

NEW Lower Level Entrance

The entrance on the lower level of the Library is now open and ready for use! This change provides more direct access to CASE and EOP, as well as our wonderful Archives and Special Collections room (see p.2 for more on that).

The lower level entrance is available during normal CASE hours: Mon-Thurs: 8:00am-9:00pm; Fri: 8:00am-4:45pm; Sun: 4:00pm-9:00pm. People will need to use the main entrance whenever CASE is closed.



From left: Inside the lower level lobby; view of the new lower level entrance from inside CASE.

Two other things to be aware of are that the lower level entrance is not handicapped accessible at this time; and, that Library materials (books, reserves, equipment, etc.) still need to be checked-out and returned upstairs at the front desk.

Let us know if you have any questions or problems (Library@cobleskill.edu; 518-255-5841; text to 518-444-5485; or [online chat](#)).

New Online Content: Art History, Literature, Business, & More!

Starting this fall, when you search for various subjects using the main 'Search Everything' box on the [Library's website](#), results may include content from the following new databases:

- Arts and Sciences III Collection (a subset of JSTOR). Includes Language & Literature, Music, Film Studies, Religion, Art & Art History, Folklore, Architecture & Architectural History, Performing Arts.
- Business Insights: Essentials. Includes company profiles, brand information, rankings, investment reports, company histories, chronologies, and periodicals. The database also includes detailed company and industry news and information.



Two other recent additions need to be searched directly as they don't play nice with the 'Search Everything' option.

- Art History Essentials Collection. Includes 18 reference books covering various subjects related to art and art history. Award-winning, classic, and peer-acclaimed content provides an authoritative foundation of reference.
- Britannica Academic. Includes Encyclopedia Britannica plus Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary, magazines and periodicals, and many other research tools including a world atlas, a tool to compare countries side by side, and a tool that includes comprehensive statistics on every nation of the world.

Please let us know if you have questions about any of our databases or other resources (Library@cobleskill.edu; 518-255-5841; text to 518-444-5485; or [online chat](#)).

What Is This OER Thing I Keep Hearing About?

Open Educational Resources are teaching and learning materials that may be used and reused without charge. OER often have an open license (like Creative Commons or GNU) that states specifically how the material may be used, reused, adapted, and shared, or are in the public domain.

The Van Wagenen Library invites you to an informational luncheon on Thursday, September 14th to learn how you can be a part of this progressive movement in scholarly publishing. Guest speaker Mark McBride, SUNY Senior Library Strategist, will give a presentation about SUNY OER Services and answer your questions.



The OER movement has been growing for years and SUNY is now actively involved. SUNY OER Services offers "services to support wide faculty adoption of OER that can be effectively sustained, improved and shared, as well as delivered to students to give them the day-one access to course materials they need for academic success."

Please RSVP to Lynn Jozifek (JozifeLM@cobleskill.edu, 518-255-5872) if you'd like to join us on September 14th to find out more. The event will be in the Brickyard Point Lower Level from 12:30-1:30pm.

Information Literacy Workshops For All!

Instruction Librarian Don LaPlant will be offering a series of drop-in workshops on basic research and information literacy skills during the week of October 23rd. These 45 minute workshops will cover the sorts of skills typically introduced in Information Literacy Instruction sessions for students in ENGL 101 courses, but will be open to any interested students or faculty. To accommodate as many people as possible, multiple sessions will be scheduled throughout the week at a range of times—including evening and weekend sessions.



In the 2016-17 academic year, course-specific information literacy instruction sessions reached over 1,084 students, but attendance was only open to students enrolled in classes where the teacher scheduled a library session. The planned workshop sessions aren't intended to replace the course-specific instruction sessions, but instead to provide access to the same information for students who weren't enrolled in classes where the faculty made time for a library session.

Student evaluations of previous library instruction sessions have been overwhelmingly positive. Out of nearly 700 responses to student evaluation surveys, 96% of students agreed that the research skills introduced in the session would be useful to them in the future. Nearly 98% agreed that the session was worth the class time it took.

Additional information and instructions on how to reserve a space at the workshops will be made available in early October. In the meantime, faculty interested in scheduling a course-specific library instruction session can visit the Library's [instruction page](#) for more information.

Archives Adds Drop-in Hours



This semester, the Archives Reading Room (off the lower level lobby around the corner from CASE) will be open Tuesdays and Fridays from 10:00am to 11:00am, and by arrangement.

The collections available for walk-in use include the Library's own historical book collection and the Iroquois Indian Museum's research book collection.

