogue Library, Erik Olavarria, left us for warmer climates. He will continue his education

at the University of Texas at Arlington. We wish them the very best of luck in their future studies and endeavors. Congratulations to Charles and Erik!

In Bethpage, we welcomed Shenika Stoute as our new work-study student.

Last but not least, we would like to congratulate our very own Library Director, Jennifer DeVito, on her earning of the esteemed Briarcliffe College Employee Recognition Award this past spring.

What is Information Literacy?

By Jeremy Lauber

What is Information Literacy and why is it important? According to the American Library Association, the formal definition of Information Literacy "is the set of skills needed to find, retrieve, analyze, and use information." In other words, one can think of this as the practical ability to make sense and use of information anywhere. This is not just a meaningless theoretical framework. People encounter information literacy issues on a daily basis.

The importance of Information Literacy as a practical skill can be thought of as the ability to know when and where information is lacking, and then how to proceed in order to fill in those gaps.

A real world example might be a problem with your car. Perhaps, it is making a noise and you don't know what is wrong. Information literacy helps by providing a guide on how this problem can be approached. What exactly is wrong with the car? How

much is the repair going to cost? Is the car even worth repairing? Is the mechanic overcharging? Do you have a trusted mechanic? How would you find a trusted mechanic?

Information literacy offers the tools to formulate these guideposts confidently. It is the ability to know how and where to obtain relevant and reliable information. Likewise, it is the wisdom regarding how to make use of all the information once gathered.



Recycling Fundraiser

By Jennifer DeVito

Briarcliffe College Library in Patchogue recently participated in a recycling fundraiser. Old cell phones, ink jet cartridges, laptops, iPods, digital cameras and digital video cameras were collected and donated to help raise money for Habitat for Humanity of Suffolk. The proceeds of the recycling fundraiser will go to the Habitat for Humanity of Suffolk which helps build houses for people who cannot otherwise afford housing.

Consumer electronics make up an increasing percentage of the garbage American's throw out each year. As we constantly upgrade our electronic devices, our landfills are becoming the final resting place for those items. Materials such as lead, arsenic and cadmium are found in many consumer electronics and are haz-

ardous to the environment, wildlife and to humans.

In 2005 (the latest date for which the Environmental Protection Agency has these statistics), discarded electronics amounted to 1.9 – 2.2 million tons. Of that, 1.5 – 1.8 million tons were sent to landfills. A mere 345,000 to 379,000 tons were recycled.

Donating your old cell phones, ink jet cartridges, laptops, iPods, digital cameras and digital video cameras is an easy way to help reduce the amount of hazardous material leeching into our soil and provide support for a worthy cause.

For more information about the Habitat for Humanity of Suffolk, please go to their website:

www.habitatsuffolk.org

Library Now On Twitter

By Jason Kaloudis

As of this past summer, we are proud to announce that the Briarcliffe College Library now has an official presence on the well-known social networking site, **Twitter!**

As of the writing of this article, we have about twenty-eight followers and we strongly encourage both students and staff alike to join the Briarcliffe Library on Twitter, that is if you haven't done so already.

On our Twitter page, you will find regularly posted updates or "tweets" regarding various upcoming library events, schedule changes and or cancellations, newly received titles of interest, and a variety of other pertinent announcements.

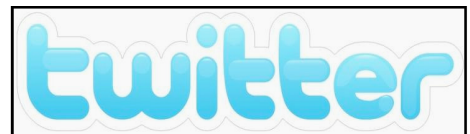
If you don't yet have a Twitter account, simply go to Twitter.com and register. It's easy. If you're already an active Twitterer, just do a simple search for us using the "Find People"

and register. The process is easy.

If you're already an active Twitterer, just do a simple search for us using the "Find People" tab and type in, "**BriarcliffeLib**". Then, simply click on the 'Follow BriarcliffeLib' button to the right of our listing and just watch as the 140 character or less updates start to roll in.

For direct access to the Briarcliffe College Library Twitter page, you can also use the following address:

twitter.com/BriarcliffeLib



Great Reads @ the Library

By Jeremy Lauber

The Last Lecture

by Randy Pausch

'The Last Lecture' by Randy Pausch, with Jeffrey Zaslow assisting, has some very meaty content, which seems to belie the small container it comes packaged in.

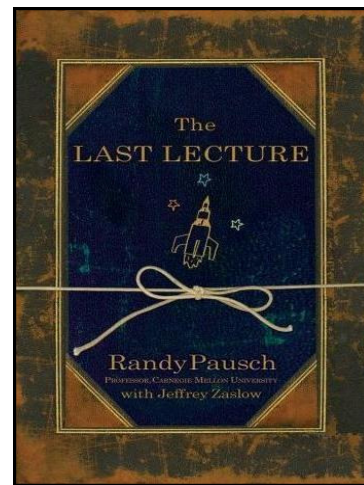
The story of the book begins when Randy Pausch, a beloved Carnegie Mellon professor, presented his lecture at the school's Last Lecture series, with his being entitled 'How to Achieve Your Childhood Dreams.' The premise of these lectures being that the invited speakers would present a lecture as if it were the last they would ever give. Unfortunately, this was in fact literally true for Professor Pausch, who revealed within the first five minutes that he had just recently been diagnosed with terminal pancreatic cancer. In that same instant, he offered his first lesson about confront-

ing the 'elephant in the room.'

