



Briarcliffe Library News

"A library is thought in cold storage" - Hebert Samuel

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LOG ON TODAY!

Please visit the
Briarcliffe College
Library website:

<http://library.briarcliffe.net>

Access the combined
Bethpage/Patchogue/
Queens 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

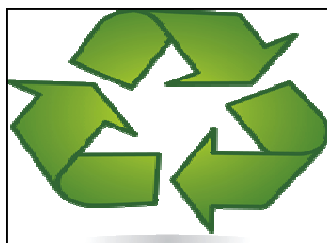
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QUEENS

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



Briarcliffe College Library Donates Books *By Jennifer DeVito*



In December 2009, the Briarcliffe College Library acquired the remnants of the library of a sister school that closed. Some 6,000 books in more than 200 boxes were delivered to the campus in Bethpage. In January the library staff began the tedious process of "weeding;" that is, going through each box and determining which books

could be used in the collection and which could not. Almost half the books were titles that could not be kept in the collection for a variety of reasons. The staff wanted to avoid throwing these books away so they contacted Better World Books.

Better World Books is an organization that was started in 2002 by three students from the University of Notre Dame. Better World Books accepts donated books and either recycles or sells them. The company's goals include helping promote literacy by supporting programs such as Room to Read, Books for Africa, Worldfund,

National Center for Family Literacy and Invisible Children. A portion of the proceeds from the sale of books is donated to these and other organizations that support literacy through-out the world. Another of the company's goals is to encourage recycling and save thousands of unwanted books from landfills.

To date, the Briarcliffe College Library has donated more than 1,800 books. According to the Better World Books metrics, that translates into 2,491 pounds of books which is the equivalent of 31 trees!

U.S. Constitution Honored *By Jason Kaloudis*



September 17th, 2010 marked the 223rd anniversary of the signing of the Constitution of the United States. At Briarcliffe College, this historic occasion was celebrated in earnest a day early, on Thursday, the 16th as classes are not in session on Fridays. Speakers on all three campuses delivered compelling presentations, addressing a

variety of contentious, hot-button issues related to the U.S. Constitution and Constitutional law. Attendees were provided miniature Constitutions, red, white and blue pins, pencils, and candy.

On the library's official twitter page, twitter.com/BriarcliffeLib, assorted trivia regarding the Constitution and Bill of Rights were posted approximately every half hour throughout the day of September 16th.

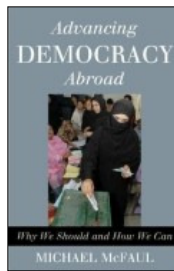
The Briarcliffe College Library site, <http://library.briarcliffe.net>, contained links to informative

sites about the Constitution and an online contest in which students vied for two prizes by correctly answering questions about the Constitution.

The Library maintained book displays with selections of titles on our founding document, including epic tomes such as **A Practical Companion to the Constitution** by Jethro Lieberman to speedy overviews like **U.S. Constitution for Dummies** by Michael Arnheim on all three campuses.

New Library Acquisition Highlights

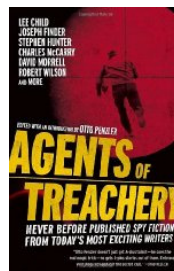
Don't forget to search the Briarcliffe College Library online catalog for more titles



Advancing Democracy Abroad

By Michael McFall

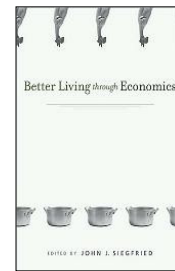
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Agents of Treachery

Ed. By Otto Penzler

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Better Living Through Economics

Ed. By John H. Siegfried

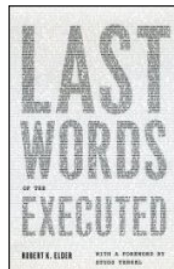
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Combating Jihadism

By Barak Mendelsohn

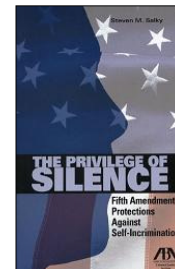
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Last Words of the Executed

By Robert K. Edler

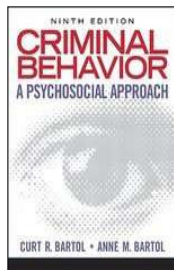
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The Privilege of Silence

