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## Streaming Video For The Classroom Is Here!

The Library now provides access to the on-demand film streaming service Kanopy. Kanopy showcases more than 30,000 films, including award-winning documentaries, hard-to-find titles, film festival favorites, indie and classic films, and world cinema with collections from Kino Lorber, Music Box Films, Samuel Goldwyn, The Orchard, The Great Courses, PBS and thousands of independent filmmakers. The Kanopy collection includes indie hits like *Hunt For the Wilderpeople*, classic masterpieces like *Seven Samurai*, and award-winning documentaries like the 2017 Oscar-nominated *I Am Not Your Negro*.



Like our other online resources, Kanopy is included as part of the main 'Search Everything' box on the [Library's website](#), or you can [search it directly](#). Let us know if you run into any problems or have questions ([Library@cobleskill.edu](mailto:Library@cobleskill.edu); 518-255-5841; text to 518-444-5485; or [online chat](#)).

## 2018 Student Research Showcase

The Van Wageningen Library is pleased to announce that we will be hosting the 4th Annual Student Research Showcase! Partnering with the Honors Program, the Showcase will be May 3rd from 12:30pm-4:30pm, kicking off with presentations by the honors students and culminating with the poster session. Like last year, first place and honorable mention prizes will be awarded and two faculty will be recognized for their excellent leadership in guiding students in applied research.

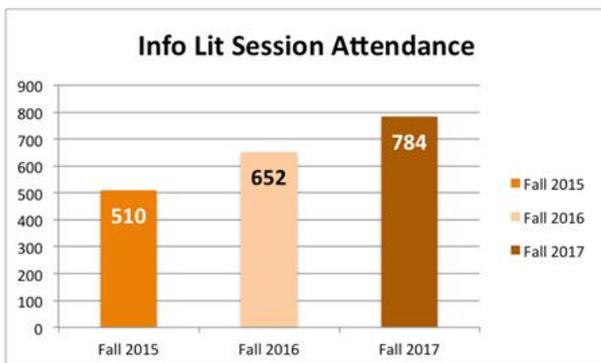


Students can take their research to the next level—scientific research, creative writing, business plans, culinary achievements, and arts & design. Cobleskill has amazing hands-on learning across its curriculum!

Students who wish to submit their work for the SRS must register. Registration opens February 2. Please follow us at [www.cobleskill.edu/library/srs.asp](http://www.cobleskill.edu/library/srs.asp) for the most current information. If you'd like to take a look at some of the research presented in previous years, check out the [Student Publications area](#) in our Institutional Repository.

## Steady Growth in Library Instruction Program

Fall 2017 was a record-setting semester for the Library's Information Literacy Instruction program. A total of 784 students attended library instruction sessions, the highest number in the past five years of the program and a continuation of the steady upward trend of the past three years.



These instruction sessions, typically held in the Library Learning Lab (LIB 213), are custom-designed to meet the specific needs of students working on research-intensive assignments. This past semester students attended sessions related to assignments in classes ranging from Agricultural Engineering, Business Administration, and Animal Sciences to Psychology, History, and Graphic Design.

Student responses to the sessions have been decidedly positive. In post-session surveys, over 97% of the 688 student respondents indicated they felt the session was worth the class time it took. Over 96% indicated they believed the research skills and materials introduced in the session would be useful to them in the future.

Faculty members interested in learning more about the range of library instruction options can visit the [Library's Instruction Session webpage](#) or contact Don LaPlant at [laplandd@cobleskill.edu](mailto:laplandd@cobleskill.edu).

## Closed-Captioning Service

The Van Wageningen Library and Accessibility Resources have established a contract with CaptionSync to ensure that all the video and audio material used in teaching is captioned and understandable to all in the course. Generally, most videos and audio material has a captioned version as a setting option, but sometimes with older videos or small sound bytes that is not the case. If you have something that requires captioning, please contact Beth Orgeron ([orgeroed@cobleskill.edu](mailto:orgeroed@cobleskill.edu)) about getting the material captioned. The service has a very quick turn around time.



*Knowledge sets us free, art sets us free. A great library is freedom. —Ursula K. LeGuin*

## Assessing Service Quality

The Library plans to administer the LibQUAL+ survey this spring. LibQUAL+ is a nationally-normed survey designed to assess users' perceptions regarding library service quality. For those of you who have been around SUNY Cobleskill for awhile, this survey may sound familiar as we tend to run it every few years. Repeating the survey helps us assess the impact of our efforts and aids in keeping track of users' changing priorities.