It might be important to get the one negative aspect of this book out in the open; it can not be read in a vacuum. Meaning, someone who is not familiar with Professor Randy Pausch wouldn't necessarily derive the most value out of the message this book seeks to deliver. Randy was known for his inspiring presence and absolutely moving lectures, with his 'last lecture' being the pinnacle of his career. Therefore, this book is at most a companion piece, a brilliant companion piece at that, though still an accompaniment.

The appealing aspect about this book is that it is a companion piece. Anyone who goes to the website where his last lecture is permanently hosted, www.thelastlecture.com, and watches it will immediately want to know more

about who this man, Randy Pausch, was and where he came from. Maybe he will have more lessons to rouse, cajole, and inspire the young of this and future generations to help them achieve their dreams. Because brick walls are there to see how badly you want something.



The Last Lecture
Is available for
check out at both
the Bethpage &
Patchogue
campus libraries.
Get your copy
today!!

Database Spotlight:

By Jason Kaloudis

Aside from our **Opposing Viewpoints** database, another excellent source to utilize, particularly for finding reliable information regarding both sides of a particular issue, is none other than **CQ Researcher**.

Say you've been assigned a research paper and you're looking to find out what the pros and cons are associated with some key hot button issues like Medical Marijuana, Gun Rights, Financial Bailouts, and many others. **CQ Researcher** is perhaps one of the best resources to turn to, especially considering that for every topic covered in this database, there is a corresponding *Pro/Con* tab to click on, providing in-depth and compelling arguments, both for and against, from

leading authorities in the particular area of inquiry.

Concerned about how to cite such a source like this? Simply scroll to the bottom of the article and you'll find the appropriate document citation provided.

This user-friendly and highly navigable database is accessible directly through the Briarcliffe Library's homepage, <http://library.briarcliffe.net>. Along the top of the homepage, you'll find a number of links, including the one for *Research Databases*. To access **CQ Researcher**, simply click on that link and you will then be directed to a page offering an alphabetic listing of our research databases, as well as a helpful subject listing. Either way, you will find **CQ**

Researcher linked in both locations.

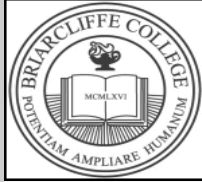
As a side note, the *Research Databases* section also links to our additional set of electronic databases and ebooks, located in the **CECybrary**. Also, **CQ Researcher** is only accessible on campus at this time, so please feel free to visit the library in order to make use of this informative resource.

If you have any further questions regarding the use and capabilities of this database, don't hesitate to ask a librarian for assistance.

Furthermore, **CQ Researcher** is a database typically covered in the Information Literacy sessions presented by the staff of the Briarcliffe Library.

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

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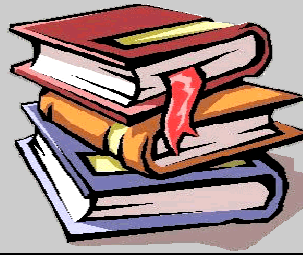
1055 Stewart Avenue
Bethpage, NY 11714 (516) 918-3627

PATCHOGUE CAMPUS

225 Main Street
Patchogue, NY 11772 (631) 730-2006

QUEENS CAMPUS

30-30 Thompson Avenue, Suite 502
Long Island City, NY 11101



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.

● A FRIENDLY REMINDER ●

3 BASIC RULES OF THE LIBRARY

No food or drinks permitted in the library.

No cell phone use permitted in the library.

No loud talking or disruptive behavior.

Log On to the Briarcliffe College Library Homepage - <http://library.briarcliffe.net>

Library Classified

NOW HIRING

Library Work-study, P/T

The Briarcliffe College Library on the Patchogue Campus is now hiring! We are seeking a highly motivated and responsible work-study student to cover early afternoon shifts Monday through Thursday, totaling about 14 hours per week. Students applying for this position must be eligible for federal work study monies.

The position requires a reasonable level of computer literacy, confidence in interacting with patrons and staff, occasionally some heavy lifting, and punctuality is a must.

Stop in to request an application.

Did You Know?

Did you know you can request books you need from other campus libraries or even inter-loan books from libraries *outside* the Briarcliffe Library system?

Did you know you can access most Briarcliffe Library electronic databases through the *CECybrary* by logging in with your Student Portal username and password?

Did you know that the Briarcliffe College Library has all or most *course textbooks* on reserve for student use within the library?

Well, now you do!

Academic Calendar

SPRING 2010

- JAN 11 Spring Semester & Spring I Classes Begin
- JAN 18 Martin Luther King Day-No Classes
- JAN 19 Last Day to Add Spring Semester & Spring I Classes
- FEB 1 Last Day to Withdraw from Spring I Classes w/out Penalty
- FEB 15 President's Day- No Classes
- FEB 16 Mon evening classes are held, Tuesday classes cancelled
- MAR 1 Last Day to Withdraw from Spring Classes w/out Penalty
- MAR 4 Spring I Classes End
- MAR 10 Spring II Classes Begin
- MAR 18 Last Day to Add Spring Session II Classes
- MAR 27 Last Day to Withdraw Spring II Classes w/out penalty
- MAR 29- APR 4 Spring Break- No Classes
- MAY 6 Spring Semester & Spring II