More information about accessing materials in the [Jared Van Wagenen Jr. Archives & Special Collections](#) is available online. Please feel free to contact Katherine Brent (brentke@cobleskill.edu, 518-255-5851) if you have questions.

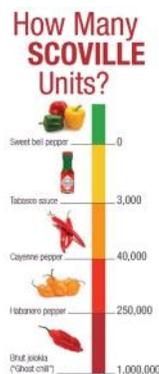
Annual Chili Cook-Off

The Library's 2nd Annual Chili Cook-Off is scheduled for October 4th. Stop by, try some tasty concoctions, and vote for your favorites! Categories for voting are Hottest, Best Tasting, and Most Unique.

The competition was pretty heated last year (sorry, chili humor, couldn't resist) so we're really looking forward to seeing what people come up with this time around.

The event runs from 11:00am to 1:00pm and will take place on the main floor of the Library. That's right; food in the Library and you won't get in trouble for it!

Are you maybe interested in entering your favorite chili in the contest? The deadline is September 20th. Contact Cat Wise for details (wisec1@cobleskill.edu, 518-255-5847).



Don Recommends...

Hag-Seed: The Tempest Retold
by Margaret Atwood

Trajectory
by Richard Russo

Mrs. Fletcher
by Tom Perrotta

Different Class
by Joanne Harris

One Of Us Is Lying
by Karen M. McManus

The Hate U Give
by Angie Thomas

April Recommends...

The Force
by Don Winslow

MatchUp
ed. by Lee Child

The Chemist
by Stephenie Meyer

Earthly Remains
by Donna Leon

No Man's Land
by David Baldacci

The Turn
by Kim Harrison

Recent Arrivals...

Into The Water
by Paula Hawkins

Grief Cottage
by Gail Godwin

Woolly: The True Story Of The Quest To Revive One Of History's Most Iconic Extinct Creatures
by Ben Mezrich

The Switch
by Joseph Finder

Words In Deep Blue
by Cath Crowley

Seeing Red
by Sandra Brown

The Map That Leads To You
by Joseph Monninger

The Other Girl
by Erica Spindler

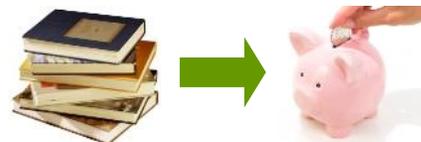
American Fire: Love, Arson, & Life In A Vanishing Land
by Monica Hesse

Spill Zone
by Scott Westerfeld

New Boy
by Tracy Chevalier

Book Sale Starts Later This Year

The Library's big Fall Book Sale begins Friday, October 13th and will run through Tuesday, November 21st. The later start date allows us to still have the kick-off coincide with Homecoming Weekend. This annual sale helps the Library raise a little money to pay for things like specialized equipment, supplies for preserving rare materials, or whatever else comes up.



As ever, the prices are more than reasonable: \$1 for hardcovers, 50¢ for paperbacks. Multi-volume sets, non-book items, and other special items will have their prices posted.

We want you to buy stuff but don't stop there! We also welcome your donations to help us stock the sale carts. It allows us to offer a wider selection while making room on your shelves for new stuff. Win/win. Simply drop items off at the front desk and we'll take it from there. Try to get donations to us before October 6th so we have time to sort through things. Please contact April Davies (daviesac@cobleskill.edu, 518-255-5887) if you have any questions.

Online Tutoring—STAR NY

Did you know that the good folks down in CASE (Center for Academic Support and Excellence) work with a consortium of SUNY schools to provide free online tutoring services? Well, they do, and it is a great resource! Tutors are available from 7:00pm to Midnight, Sunday through Thursday covering a wide variety of subjects including Writing, Statistics, Physics, Accounting, Chemistry, and more.

Students can get to STAR NY by simply clicking the big star logo on [CASE's homepage](#). They fill out a short 'Tutor Request' form and they are on their way. It's a much easier trip than trekking over to the Library's lower level on a snowy night.

If you have any questions about tutoring, either online or in-person, or any other of the services offered by CASE, please contact Wendi Richards (518-255-5870, richarwa@cobleskill.edu).