We'll be offering various prizes to encourage participation and the survey will be open to all SUNY Cobleskill students, faculty, and staff. Announcements will be going out when the survey goes 'live' later this semester so stay tuned.

## OER Fellows Announced

The College selected two faculty as its OER Fellows. Prof. Mansfield is creating a comprehensive text in the field of equine assisted activity and therapy and Prof. Pearl will create a management textbook and corresponding workbook. Their work will be made available through the SUNY OER publishing initiative and free of cost to students who will use the texts in the Spring of 2019.

The open education resource, or OER, movement has gained a great deal of notice in the past two years as more and more colleges strive to make textbooks affordable and yet maintain rigorous academic publishing standards, such as peer review. Authors publish their material under an intellectual property license that permits their free use and repurposing by others. Open educational resources include full courses, course materials, modules, textbooks, streaming videos, tests, software, and any other tools, materials, or techniques used to support access to knowledge. The big take away from OER is that the material is free or printed at a significantly lower price than commercially published textbooks.

There are many venues offering OERs. Please see the Van Wagenen Library's [OER guide](#) to get more info on OERs and explore the options.



## Library Book Club



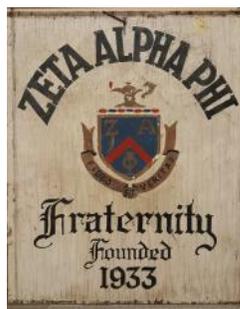
The first book for the Spring semester is *Crime & Punishment* by Fyodor Dostoevsky. Yes, that's right, *Crime & Punishment*. Let's blame it on Prof. Hage who claimed that he had heard good things about a recent translation. But, all the club members agreed and so, we are realistic about this big endeavor: we will meet twice this semester to discuss the book as it may take a bit longer to read than our last title, *The Lives We Bury*. The next meeting date will take place in February and will be announced soon on CobyNow. All are welcome and the book is generally available for check out at the Library.

## Fraternal History On Display

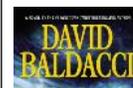
Materials from the Zeta Alpha Phi fraternity collection are on display on the second floor for the duration of the spring semester. Items include memorabilia and fraternity documents from donations by Tom Francisco and Gene Vossler. The Beta Chapter of Zeta Alpha Phi was originally founded at Cobleskill in 1933, and it was most active from 1948 through the late 1980s. The fraternity members have an active alumni community.

Also featured this spring are a variety of wellness themed displays to coordinate with Wellness Center events and rotating topical displays on everything from pickling to container gardening to starting a business.

More information on all of the Library's displays is available online. Please contact Katherine Brent ([brentke@cobleskill.edu](mailto:brentke@cobleskill.edu); 518-255-5851) if you have any questions, or if you'd like to maybe suggest something for a future display.



## April Recommends...



*The Last Mile*  
by David Baldacci



*The Turn*  
by Kim Harrison



*Silence Fallen*  
by Patricia Briggs

*Red Sparrow*  
by Jason Matthews

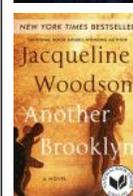
*Blade Of Empire*  
by Mercedes Lackey

## Don Recommends...



*The Girls*  
by Emma Cline

*Anything Is Possible*  
by Elizabeth Strout



*Grasshopper Jungle*  
by Andrew Smith

*Another Brooklyn*  
by Jacqueline Woodson

*Little Fires Everywhere*  
by Celeste Ng

## Recent Arrivals...

*Ali: A Life*  
by Jonathan Eig

*The Marriage Lie*  
by Kimberly Belle

*Iron Gold*  
by Peirce Brown

*What Happened*  
by Hillary Rodham Clinton

*A Legacy Of Spies*  
by John Le Carré

*The Grave's A Fine And Private Place*  
by Alan Bradley

*Heather, The Totality*  
by Matthew Weiner

*Before The Devil Breaks You*  
by Libba Bray

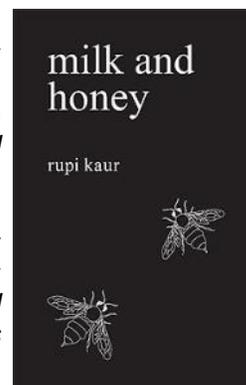
*Grist Mill Road*  
by Christopher Yates

