Jennifer Seagraves Bids Farewell

Jennifer Seagraves worked as the Instruction & Outreach Librarian at Harnett since December 2014.

Ms. Seagraves loved to combine exercise and outreach creating activities like Walkin’ and Talkin’ Tuesdays where faculty and staff could enjoy the fresh outdoors and connect professionally. She also started weekly 20-minute yoga sessions during lunch in the library instruction lab.

Her last day at Harnett was March 15. Faculty and staff threw a going away party packed with pizza and dessert pies on March 14 (Pi Day). Jennifer will be missed, but we wish her all the best in her new position! She leaves us to join Johnston Community College as their Lead Librarian. Congratulations, Jennifer!

Off-Campus Password Has Changed

Starting on May 16, students will see a new look when signing on to library resources off campus. Instead of having one common use username and password, each student will use their own personal Blackboard login credentials.

Your Blackboard username is composed of the first letter of your first name + the first four letters of your last name + the last three digits of your Student ID. Your initial password is your date of birth in MMDDYYYY format.

The new login procedure will prevent blackouts of service. Resetting personal Blackboard passwords is as easy a phone call at 919-718-7529 or an email to blackboard@cccc.edu.

Summer Events

• Summer Reading begins at all locations! See page 4 for details.

• Grow Your Mind at the Harnett Campus Library. Bring a potted plant to our garden or just visit us to help on Watering Wednesdays!

• Remembering our Veterans Past and Present is running all month long in May at Lee Campus Library in partnership with the Upward Bound Program. Come visit us and add your family Veteran’s story to our bulletin board!

*Also at Lee Campus, go on the hunt for Lucky Bookmarks!

*June is LGBT Pride Month.
National Library Week & Activity Day

The month of April was a busy month for librarians at CCCC. National Library Week was the second week. It is the annual celebration of libraries. CCCC joined the celebration by offering activities at its campuses.

The Lee Campus Library invited the Vet Med students and their pups in an event called Paws to Read to promote library resources. Students could take a break from studying and pet a pooch!

Other events included a Maker Fair where students could use a button maker to create original buttons, and a jelly bean jar count.

The Harnett Campus Library began a community fruit and vegetable garden project with potted plants and celebrated with cupcakes.

April 19th was Student Activity Day at the Lee Main Campus. The Library partnered with the Student Gaming Club to offer all kinds of games for students to enjoy at the library including board, card, table top and video games. Students enjoyed Super Smash Bros. on WiiU, Scene It? and Dungeons & Dragons among others.

New Books Available at Chatham

CCCC’s Chatham Campus library collection is housed at Pittsboro’s Chatham Community Library. Visiting students are fortunate to have a broad choice of materials bought by the public library as well as the college. CCCC’s collection can be identified by transparent green labels over the call numbers.

Materials are bought for the library all year long, but recently the library received an influx of new titles. Benefiting departments included Sustainable Agriculture, Sustainable Technologies, Medical Assisting and Math. The English department received a substantial boost.

Resource Spotlight:

DigitalNC

CCCC is striving to maintain its own history and has been steadily archiving historical photos, scrapbooks, and newspaper clippings.

We send our photos to be digitized at the NC Digital Heritage Center housed in the North Carolina Collection at UNC-Chapel Hill, who then makes them available online.

The Digital Heritage Center provides cultural heritage institutions with the opportunity to increase access to their collections.

On May 2, CCCC was featured in the DigitalNC blog posting with examples featuring Heavy Machinery and Adult Education Classes. The online photo collection now holds nearly 2,000 photos.

CCCC has scanned yearbooks and hundreds of photos dating from 1960 to 2005.

This online resource is always free to access at: http://www.digitalnc.org/
Survey Results Are In!

The Spring 2017 Library Survey results have been calculated. We want to thank you for your feedback. Please feel free to share any feedback you have with us at any time as we are always seeking ways to improve our services.

Most of you like that we have quiet spaces and friendly staff available to help you with all your research needs. You love our study rooms and computers, and you also appreciated that we offer both helpful and easy to use online resources.

What you want is more space! More space in general and certainly more study room space – not just the number of rooms but also bigger rooms. Several people expressed interest in study rooms that could accommodate groups. You’d also like to see better copying and printing services. We are aware of these issues and are doing everything we can to make improvements in these areas.

One student wrote in, “A lot of people are on the computers and sometimes I have to squeeze in between two people working in order to print something off. I feel like if there was a certain computer people could use for a minute or two strictly for opening something to print, it would be helpful.” (Please see below for how we are improving this service.)

Overall your responses were positive, “Thank you for being (the) backbone to my success! I wouldn’t be a successful CCCC student without the help from my wonderful library and the outstanding staff that continues to smoothly operate one of the most important places in my school! Thank you!”

Thank you to everyone who participated; keep your suggestions coming!

New Fast Track Computers

We listened to your survey responses! You voiced interest in the library providing computers specifically for short term use, such as looking up a book or quickly printing something. This semester we are adding 4 “fast track” computers at the Lee campus specially designated to fill this need.

You no longer have to sit down or wait to quickly check your email, send a document to print or check our website. You will be able to use these standing-height workstations for any computer need you can fill in five minutes or less.
Suburban Burn is Ty Stumpf’s first book of poetry. He said, “I never began with the intention of writing a book of poems. I just started with three poems at (an) April poetry event, but from there I kept writing.”

Filled with terrifying and beautiful family moments, it was named a finalist for the Cathy Smith Bowers Chapbook Contest. Charlotte-based Main Street Rag Publishing Company offered to publish the finalists.

“These poems are reminders – to me as much as anyone else – that there is beauty in the world. Sometimes you have to look hard, but it’s there. Having our children has reminded me that I need to find those moments,” said Mr. Stumpf in an interview about this book with NC news outlet The Rant, quotes reprinted with permission. Please read the enthralling interview at: https://rantnc.com/2017/04/26/therranterview-stumpf-approaches-work-one-poem-at-a-time/

The book was released in April and is available at mainstreetragbookstore.com. Copies will soon be available at all CCCC campus libraries.

Summer Reading

If you’re the type of person who loves cozying up in a comfortable nook or unfolding a lawn chair on the beach and falling under the spell of a good book, then you should visit your local CCCC campus library. Summer Reading has started!

Faculty and staff are invited to come into their library and create a reading goal for the summer semester.

Come in and get a reading log to record your progress and to get some other goodies too!

Once you’ve hit your goal, bring back the reading log and you will get a prize!

Visit the Lee or Harnett Campus Libraries for more details.

Faculty, Please Check Your Links!

Before you begin your classes this summer or fall, you will need to update your links in Blackboard. Because our proxy server was changed on May 16, all embedded links to online library resources will need the new proxy prefix.

If you need any help updating your links, please do not hesitate to contact our Online Learning & Electronic Services Librarian, Nora Burmeister, at nburm777@cccc.edu.

Access, Learn, Achieve, Succeed!