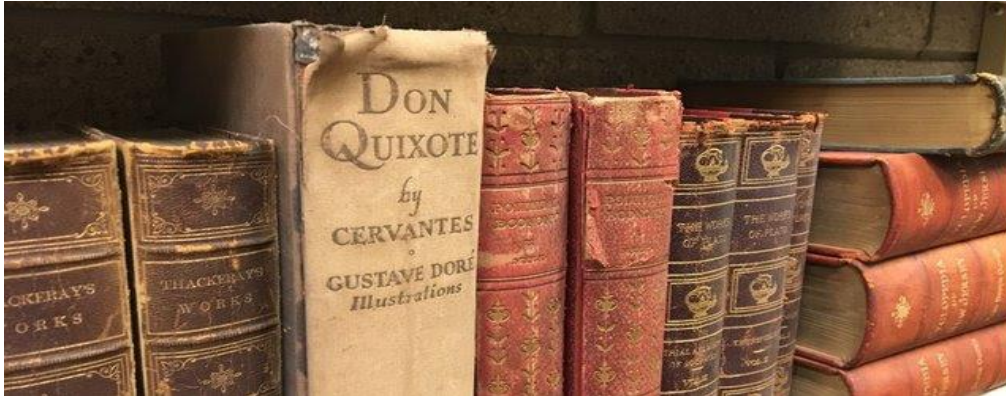
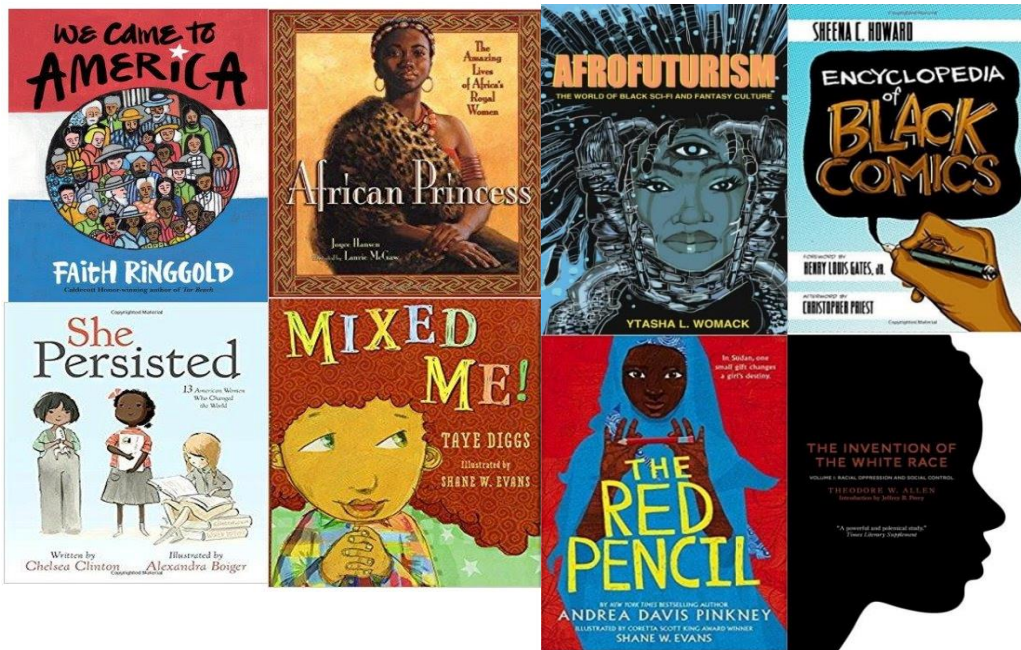


Library Newsletter

Spring 2018



New Afrocentric Collection



Afrocentric Collection Development

A major cross-curricular acquisition effort occurred during the past few months that provides the College community with a concentration of Afrocentric, social justice, and cultural diversity materials. We have developed a collection which includes Afrikana histories, Afrocentric and Afrofuturistic literature, LGBTQIA perspectives, Hip-Hop, and Afrocentric children's literature. A sampling of authors included in this effort are: Theodore Allen, Octavia E. Butler, Yosef Ben-Jochannan, Jan Carew, John Henrik Clarke, Cheikh Anta Diop, Michael Eric Dyson, Patricia C. McKissack, Runoko Rashidi, Faith Ringgold, and Ivan Van Sertima.