*Fire And Fury: Inside The Trump White House*  
by Michael Wolff

## ILL: It's Poetic

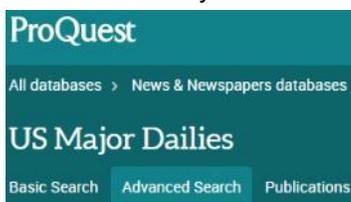
In addition to getting materials from other libraries for members of the SUNY Cobleskill community, the Library's ILL service (Interlibrary Loan) also sends out our material for use by patrons of other libraries. The two most-requested items from our collection right now are not, somewhat surprisingly, the College Physics textbook, but books of poetry. *Salt*, by Nayyirah Waheed, has been requested by other libraries 127 times since we acquired it in 2015. *Milk and Honey*, by Rupi Kaur, was purchased the following year and has the next most requests, at 46. Reciprocity is what makes the whole ILL system work so it seems kind of poetically appropriate.

Since these books are also in high demand by SUNY Cobleskill users, we added copies to our Kindles so that they are more readily available no matter who wants them. Both authors initially rose to prominence on Instagram and their self-published works became best sellers. *Milk and Honey* remains on Amazon's Top 20 Most Sold Books of the Week and on *The New York Times* Best Sellers list (as of Jan. 26, 2018).



## New Online Content: U.S. Major Daily Newspapers

ProQuest's U.S. Major Dailies database is now part of the Library's suite of online research tools. The database offers access to 30+ years of five of the most respected national and regional newspapers: *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *The Los Angeles Times*, and *Chicago Tribune*. The titles offer researchers thorough and timely coverage of local, regional, and world events with journalistic balance and perspective, with new content available by 8:00am each day and archives stretching as far back as 1980.



This new research database is included as part of the main 'Search Everything' box on the [Library's website](#). It can also be searched directly if you want to take advantage of custom features such as limiting results to specific document types within a paper (e.g. feature, editorial, review, obituary, retraction, etc.) or browsing a single edition of a paper.

Please let us know if you have questions about U.S. Major Dailies or any other resources ([Library@cobleskill.edu](mailto:Library@cobleskill.edu); 518-255-5841; text to 518-444-5485; or [online chat](#)).

## What Our Students Read for Fun



The Popular Reading Collection, found on the low, zig-zag shelves near the periodicals on the Library's main floor, is a rotating collection of newer books with an emphasis on best sellers, popular genre fiction, and timely non-fiction. Our examination of circulation data from Fall 2017 found young adult relationship dramas, thrillers, and fantasy novels are most popular among the students who rely on the Library for leisure reading materials.

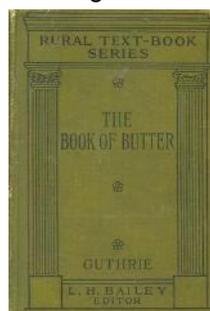
Female authors wrote the four most commonly circulated books from our Popular Reading Collection last semester. Sarah Dessen's *Once and For All*, the most circulated book of Fall 2017, is a young adult romance featuring the cynical teenage daughter of a successful wedding planner. *The Hate U Give*, the second most popular book, is a thought-provoking drama about a young black woman becoming involved with social activism following a police shooting



in her hometown. Tied for third place on our "most circulated among students" list are *Into the Water*, Paula Hawkins' follow-up to *The Girl on the Train*, and *The Chemist*, an adult spy thriller by Stephanie Meyer, the author best known for the *Twilight* teen paranormal romance series.

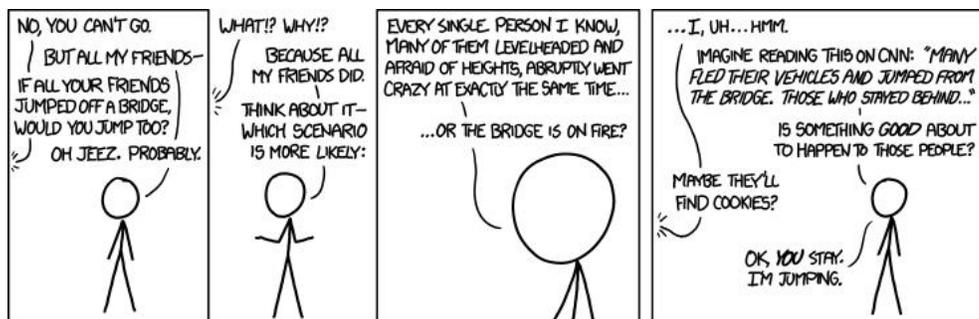
## Special Collections & Archives

This semester, the Archives Reading Room will be open Thursdays from 11:00am-12:00pm, and by appointment. The Reading Room is located just off the lower level lobby, around the corner from CASE.



