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JCCC Billington Library

Summer Hours:

Monday - Thursday	7:30 am - 10:00 pm
Friday	7:30 am - 5:00pm
Saturday	8:00 am - 5:00pm
Sunday	Closed

Johnson County
Community College
Billington Library
12345 College Blvd.
Overland Park, KS 66210

Shhhhhhhh!

Summer, 2007

Why aren't libraries quiet anymore?

This is a question we hear quite often these days. Once known for attracting those who want a quiet place to study, read or even take a nap (there are a few spots still available if you look around long enough), the library has broadened or morphed into something entirely different these days. The stereotypic finger-shushing librarian with her glowering look of disapproval letting you know that you've crossed the unwritten line of library etiquette, has disappeared. In her place is the mastered-degreed, professionally-trained and educated librarian equipped to assist in an ever-expanding field of information.



Why the change? One reason perhaps is the fact that the Millennial generation has arrived on the scene. Unlike their predecessors, the Millennials are digital natives, growing up in the age of technology. They expect to receive information quickly. To keep current, libraries have had to change or adapt to include this form of teaching/learning and as technology changes or advances, so must libraries change to keep up.

On any given day, when you visit the Billington Library you will see students going about the business of searching and finding information. Rather than a retreat, we have become a hub, a gathering place where students can check their e-mail, search the Internet, chat (hopefully quietly) with friends, study or just hang out. It is a place where students and patrons without Internet access at home, find a level playing field.

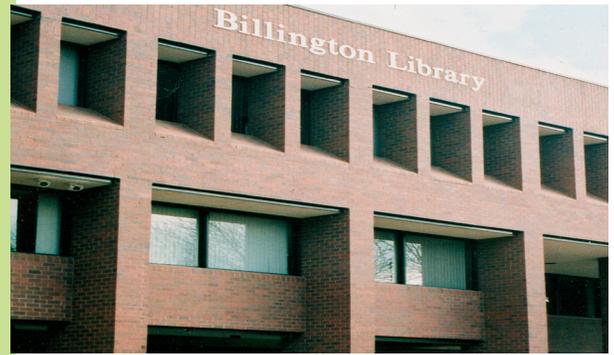
Throughout the week we have collaborative studying going on, encouraged by professors, for team-effort assignments or group discussions. There are orientation classes nearby, reference librarians to help steer the students in the direction they wish to travel, and wireless laptop access for those who are permanently attached to their computers. We even have multi-

media equipment readily available and ADA stations for those who need additional consideration.

So what does this mean to me, the user? It means that I too must keep an open mind and relish the progress more than pine the loss of a tradition. After all, I can always find a place to nap, or curl up with a good book—maybe even along the wall on the southwest side of the second floor—but knowing that access to the entire world is an arm's reach away is something my grandmother would have never even have imagined!

Phase II Planning Approved

The JCCC campus Facilities Committee has endorsed the proposal from Clark Enersen Partners for Phase II planning for the Billington Library. The recommendation was approved at the June 21, 2007 meeting of the Board of Trustees. During this meeting, Mr. Freed, Director of Facility Planning, reported that The Clark Enersen Partners have been selected to assist the college with the Billington Library transformation planning and conceptual consultant services. The primary purpose of this study is to produce a comparison of opportunities, advantages/disadvantages, and cost estimates for multiple master plan alternatives for a new library building versus renovating the existing Billington Library. The results of the study should provide a knowledge base for determining the eventual direction and funding for the 21st century library. The goal is to have a conclusive report to the Board of Trustees by the end of the year.



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Statistics - 2007

In the 2006-2007 academic year the Billington Library once again posted some really exciting figures. We thought perhaps you'd find them interesting.

Billington Library had over 600,000 users come to our library this year.

There were over 3,000 reference assistance transactions

Material browses came in at over 15,000

Orientation classes recorded 349 classes with a total of over 6000 students participating

Interlibrary loan had over 2,000 transactions completed this year

We bought and processed over 4,000 new books and over 1,000 non-book items (DVDs, CDs, etc.)

Circulation was nearly 33,000 this year

There were over 23,000 new patron cards made

Non-book item circulation was up to nearly 28,000 items

In-house laptop use rose to over 3,000 this year

Check it out

Searchpath is an information literacy tutorial that can be found on our Billington Library website under the category of Tutorials. In what way is it helpful? Distance Learning (DL) instructors can link their students to *Searchpath* for research "how to." On-campus students can practice basic library research skills. (See for yourself <http://library.jccc.edu/tutorials.html>). *Searchpath* covers:

- *Choosing a topic-broaden/narrow topic, keyword searching, Boolean operators.
- *Using the catalog—Basic, Advanced Course Reserve
- *Choosing a database & finding articles—scholarly/popular, features PerAbs, using the Print and EJournal List.
- *Searching the WWW - advantages/disadvantages, choosing and using search engines, evaluating results
- *Considering kinds of information sources
- *Citing sources
- *Scored quizzes for each module

We are pleased with the response we have had from instructors who have found this tool helpful for their students.

