Art at the Library: Haitian Art Collaboration

An Epistle of Resilience

Cumberland County College, Wheaton Arts, and the Cumberland County Cultural & Heritage Commission are sponsoring a number of programs throughout the fall featuring Caribbean culture. One of these programs is An Epistle of Resilience, an art exhibit curated and facilitated by Millville artist, Nadine LaFond. The exhibition features work that was created by Haitian children (ages 6-17) in the aftermath of the devastating 2010 earthquake.

The young artists being highlighted were students of the Art Creation Foundation for Children (www.acffc.org), "a pacifist arts organization and safe house for [...] children and young adults with families in severe poverty".

This is the first United States exhibition of An Epistle of Resilience and it will travel between all of the Cumberland County Libraries throughout the fall, ending with the CCC Library in December before moving on to Baltimore. We hope to see you all at our opening reception on Saturday, December 3rd for this powerful exhibition showcasing the children’s “first-hand accounts in poignant visual poetry”.

(Quotations were taken from the An Epistle of Resilience press release.)

Enjoy our Monster Summer Reading Program?

For twelve weeks this summer, CCC staff, students, and members of the community had a monster of a time reading for prizes!

We had 60 people sign-up for the chance to win prizes like gift cards to Acme, Wawa, and Barnes & Noble!

Linda Scully won the grand prize tickets to Gravity and Other Myths at the Luciano Theatre and Dr. Yves Salomen-Fernandez won a free ceramics workshop for two taught by our own Jackie Sandro! Check out http://libguides.cccnj.edu/srp to see our past winners and information on the program.

Did you miss out on the fun? Make sure to participate in our Staff Library Card Drive this fall and look for information in Spring 2017 about our next Summer Reading Program!

NOTE FROM THE EDITOR:

Happy fall, everyone! It’s time to return to school, think about the weather cooling down, and, this year, think of the big choices facing us in the upcoming elections.

On November 8th the polls will be open and it will be time to vote for who will represent us. Are you ready? If not, the Library has some resources for you.

Check out our new Resource Guide titled Election 2016 (http://libguides.cccnj.edu/voting). You can find information on voter registration, fact checking sites, political parties, your elected officials, and more.

Voter Registration Forms are available in the Library. Make sure you’re registered and make sure you’re informed about the issues that impact you!

October 18, 2016: Last day to register to vote
November 8, 2016: Election Day

GET TO KNOW...

Jenn Aron, while new to the Library Services Assistant position, is not new to the campus. Jenn has been working in the Library on a permanent part time basis since November 1999. She is known as the Website Mistress, the Queen of Spreadsheets and Metrics, and a Dallas Cowboy Fan. What you may not know? Jenn is also a big fan of NASCAR racing and demolition derbies – and owns a flock of ducks and chickens.
Open Educational Resources (OER)
What are they and how can I use them?

According to UNESCO, OER are "[…] teaching, learning and research materials in any medium, digital or otherwise, that reside in the public domain or have been released under an open license that permits no-cost access, use, adaptation and redistribution by others with no or limited restrictions." While it’s not necessary, OER are generally digital materials (such as textbooks, repositories, or image and video collections) that are developed by educational institutions, government agencies, libraries, private foundations, or other entities that create sharable resources.

Utilizing OER in place of high-cost items, such as textbooks, can be beneficial to both instructors and students. OER open a wide array of information that otherwise may be unattainable on lean budgets. By offering free use, anyone with internet access can engage with high-quality educational materials from institutions, such as Harvard or MIT, regardless of their background or economic status.

OER also allow adaptation of materials to suit the user. This could mean an instructor adjusting an assessment tool to fit their own outcomes, or a student altering an image to author a new work. It allows everyone to participate in the scholarly conversation as well as save time by modifying rather than recreating tools.

If you’re interested in learning more about these resources, see the Library’s OER Resource Guide (featured below), or ask a librarian!

(More about OER from UNESCO can be found at: http://www.unesco.org/new/en/communication-and-information/access-to-knowledge/open-educational-resources/)

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Featured Resource Guide: OER

The OER Resource Guide features a variety of materials for those who want to find out more about OER or are ready to start exploring available resources.

While this guide highlights a small fraction of what’s available, it showcases some of the best sources for open access textbooks, databases, repositories, courses, videos, and images.

In addition to providing a number of places to search for OER, the Resource Guide also offers information on Creative Commons, Copyright, and Fair Use. This information will provide direction on adapting OER as well as how to protect and add your own work to the scholarly conversation.

Check out our Group Rooms!

Did you know we have 5 group rooms available at the library?

Two of these are unlocked and available on a first-come, first-serve basis. Three rooms are locked. A key must be checked out to use those.

In order to check out a group room key, you need to be a current CCC student with an updated library card.

Rooms can be reserved ahead of time up to a week in advance.

Rooms can be checked out for two hours.