By Steven M. Salky

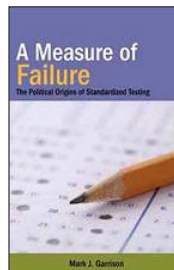
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Criminal Behavior: A Psychological Approach

By Curt R. Bartol

RES HV6080 .B37 2011



A Measure of Failure

By Mark J. Garrison

LB3060.3 .B37 2009



Psychedelic: Optical & Visionary Art Since the 1960's

By David S. Rubin

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Expert Resumes For Health Care Careers

By Wendy S. Enelow

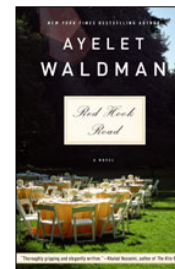
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Mobile Health Solutions For Biomedical Applications

By Phillip Olla

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Red Hook Road

By Ayelet Waldman

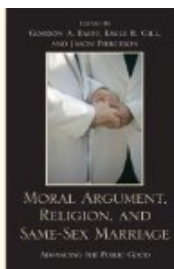
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Fundamentals of Game Design

By Ernest Adams

QA76.76.C672 .A322 2010



Moral Argument, Religion, & Same Sex Marriage

By Gordon A. Babst

KF539 .M67 2009



Shaping America

By Edward F. Mannino

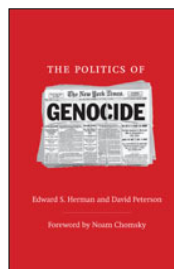
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The Guilt Project

By Vanessa Place

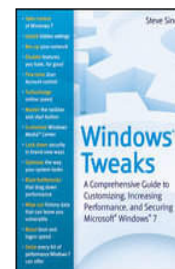
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The Politics of Genocide

By Edward S. Herman

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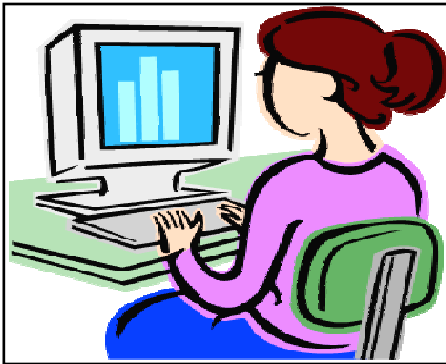
Windows 7 Tweaks

By Steve Sinchak

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Research Databases vs. General Internet

By Jason Kaloudis



As an important primary component of the information literacy courses offered by the Briarcliffe College Library to classes such as HU105 and EG101, we try to explain the fundamental differences between using the general internet as a research resource and using the wide selection of actual research databases that are accessible through the library homepage. By having the student become aware of the critical differences between the general internet and the research databases offered, it may become apparent why the databases are in fact a superior electronic resource to use when performing research in the majority of cases.

Before identifying what these differences actually are, it might be helpful to first properly define what is meant by the term, 'research database.' In the controlled vocabulary list compiled by members of the Briarcliffe College Library staff, research databases have been officially defined as "an organized collection of information designed to allow users easy access to data. Some examples of the research databases at Briarcliffe College Library include Academic Search Premier, ProQuest Central, LexisNexis Academic, Westlaw, and CINAHL."

It might also be helpful to clarify that the term 'research database' is largely interchangeable with similar terms such as 'online database' or 'electronic database.' One might find them referred to by any of the three common terms. In comparison, the term general internet is used to describe websites such as search engines and the pages that are referenced by them.

Now that the terms have been defined, how do they compare? Research databases are considered to provide 100% authoritative and reliable resources

for conducting quality research, whereas the general internet provides information of dubious authority. The sole purpose of the databases is to provide accurate and up-to-date information. However, the information provided on the general internet may be provided for any number of different reasons, including commercial, ideological, information gathering, and so on. Many of the resources accessible through the databases were also originally published in print by an educational or academic publisher. Resources on the general internet may or may not be digital versions of print originals. Furthermore, resources contained in the databases have undergone a rigorous editorial process. The same cannot necessarily be said of general web content. Altogether, users can feel confident about the accuracy and reliability of the information presented in research databases. In contrast, information gleaned from the general internet requires the user to assess the credibility of the source and perhaps verify that information with additional resources.