So..., “What’s new?” you ask

*New McNaughtons

- Diana Chronicles, Tina Brown
- New England White, Stephen L. Carter
- When Day Breaks, Mary Jane Clark
- Drop Dead Beautiful, Jackie Collins
- Double Take, Catherine Coulter
- Lean Mean Thirteen, Janet Evanovich
- Second Chance, Jane Green
- Double Agents, W.E.B. Griffin and William E. Butterworth
- Fear Up Harsh, Tony Lagouranis and Allen Mikaelian
- Innocent as Sin, Elizabeth Lowell
- Michael Tolliver Lives, Armistead Maupin
- Gravedigger’s Daughter, Joyce Carol Oates
- Silence, Thomas Perry
- Too Late to Say Goodbye, Ann Rule
- Lady in Blue, Javier Sierra
- Stalin’s Ghost, Martin Cruz Smith
- Bungalow 2, Danielle Steel
- Shadow Catcher, Marianne Wiggins

**Electronic Resources Added in 2007

- CultureGrams
- Syndetic Solutions Book Covers
- Westlaw Premier w/Litigation Resources
- CQ Weekly
- Nature
- CQ Global Researcher
- Columbia Gazetteer
- ScienceDirect College Edition (Health & Life Sciences)

***Three New Periodicals Have Been Added:

Sleep: The official publication of the Associated Professional Sleep Societies, LLC.

A joint venture of the American Academy of Sleep Medicine and the Sleep Research Society. The July 5, 2007 journal covers articles on REM-sleep, chronic insomnia, Sleep Apnea to name a few.

Contexts: Understanding people in their social worlds.

This is a publication of the American Sociological Association geared toward those who are captivated by fresh perspectives on society. This journal encourages readers to interact with their surroundings. It deals with relevant issues such as religion, discrimination, pop culture and foreign crises. It is considered an ideal teaching tool for the community college providing accessible timely readings for students.

...and coming soon:

American Salon

The publication of record for professional hair stylists and salon owners; styles, cuts, techniques, trade shows and industry news.

*McNaughton Books are located in a bookcase at the top of the stairs on the second floor of the Library.

**Electronic Resources may be accessed from the Billington Library website <http://library.jccc.edu>

***Periodicals/Reserve is located 1st Floor library south of the Reference desk.



Introducing Our Very Own Sister Sledge

Before you start thinking rock star, let me tell you that while she may be classified as a “star” in the eyes of many, the rock part needs to be dropped. Sister Sledge is Cassie Schwarz, our resident technology wizard. Sometime earlier in the year, Cassie and her family decided to join 30 or 40 other volunteers from the Kansas City area and make a spring break trip to New Orleans to help with the cleanup from the damage left by Katrina. Joining a mission project sponsored by the Lutheran Disaster Relief, Cassie and her family and friends spent nights sleeping in the fellowship hall of a local church in New Orleans and eating breakfast in “tent city” before starting on their various assigned chores. While Randy, Cassie’s husband, was assigned to the sheet rock division, Cassie was assigned to the mucking-out team. All day from dawn to sunset, Monday through Friday, Cassie—in full bio-hazard gear—cleaned and sledged out the worse mess she says she’d ever seen. She sledged, and sledged, and sledged. She had to wear the gear she is shown in on the picture

to the left, because of the hazards all around. Even the air was not safe to breathe. At noon each day she’d stop for lunch to eat the peanut butter sandwich she’d packed earlier in the day—then started back to work. One day while she was slogging a cast iron tub that was too big to get out of the house, she hit her finger. It wasn’t until the family started back home she began to wonder if she had done more to her pointer finger than to bruise it. Sure enough, the doctor confirmed it with an X-ray; it was broken!

Cassie said that there is so much left to be done to make New Orleans a livable city that she sometimes thinks that if she made a return trip in 15 years, tent city would still be up and running. Private donations and personal volunteers are a critical part of the cleanup success. If you are interested in more information on this, I know she’d be happy to share it with you. Her extension is x2476.

So, will she be going back next year? Cassie said that they haven’t decided. While they plan to give their assistance somewhere, New Orleans may not be their destination of choice because they want their next project to include their entire family and in New Orleans, Lutheran Disaster Relief does not allow anyone under the age of 16 to assist.

Whatever the Schwarz family decides, wherever they end up serving, you can be sure that they will be on-site, pitching in with total enthusiasm, even if it means wearing bio-gear and using a sledge hammer!

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