Fake News, Lies, And Propaganda!

- Wednesday, February 28, 2018
- 1-2:30pm
- Library & Learning Commons 2nd - West

The Library and Learning Commons will host a guest speaker on the topic of Fake News. Angie Oehrli, University of Michigan Learning Librarian, will discuss “Fake News, Lies, and Propaganda! How to Sort Fact from Fiction.”

What questions should we ask ourselves as we watch or read the news? Join us for this discussion as we use critical thinking skills and practical strategies to evaluate the news.

This event is sponsored by GRCC Campus Common Reading, Instructional Support, and the Library and Learning Commons. Snacks will be provided! Questions? Contact Toni Harrington 616-234-3555.

Check out the Fake News Subject Guide!

David Cope Reading Set for Poetry Month

Mark your calendar for 7:00 PM, Thursday, April 12. Post-Beat poet and Grand Rapids Poet Laureate Emeritus, David Cope, will read from his newest book, The Invisible Keys, New and Selected Poems, as well as from poems that span his bardic career. The poetry reading will take place on the 2nd floor of the Library & Learning Commons.

A long-time GRCC English professor, Cope sparked the poetic imaginations of many of his students. He also served as editor of Display for many years. Copies of Cope’s book published by Ghost Pony Press will be available for sale at $16.

Paul Levinson Book Discussion: Fake News in Real Context

- Tuesday, March 20, 2018
- 1 – 2 pm
- Library & Learning Commons 2nd - West

Paul Levinson’s Fake News in Real Context book is free to current students, faculty, and staff and is available at the Library Circulation Desk while supplies last.

Check out the Fake News Subject Guide!
A Note from your Library Director

We’ve had a great year so far with many library service enhancements, including: laptop checkouts; campus common reading events; author visits; the New York Time Online trial; Food Pantry; and, Textbook Course Reserves. Even more changes are planned for the next few months.

A high priority is our Textbook Course Reserve collection, currently with almost 500 textbooks. It’s extremely popular with nearly 4,000 checkouts this academic year. ESL and Sociology provided all their textbooks, and we have almost all texts for Developmental Education, English, Psychology, Business, Criminal Justice and History. Our goal is to have all textbooks in these areas in the next few weeks. “Thank you” to the many faculty and department administrative assistants who have provided textbooks thus far. If you have a textbook you’d like placed on reserve for your class, please stop by the Circulation Desk and we’ll add it to the Course Reserve collection.

We strive to improve service and increase library use at our remote campuses. Librarians welcome the opportunity to visit your campus and teach an assignment-focused information literacy session. If you need librarian support, please don’t hesitate to contact us.

Watch for a New Book island that will highlight our recent library purchases. And, we hope you will take note of, tell your students about, and attend the great programs and events scheduled this semester in the library. You’ll see them listed in this newsletter.

Thanks for making the library an important part of our students’ learning at GRCC. I wish you all the best this semester!

Brian J. Beecher, M.L.S.
Director of the Library & Learning Commons

April 2018 Exam Cram Dates Set

Exam Cram is set for Monday, April 16 through Sunday, April 22nd. We will offer free snacks and beverages throughout the week and weekend prior to exams.

The Library will be open extended hours from 10 a.m. through 10 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, April 21 & 22. Yes – we will be open on Sunday during Exam Cram! Academic Support & Tutoring Services will offer expanded tutoring services on the weekend, too.

Faculty are asked to remind students of this week-long event. In exit interviews, students tell us that Exam Cram makes them feel more supported as a student.

KC Inmate Readers Benefit

Brian Beecher, Nikki Nyenhuis, and Nan Schichtel delivered paperback book donations to GED teacher Bob Schichtel at the Kent County Jail, where they were immediately processed and distributed among readers. Over 300 titles were initially collected in the weeks leading up to the Learning Center Open House. We delivered over 100 more in early January. Many thanks from the Jail, and from the Library & Learning Commons. Special thanks to those academic departments who pitched in on our reading-related service project!

(right) Brian Beecher, Bob Schichtel, and Nicole Nyenhuis with paperbacks for the Kent County Jail.
Keeping Up....

The following titles are licensed for multiple-users, so they’re appropriate for a departmental reading group. Click the title and start reading. Off-campus and Wi-Fi users will be prompted to logon with last name and 7-digit Raider number.


Click here for a list of higher education periodicals available through the LLC.

From GRCC’s Archives
by Mike Klawitter

On March 27, 1977, the Great American Talk Festival (GATF) debuted at Grand Rapids Junior College with radio personality Paul Harvey as the first speaker. The GATF continued through 1984 as an event to utilize the then-new Ford Fieldhouse and to enrich students’ experience of American culture. During its eight-year run, the GATF hosted the best-known personalities in the nation including Ralph Nader, Cicely Tyson, Ray Charles, David Letterman, President Gerald R. Ford, Terry Bradshaw, and, Coretta Scott King.

Spring Break & Special Event Hours

**Spring Break**

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The GRCC Archives, with assistance from the English Department, has been busy completing the digitization of past issues of Display. Display, a magazine of the arts, features the creative work of GRCC student in literature and the visual arts. Under the direction of Mike Klawitter, two English Department student employees, Brooke Shannon and Rhiannon Bower, have scanned and processed 35 back issues of Display for upload into the Display Magazine Digital Archive. With only 22 issues left, this project will be completed during the Winter semester, providing online access to the complete run of Display which began in 1965. To view the collection, visit: http://cdm15772.contentdm.oclc.org/cdm/landingpage/collection/p15772coll3

Assorted Display magazine covers

The New York Times

We’re halfway through our trial year of the New York Times Online. How’s it working for you and your students? Have you integrated it into any of your assignments? Should we continue licensing it? Please let your librarian liaison know what you think about this product. For more on the New York Times Online project, see the Newspaper Subject Guide.