Available materials include the Library's own historical book collection, Jared Van Wagenen's personal collection of agricultural books, and the Iroquois Indian Museum's research book collection. Materials not housed in the room (for example, college history materials from the vault) should be requested at least 24 hours in advance so they can be pulled off the shelf and readied for use. [More information](#) about the Jared Van Wagenen Jr. Archives & Special Collections is available online. You don't necessarily have to visit in person though; you can see many of these materials on the web in our [Institutional Repository](#).

If you would like to schedule a visit to the Archives Reading Room or learn more about anything related to archives and special collections, feel free to get in touch with Katherine Brent (518-255-5851; [brentke@cobleskill.edu](mailto:brentke@cobleskill.edu)).



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Mac-n-Cheese = ♥♥♥



Ooey, gooey, cheesy goodness... Van Wagenen Library is hosting its first "Mac-n-Cheese Is Love" cook-off on Feb. 14th, Valentine's Day. Stop by between 11:00am and 1:00pm to be one of our tasters and vote for your favorites. Please contact Cathy Wise for more information (518-255-5847, [wisec1@cobleskill.edu](mailto:wisec1@cobleskill.edu)).

24/7 Chat: Library Help When & Where You Need It

You can get help from a Reference librarian 24/7 by using our chat service. Seriously. Any time, any day, anywhere you happen to be (as long as there's internet access). It is even easy to use:

1. go to our website: [www.cobleskill.edu/library](http://www.cobleskill.edu/library)
2. click on the big, green 'Chat now' image
3. ask your question



Whether you want to know what time the Library closes tonight, how to cite a source as an image, help finding scientific articles on how pasture size impacts horse behavior, whether we have access to a particular ebook, or how to get your hands on an unpublished dissertation from Rutgers University from 20+ years ago—the 24/7 chat reference is there to help! (Yes, those are all questions we received and answered via chat.)

SUNY Cobleskill librarians are usually on chat duty during the Library's normal business hours. The other hours are covered by an international consortium that the Library is part of. We answer questions for other libraries when they don't have someone on duty and they do the same for us. The participating libraries all share information behind the scenes to help make the service work.

You can also text us (518-444-5485) but unlike chat, text hours are not 24/7. Old-fashioned methods like coming over in person, email, and calling are ok too ([Library@cobleskill.edu](mailto:Library@cobleskill.edu); 518-255-5841).

Faculty & Staff News



Brendan Aucoin is now serving on the FASP (Fiscal Affairs & Strategic Planning) Committee.



Katherine Brent is hosting an archives intern from Syracuse University this semester, Scott Rue.



April Davies is currently serving on two SUNY-wide groups: the Executive Director search committee for the SUNY Libraries Consortium and the Acquisitions Working Group for SUNY's upcoming LSP migration.



Don LaPlant has been invited to contribute an article to a new blog hosted by the Information Literacy Working Group of the SUNY Librarians Association. The article, which will appear online in late January, discusses an in-class exercise Don used in a library instruction session for international students at SUNY Cobleskill.



Cathy Wise and Cindy Maguire are organizing a study group for anyone qualified and interested in taking the civil service exams for Library Clerk 2 and 3 this spring.

**LIBRARY HOURS**

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

**Calendar**

- Jan. 29  
Bubble Wrap Appreciation Day
- Feb. 6  
Lame Duck Day
- Feb. 11  
National Inventors Day
- Feb. 14  
Mac & Cheese @ the Library
- Feb. 18  
Chinese New Year
- Feb. 28  
Orange Carpet @ the Library
- March 3  
National Anthem Day
- March 8  
International Women's Day
- March 11  
Daylight Saving Time Begins
- March 13  
Ear Muff Day
- March 17-25  
Spring Break
- March 30  
Take a Walk in the Park Day
- April 1  
Easter
- April 3  
Research Showcase @ the Library
- April 15  
World Art Day
- April 28  
International Astronomy Day
- May 4  
International Tuba Day
- May 12  
Graduation



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