You need at least two people to use a group room and the rooms are intended to be used for academic work.

Search Tips & Tricks

Truncation:
Truncation is a technique that broadens your search (gives you more results). Use this skill to include various word endings and spellings in your search results.

Enter the root of a word and put the truncation symbol at the end.

The database will return results that include any ending of that root word.

Examples: child* = child, child’s, children, children’s, childhood genetic* = genetic, genetics, genetically

Truncation symbols may vary by database; common symbols include: *, !, ?, or # (look in the help menu of the database you are using)

Finding keywords for your searches:
Have an idea, but not sure which words or phrases to use to find information?
Type your topic into Google. After you run a search, scroll to the bottom of the result page and you’ll see Google’s “related searches.” Here you can see other search terms that people have used to find similar information. One of these related searches may be more relevant, or may provide new ideas or directions for a search strategy.

Stay tuned for more tips & tricks in each issue of our newsletter!
Featured Databases

**OXFORD ART ONLINE**

Oxford Art Online offers access to authoritative, inclusive, and searchable online art resources. Whether ancient artifacts, classic canvases, or modern art, Oxford Art has access to a vast collection of data. With user-friendly navigation, a clear and easy interface, and a powerful search engine, Oxford Art helps you find what you need without a hassle. Search images, biographies, articles and more through this great resource. Try it out and see how easy it is!

**NEW! eBOOKs from EBSCO**

EBSCO’s eBook Community College Collection contains more than 52,000 titles focused on the academic and trade information needs of community colleges. EBooks are easily searchable and simple to download. Content within the collection covers a variety of topics. Subject areas include: Workforce Development, Business & Economics, History, Education, Humanities and Social Sciences, Mathematics, Literary Criticism, and more! Check them out on our database page. Just click eBook Community College Collection.

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**Tips for Academic Success**

*Explore all the links on the college website, in the Portal, in Blackboard; there are more resources available than you realize!*

*Tech Tuesdays@2 are for you!*
- Get tech help by attending Tech Tuesdays—put them in your planner!
- The next session available for students is September 20 in A16 at 2pm.
- Stop in the open computer lab for more information & future session dates.

*Get a calendar or planner and use it to keep track of assignments & important deadlines.*

*Meet with your advisor—be proactive in your planning.*

*Identify resources on campus BEFORE you need them:*
- Library
- Writing Center
- Tutoring
- Advisement
- Disability Services
- Las Vias Program

*Visit the Student Life office & get involved; a list of student clubs is available online: http://www.cccnj.edu/campus-life/clubs-organizations*

*Take the time to read the student handbook http://www.cccnj.edu/campus-life/student-handbook*

*Ask for help when you need it!*

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**Featured Periodicals**

**Game Informer**

What’s next for Call of Duty? When is the new Zelda coming out? What’s happening with FIFA 17?

If you’ve got questions on anything gaming related, dig into GameInformer. It has all the latest on upcoming games, systems, and tech.

Packed full of reviews, updates on releases, and system report cards, this magazine is worth a look.

**Arts & Activities**


Arts & Activities is a source for creative ideas, inspiration, classroom resources and art-education information.

Since 1932, Arts & Activities has been helping teachers create quality, standard-based, visual art experiences for students of all ages. Be sure to give this resource a try!

Periodicals are located on the left-hand side of the reference room next to the newspapers, and are for in-house use only. Copies may be made on the public copier for $0.05 a page, or can be scanned in color for free. Also be sure to check out the databases for articles in every subject as we have many online subscriptions available to read in full text.
NEW and Noteworthy

- We have NEW dry erase boards in our Group Rooms with markers available for check out.
- New scientific calculators are available for borrowing. We have both Ti-84 and Ti30x IIs models.
- We hope all CCC Faculty and Staff enjoyed the Ice Cream social in the library reference room on Wednesday, Sept. 14, 2016. We know we sure did! Ice Cream, music, and awesome attire make for great fun!
- And don’t miss out on our Library Card Drive for all CCC Faculty and Staff! Get a card, or get your card updated, and get a prize!

Library Display Case: Calling ALL Collections

The library wants to see your unique, beautiful, and intriguing collectibles. We have two display cases that want to display.

If you have something interesting you’d like to show off, fill out a form and we’ll fit you in! Go to http://libguides.cccnj.edu/display or from the library’s home page, in the About Us box, click on Library Display Cases.

Meet Our New Student Worker

Jessica Lyon

Jessica Lyon is a current CCC student and a student worker at the library.

She is pursuing a degree in literature and aspires to become an author.

Her hobbies include videogames, anime, manga, nature walks, daydreaming, writing, and of course, reading.

Color Away!

Our coloring contest was a blast! Our winner, Kay Carty, walked away with a STEAMWorks gift certificate and a set of note cards created by our talented Head Librarian, Patti Schmid!