NYT Online is available for tablets, PCs, and smartphones.

Information Literacy?

It’s easy to request Information Literacy Instruction for your students on the LLC website menu:

Research Only Space Requests?

Submit the Research Only form when you wish to reserve 1st-floor computers or study tables in the LLC.

Contact Nan Schichtel with questions!
Kathy Schoen runs the LLC’s RaiderLoan Document Delivery & Interlibrary Loan service. Her job involves borrowing from, as well as reciprocally lending resources to, our over 10,000 library partners – locally and around the world! The borrowing and lending aspects of the job are what libraries call Interlibrary Loan.

Kathy and her student workers are integral to the provision of Document Delivery service. Document Delivery connects the requester – a student, or faculty or staff member – with the resources they need, where they need them! They copy resources, scan them into an online delivery system, and deliver them online to the requester – or – grab a book off the shelf and deliver it to the Circulation Desk for pickup, or, mail it to the requestor’s home or office.

“GRCC has a great library collection – but remember that we can borrow items from libraries around the world – and articles from any periodical we do not carry,” Schoen shared. GRCC’s library book collection contains over 60,000 print titles on the shelf, and 165,000+ books and 20,000 periodical titles on the virtual shelves. Students may never have to borrow books or articles when they’re on-campus, but if they do, they can do so easily, and at no extra cost. Schoen uses both MelCat, a statewide borrowing system, and OCLC WorldCat to locate and borrow titles we don’t own or license. To ensure that materials are quickly available to the user, GRCC uses a 5-day-a-week delivery with other Mel libraries.

RaiderLoan is a key service supporting GRCC’s off-campus community. Public libraries in outlying communities seldom have college-level books or journals. With so many classroom locations in our service area, it would be financially prohibitive for GRCC to provide college-appropriate collections at each location. Librarians teaching information literacy skills ensure that off-campus students, especially, know how to use RaiderLoan. As soon as a request arrives, Schoen mails titles via first-class mail so they arrive in a speedy manner. The requestor reuses the mailing package and a fresh return mailing label (provided) – and can return books to us using the cheaper (and slower) book rate. Articles are theirs-to-keep. Off-campus faculty encourage students to borrow through the LLC, and often help their students by returning the books for them the next time they are on campus.

Schoen noted, “Even if there is a college library closer to the off-campus student, that library is not required to lend to our student, and, in many cases, must follow licensing agreements that may prohibit our user from accessing their collections. However, sometimes those same resources can be accessed if the requests go through RaiderLoan.” RaiderLoan is a cost-effective academic service that helps GRCC meet accreditation guidelines that state that similar resources and services must be available to all students regardless of location.

Like most employees, Schoen’s job includes statistics gathering and reporting. Following US Copyright regulations, she must track which titles are borrowed, and in what year. In the case of periodicals, she ensures that we don’t borrow any title more than 5 times over 5 years, unless we pay copyright compliance fees for that title’s use, or purchase a subscription or license for the title. Schoen shares title lists of borrowed materials (no requestor names attached) with librarians to help them determine if there are gaps to fill in our own home collection.

So, that’s what goes on in the RaiderLoan office. Who knew?

Kathy Schoen & Nicole Poggi process the morning’s RaiderLoan mail.
Sophia Brewer, Collection Development Librarian, will participate in the African American Live Museum on Saturday, February 24th from 2-6 pm at Woodland Mall. It’s the fifth year for the Live Museum, presented by New Hope Baptist Church. This year the museum will feature 25 performances of historical and/or famous African-American personalities including Fannie Lou Hamer and Ray Charles.

When you see Adjunct Librarian Peter Lewandoski, congratulate him and his B-Side Growlers on winning a WYCE Jammie Award in the Traditions category.

Kevin Lyons, Library Circulation Specialist, recently had his position reclassified to an A Level. Congratulations!

Nan Schichtel, Information Literacy & Outreach Librarian, stepped down after serving five years as the treasurer of the National Council for Learning Resources, an affiliate organization of the American Association of Community Colleges.

Kathy Schoen, Interlibrary Loan Coordinator, was named to the MCLS MeLCat Advisory Committee for a two-year term. This committee helps set policy and procedures for MeLCat and RIDES delivery, services that GRCC uses daily. The Advisory Committee works with the Midwest Collaborative for Library Services (MCLS) through the Library of Michigan.

Coming to America: Who Should We Welcome: What Should We Do?

“The immigration issue affects virtually every American, directly or indirectly, often in deeply personal ways.” The National Issues Forums Institute (NIFI), a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization that promotes public deliberation about difficult public issues, recently published Coming to America: Who Should We Welcome? What Should We Do?, a free issue guide about immigration.

The NIFI is a great place to get started if you want to be more reputably informed about controversial topics on topics of interest to Americans. NIFI’s practice for all issue guides is to state the “problem ... set forth with unbiased facts, useful research, and a list of various solutions.” Their immigration guide was designed to help people deliberate together about how to approach the issue. The three options presented “reflect different ways of understanding what is at stake and force us to think about what matters most to us when we face difficult problems that involve all of us and that do not have perfect solutions.” For additional resources on controversial topics, see the Debate & Controversy Subject Guide.