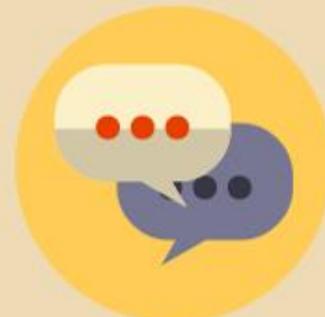
Information Literacy Instruction Stats, 2016-2017 Academic Year



52 Information Literacy
class sessions
(45 in 2015-16)



30,246 visits to our
LibraryGuides
(17,467 in 2015-16)



3,149 Reference Desk
Questions Answered
(2,356 in 2015-16)



1,084 students
attended Information
Literacy class sessions
(968 in 2015-16)



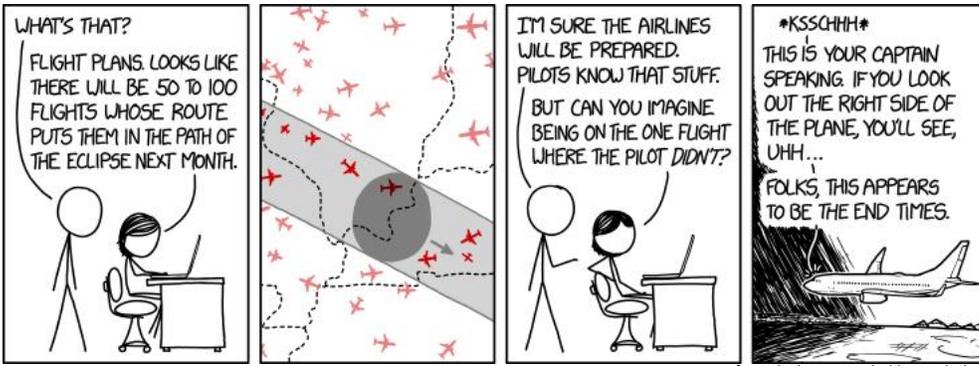
61 one-on-one
research consultation
appointments
(48 in 2015-16)



509 students
completed Info Lit
Tutorials for FFCS
(new in 2016-17)

"Tradition is the handing-on of Fire, and not the worship of Ashes."

—Gustav Mahler



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| Mon.-Thurs. | 7:00am-10:00pm |
| Friday | 7:00am-5:00pm |
| Saturday | 12:00pm-6:00pm |
| Sunday | 2:00pm-10:00pm |

Calendar

- Aug. 28
First Day of Classes
- Sept. 1
Add/Drop Ends
- Sept. 4
Labor Day
- Sept. 14
OER Luncheon
- Sept. 20
Rosh Hashana begins
- Sept. 22
Hobbit Day
- Oct. 4
Chili Cook-Off
- Oct. 7-10
Fall Break
- Oct. 14
Homecoming
- Oct. 23-27
Information Literacy Workshops
- Nov. 4
King Tut Day
- Nov. 11
Veterans Day
- Nov. 14
Young Readers Day
- Nov. 22-26
Thanksgiving Break
- Dec. 10
Human Rights Day
- Dec. 15
Last Day of Classes

From The Dean



Welcome back! I am looking forward to this fall semester. We have some fun events scheduled: the 2nd annual chili cook-off, and two book clubs—a new cookbook club and the Library Book Club. The cookbook club will utilize the Library’s comprehensive cookbook collection. If you are a foodie, this club is for you. The Library Book Club is entering its second year. It meets for lunch twice a semester; it’s fun, relaxing, and something that I look forward to each time it meets. The semester reading lists have yet to be determined and new members are welcome, so please consider joining these great leisure reading groups. Contact the front desk (518-255-5864) if you’d like more information.

The Library has increased its efforts to enhance the textbook reserve collection. It is a simple way to make college more affordable to our students. If you have a spare copy, or would like to ensure your course textbook is available at the Library, please contact your department’s Library liaison; a [list](#) is available online if you’re not sure who your liaison is.

Another way to make textbooks affordable is through a method of scholarly publishing called open access. The open educational resources movement has been around for awhile, but is now securing a stronger position in higher education as its publication catalog grows. The Library will host an informational session on OERs in September and the librarians can assist you in exploring the increasing scholarly options for your courses.

I am happy to begin another great semester at Cobleskill!

Faculty & Staff News

Gina Brady, Cathy Wise, and Cindy Maguire all traveled to Syracuse in June for the annual NYSLAA (New York State Library Assistants' Association) conference.



Katherine Brent attended both the Information Delivery Services Project and SUNYLA (SUNY Librarians Association) conferences this summer. She continues to serve on the Capital District Library Council’s Committee on Resource Sharing.

April Davies was also in Stony Brook for the annual SUNYLA conference in June. She is now serving on the Coordinated Collection



Development committee for the Capital District Library Council.



Dawn Foland, part-time Circulation Supervisor and Coby grad, started Rutgers University’s online Master of Information program over the summer.

Congratulations to Don LaPlant on his recent promotion to Associate Librarian! This summer Don attended two major library conferences: the American Library Association’s annual conference and the LOEX Conference focused on library instruction and information literacy pedagogy.



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