ESL Collection on the Eastern Campus

In fall 2011 the library proudly debuted its English as a Second Language (ESL) collection. With the increasing number of students attending ESL classes on the Eastern campus, it was important to develop a collection that met the diverse needs of this student population. Following in the footsteps of the ESL collections at Ammerman and Grant campus libraries, the library chose resources that would benefit all levels of English language learners. Highlights include audiovisual kits that provide a thorough introduction to English utilizing CDs, DVDs, and texts. Oxford and Penguin Readers offer adapted classic literature and original works targeted to specific reading levels. Finally, a selection of popular adult and young adult fiction has been acquired for those with advanced English reading skills. Non-ESL students are welcome to borrow these books as well. The collection can be browsed, or works can be found through the Library Catalog. The library will further develop the collection to reflect the changing needs of the students. It will be an invaluable resource for the campus, and we urge faculty to encourage their ESL students to take advantage of it.

ESL Collection Location:
MLRC 1st floor
Near the back staircase
The library welcomes Paul Turano and Johanna MacKay.

Paul, Media PA, completed his B.S. in Communication Arts at St. John’s University. He worked as the senior news photographer and non-linear editor at WLNY (TV 10/55) and received the NY State Broadcasters Association Award for Best Public Service Spot (2004 & 2011).

Johanna, Reader Services Librarian, earned her MLS at the University of Buffalo. She worked as Instructional Services Librarian at the University of Southern Indiana where she promoted information literacy through LibGuides and Camtasia tutorials.

Learn Your Database Basics

Professor Johanna MacKay has created a new research guide: Searching the Databases. The Libraries at SCCC subscribe to over eighty databases, covering a wide range of topics from culinary science to business to literary criticism. Databases are collections of organized information that include magazine, journal or newspaper articles, books or sections of books, images, and more. Our databases provide online, full-text access for many of these resources.

This research guide offers an online tutorial that answers FAQs (frequently asked questions) related to knowing what databases are, searching library databases and using the information found. Professor MacKay describes the various types of resources in databases and emphasizes the importance of selecting an appropriate database to meet your information needs.

Two major database suppliers, Gale and EBSCOhost, are compared and contrasted. Separate tutorials are provided for each, illustrating how to perform a basic search and utilize the results. The guide also provide links to all of the Gale and EBSCOhost databases licensed by the library.

Check out the guide and tutorials to become a more effective database user. Learn about more resources and research skills with all the library’s Research Guides and Online Tutorials.

Need to Study, Get a Room!

Study rooms are available on the library’s 1st floor. Use them alone for quiet study or work with others on a group project. Rooms vary in size and are equipped with a table, chairs, and whiteboard. Dry erase markers can be borrowed from Circulation. They are on a first-come, first-served basis. Sign up at the Circulation counter.

Hello CREDO 😊

Meet the library’s latest reference database. CREDO Reference offers an easy way to search over 550 encyclopedias, dictionaries, biographies, and other reference books, providing entries ranging from simple definitions to in-depth articles along with audio files and images. CREDO offers a variety of research tools. The Concept Map visually shows connections among topics and ideas. Topic Pages provide resources to help users get a thorough overview of their subject with links to images, articles, websites, and videos. The Gadgets widget quickly finds definitions, biographies, pronunciations, quotations, and conversions. It even has a crossword solver for when you’re one-word-away from a finished Sunday puzzle. As with all of the library’s databases, CREDO can be accessed on or off campus by faculty, students, and staff. Try out CREDO Reference today, and you’ll never think of typing the letters W-I-K-I-P-E-D-I-A again!

CREDO Fun Fact

While Mercury only takes 88 days to make one revolution around the sun, Pluto takes 248 years!
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-Richard Armour

Schedule a Library Session in Our Information Literacy Classrooms

The classrooms provide a calm environment in which your students can conduct research using the latest technology. A librarian will happily tailor your library workshop to meet the needs of you and your students. Sessions can include topics like the library catalog, searching in one or more of our databases, plagiarism, citations, resource evaluation, and much more.

Contact Penny Bealle (548-2541 or beallep@sunysuffolk.edu) to schedule a session or two. We hope to see you soon!

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