Database Spotlight: ProQuest Learning: Literature

By Jason Kaloudis

Will you be taking an English class at Briarcliffe College this semester and need a helpful resource in addition to your course textbook? Are you are just personally interested in literature or poetry or have a favorite writer about whom you are interested? Are you writing a paper about an author or a particular piece of work? If the answer is yes to any or all of these questions, please make sure to check out one of the library's many online research databases, **ProQuest Learning: Literature!**

This powerful research database provides extensive biographical profiles on hundreds of great authors, including bibliographies of their works, access to literary criticism from authoritative peer

review sources pertaining to their writings, and related multimedia items such as images, audio files, as well as relevant external web links.

Although searching by author is a primary function of ProQuest Learning: Literature, it is by no means the only way to use this database. Navigation tabs along the top and left hand side of the screen allow users to specifically search by criticism, reference, multimedia, and literary works.

On the "Reference Shelf" located on the left navigation bar, users can access the database's very own internal dictionary and thesaurus. There is even a citation guide!

For users who might require a little

extra help understanding what they're reading, this database also provides a feature called, KnowledgeNotes™, which are essentially electronic study guides that contain author and plot overviews, character notes, and summaries for a wide range of commonly assigned works including everything from **Pride & Prejudice** to **The Stranger**.

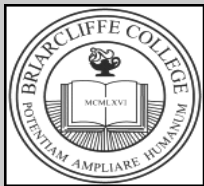
Instructions to access
ProQuest Learning: Literature

- Go to <http://library.briarcliffe.net>
- Click on the **Research Databases** link
- Click on **Literature** in the list of Research Databases listed by subject.
- Click on the link for **ProQuest's Learning Literature**

Please Note: This databases is currently accessible only ON CAMPUS.

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

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BETHPAGE CAMPUS

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



twitter

<http://twitter.com/BriarcliffeLib>

● 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.

THANK YOU!!

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

How Well Do You Know Your Library?

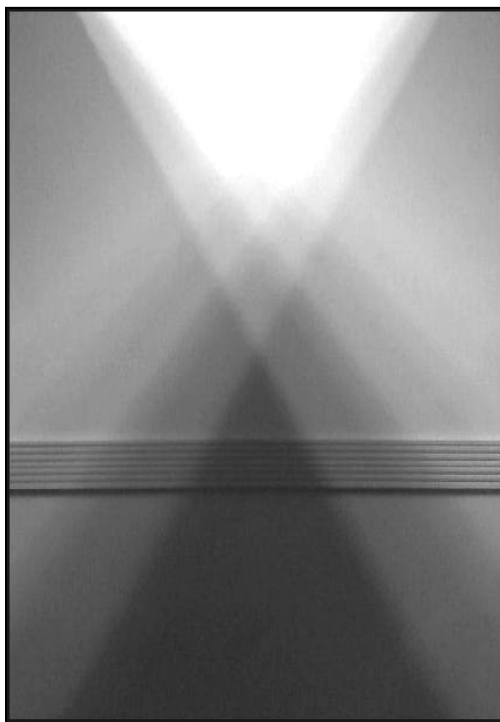
Take a good look at the picture appearing on the right.

*An optical illusion?
Some weird paranormal activity in the library?
Psychedelic visions of the reference librarian?
Or just some really interesting triangular patterns of refracted light at the end of the books stacks?*

This peculiar visual phenomenon can be viewed at the Bethpage campus Library, between the stacks labeled **ND1500** and **ND 1548**.

Please ask a librarian if you need help locating this section.

-Photo by Jason Kaloudis



Academic Calendar

◦ AUTUMN 2010 ◦

Sep 8	Fall semester & Fall I Classes Begin
Sep 15	Last Day to Add Fall Semester & Fall I Classes
Sep 29	Last Day to Withdraw from Fall Without Penalty
Oct 27	Last Day to Withdraw from Fall Semester Classes Without Penalty
Oct 28	Fall I Classes End
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Nov 2	Fall II Classes Begin
Nov 10	Last Day to Add Fall II Classes
Nov 29	Last Day to Withdraw from Fall II Classes Without Penalty
Nov 25-28	Thanksgiving Holiday - No Classes
Dec 23	Fall semester & Fall II Classes End