LEEDing the Way to a More Environmentally Friendly Campus

The Montaukett Learning Resource Center (MLRC) is not only the newest building on the Eastern Campus, but it’s also the greenest! It is in the process of attaining LEED Gold certification, which identifies a building as having a limited impact on the environment. It would be the second LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certified building for the College and the first for the Eastern Campus. The building was designed to meet standards set by the U.S. Green Building Council that focus on utilization of sustainable materials, improvement to air quality and innovative design. Numerous elements have been incorporated throughout the MLRC to meet these standards. The floor plan includes a wide atrium with surrounding rooms, heated floors and numerous large windows to help reduce the building’s consumption of electricity and heating/cooling energy, while providing a spacious and airy atmosphere for users.

To see the MLRC’s impact on the environment try out Building Dashboard. This tool shows the real-time usage of electricity, water and heat for the building. It also provides tips on being more environmentally friendly on campus and at home. It is available online and in the library at the touch screen monitor.
It’s Easy Being Green!

Trying to be environmentally friendly can feel overwhelming at times, but there are some simple steps that you can take to make a difference. The library’s Green Guide offers 10 Ways To Go Green and Save Green from the Worldwatch Institute. Along with tips, you will find a wide variety of print and online sources including books, websites and videos. There is information on enjoying nature in Suffolk County, including its parks, beaches and trails. The Green Guide also supports environmental research with recommended databases like GreenFILE and Environment Complete, new media items and suggested search topics and keywords.

Whether it is for academic research or personal use, this Guide offers many resources and tips to help make your life a little greener!

Library Instruction

Faculty, would you like your students to:
Avoid plagiarism?
Find scholarly journal articles?
Use subject-specific library databases?

Library faculty can help your students develop these essential skills and more in a hands-on environment. We tailor the library session to your specific assignment.

Contact Penny Bealle (548-2541 or beallep@sunysuffolk.edu) to schedule a session or to discuss ideas for developing effective research assignments.

Hello National Geographic Archive 😊

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The official publication of the National Geographic Society provides in-depth coverage of nature, science, the environment and more. With exceptional photos, maps and exciting accounts of exploring such new frontiers as the arctic, the moon and the amazon jungle, this magazine has captured our imagination for over a century.

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Double-sided printing has saved a lot of paper and a lot of trees, but you can do even more to conserve our resources.

Print PowerPoint slides 6 to a page.
- This conserves paper while preventing printer jams.

If your print job has failed, ask a librarian for help.
- Don’t continue to reprint your document.

Click Print Preview before printing websites.
- This allows you the opportunity to format and consolidate pages.

See if the library owns the play, short story, or other text that you need.
- Borrow a copy instead of printing an online version.

Select the option to print multiple pages per sheet.
- Along with double-sided printing, this will save even more paper.

When searching in a database, read the abstract before you print an entire article.
- Make sure the article supports your research, before printing all of it.

Ask yourself, “Do I really need to print this?”
- You’ll be surprised how many times the answer is “No!”

How Much Paper Do We Use?

During Fall 2012, printing in the library used 25 boxes of paper, which equals:

- 250 reams
- OR
- 125,000 sheets
- OR
- 15 trees*

*Tree estimate from Conserveatree
Library Foliage

The library’s plants not only add to the inviting mood of the building, but also help to enhance the air quality. Many were donated by the campus greenhouse.

New Botany Titles

Repurposing the Library Catalog

With the move from physical cards to a digital platform, the library’s catalogs became outdated and unused. However, with the help of the campus plant operations team, the catalogs have been refurbished. They are now practical and decorative side tables. The slots that housed subject and title cards, now display inspirational quotes and the names of current and past library faculty, staff and supporters.

This Norfolk Island Pine was donated by Biology Professor Amy Czura.
Honorable Mention for the MLRC!

Learning by Design magazine highlights architectural firms that design innovative educational buildings for grades Pre-K-12, colleges and universities.

The Montaukett Learning Resource Center, designed by JCJ Architecture, was awarded honorable mention in its Spring 2012 issue (See pages 3, 13, and 80).

The building was praised for both its placement on the campus and a design that includes an inverted roof and large panes of glass. “The building literally glows and invites students to enter.”

Other reasons that the building received recognition include helping to create a campus identity as well as enhancing the sense of community. As one judge noted, “It looks like a place where people want to be.”

Faculty News

● After a distinguished career of over forty years at the Ammerman and Eastern campus libraries, Professor Jay Schwartz retired in September 2012. Jay was instrumental in developing library services for special needs students and expanding classroom media services. Jay promoted the use of changing technology in order to more effectively serve students and faculty.

● Congratulations to Penny Bealle on her recent promotion to Professor. Penny is committed to developing library instruction that helps students effectively access and evaluate resources, skills that help them achieve academic success. She is a prolific author and presenter at national and international conferences on learning and education.

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Earth and sky, woods and fields, lakes and rivers, the mountain and the sea, are excellent schoolmasters, and teach some of us more than we can ever learn from books. - John Lubbock