HAPPY THANKSGIVING — For what are you thankful? Please take a moment to let us know on our discussion board near the 2nd Floor Research Desk.

A Special Note:
The library learning commons will be closed during Thanksgiving week, between Monday the 19th and Saturday the 24th. The library will resume regular hours on Sunday, Nov. 25 at 8 a.m.

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Two new full-time assistant librarians have joined the staff. Cori Wilhelm is a familiar face on campus, coming to the library from Admissions. Mike Magilligan comes to us from Brooklyn, by way of DC. Both Cori and Mike are public service librarians who provide information literacy education as well as research and reference help—among many other things! Please be sure to introduce yourselves.

A Time for Giving Thanks

Every year at this time is a chance to reflect on how much we have to be grateful for. The staff of the library learning commons are no different in this respect, and we realize we how fortunate we are to have:

- Students who ranked us first among SUNY technical college libraries on the Student Opinion Survey.
- Administration that support us and help us to keep student focused in our mission by approving additional personnel, longer building hours, reallocation of space to meet growing student needs, and more. We are especially grateful to Dr. Molly Mott for all of the support she has given us in the years the library learning commons was part of her division.
- A growing population of library patrons who are here regularly and take part in library programming and services. October was one of our busiest months ever with activities and displays in support of the Civility Day Sit-In, Domestic Violence Awareness, and Great Ghosts Week. November is a recognition of Kristallnacht, Thanksgiving and Native American Heritage Month.
- Continued patience with us while we work to reallocate space and materials for additional student work space.

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November Displays

Native American Heritage Month


November 9 is Kristallnacht

Recognizing the horrors of genocide as we remember Kristallnacht.

Where are the reference materials?

As we’ve reported in the past, the compact storage, which housed our collection of print journals and periodicals, has been moved to the basement in order to make room on the second floor for more student work space.

Relocating the materials and the storage units themselves was a huge, messy and noisy job. But the results are worth it and it has freed up lots of room upstairs.

We didn’t stop there. Because Tutoring Services is one of the continuously growing areas of the library learning commons, we’ve moved the non-circulating reference books that were located on the first floor downstairs as well.

We still have them and you may still use them; however, you will need to ask library staff to retrieve the materials you would like to use. Because none of these materials would normally be checked out, or leave the building, all that has changed is their location and the need for a library staff person’s help to retrieve them.

Thank you for your patience.

Gentle Rules for the Library Learning Commons

1. Be aware and considerate of others’ needs for space. Group rooms are prioritized for group study. Individuals may be asked to move, as will groups whose disruptiveness is affecting others.

2. Take care of the environment by cleaning up after yourselves. No food or drinks in the blue recycling bins, please.

3. Cell phone use is prohibited in the labs and on the 2nd floor. Please turn your ringers off and, if you must take a call, please leave the lab or 2nd floor to do so.

4. Music and other sound-generating media must not be loud enough to be heard by others. Use earphones/headphones—your own or borrow a pair at the Circulation Desk.

5. Silent Zones are silent. Quiet Zones may include hushed talking if necessary. Noise in the tutoring labs may be moderate as necessary for tutoring and/or study discussions.

6. Please respect other students, building staff, books and other materials, the furnishings and plants. Respect is a gift that costs nothing but is valued greatly by others.

7. Let common sense guide your language and your conduct, because if that fails and you disrespect others or mistreat the facility, you will be asked to leave.

8. Remember there are few words more valuable than please and thank you. Use them generously.

Thank you,

Your Library Learning Commons Staff
Great Ghosts Week!

October Events

Painted purple pumpkins for Domestic Violence Awareness

Supporting CARES with the 31-Day Civility Challenge and the Civility Day Sit-In.

Great Ghosts Week!

Hurricane Sandy tricked us out of a visit from paranormal investigators, but the rest of the week was all treat with Halloween's costumes and goodies and Dia de los Muertos, presented by students with Hispanic Unity. Special thanks to Brenda Berrios, club secretary.