Heated Eurocentric academic, political, and economic debates have waged for generations; and have asserted that the entirety of Africa was impoverished and primitive from the beginning and continued through slavery and modernity. This Eurocentric worldview still impacts local and global politics, economics, and social justice.

Afrocentric histories, however, began to be written in the 1960's, 70's, and 80's. A core of writers painstakingly revealed verifiable facts of the Egyptian, Ethiopian, Nubian, and Moor civilizations (among others). These civilizations had advanced science, mathematics, engineering, navigational, and architectural skills. Egyptian Priests in Egypt taught the "Mysteries," which happen to be our current STEAM skill sets.

This is fascinating knowledge. My thanks go to Ahmad Graves-El, Arthur Horn, Randall Kates, Cheryl Gooch, and Donna Pearson for their important contributions to this collection development.

Get to know...

Introducing Katherine Givens

Katherine Givens is excited to be the latest addition to our library staff as the part-time librarian. She has a Masters of Library and Information Sciences from Drexel University, as well as a Bachelor's Degree in History. She's been working in libraries since she was seventeen.

But there's more than just books and reading to Katherine. She loves penning her own novels and short stories, attending Zumba classes, and snuggling with her cat, Bucky.

If you've yet to meet Katherine, stop by the library! She's always happy to exchange a friendly "hello."



New Resource Guide

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History & Geography: History Overview

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History

Welcome!

This is the homepage for the Cumberland County College History LibGuides. On the homepage you will find general resources relating to History & Geography. The tabs at the top will help you to navigate to materials specific to certain historical periods and regions.

This Day in History (History Channel)

- January 08, 1877: Crazy Horse fights last battle of
Jan 7, 2018
On this day in 1877, Crazy Horse and his warriors—outnumbered, low on ammunition and forced to use outdated weapons to defend themselves—fight their final losing battle against the U.S. Cavalry in Montana.

Six months earlier, in the Battle of Little Bighorn, Crazy Horse and his ally, Chief Sitting Bull, led their combined forces of Sioux and Cheyenne to a stunning victory over Lieutenant Colonel George Custer (1839-76) and his men. The Indians were resisting the U.S. government's efforts to force them back to their reservations. After Custer and over 200 of his soldiers were killed in the conflict, later dubbed "Custer's Last Stand," the American public wanted revenge. As a result, the U.S. Army launched a winter campaign in 1876-77, led by General Nelson Miles (1839-1925), against the remaining hostile Indians on the Northern Plains.

Combining military force with diplomatic overtures, Nelson convinced many Indians to surrender and return to their reservations. Much to Nelson's frustration, though, Sitting Bull refused to give in and fled across the border to Canada, where he and his people remained for four years before finally returning to the U.S. to surrender in 1881. Sitting Bull died in 1890. Meanwhile, Crazy Horse and his band also refused to surrender, even though they were suffering from illness and starvation.

On January 8, 1877, General Miles found Crazy Horse's camp along Montana's Tongue River. U.S.

History



The Magna Carta Mundi, which translates from Latin into the Great Charter of the World or World Map, was created by Nicholaus Ioannis Vischerius in 1670. (Wikimedia Commons)

History and Geography Resource Guide

If you're considering studying history or geography, or simply have a curious mind, check out the History & Geography Resource Guide! This guide is the perfect place to begin your research, as it offers access to career resources, relevant databases, and essential books.

This guide is broken down into four categories: World History, United States History, New Jersey History, and Geography. The tabs at the top will help you to navigate through the sections.

Click on the World History tab to find resources broken down by continent, or the United States History tab to find resources for certain time periods or subjects, such as Colonial America, Women in U.S. History, or African American History.

There's even a bit of fun! Take a look at the homepage to find "This Day in History" from the History Channel, or under the United States History tab for "Today's Document" from the National Archives.

You can find this Resource Guide by going to the library's website, clicking on "Resource Guides" under the Reference box, and clicking on "History & Geography."

Featured Periodicals



Nature Magazine

The library is proud to announce our new subscription, *Nature*. Since they first published in 1869, the weekly international journal has served scientists and the public through prompt publication of significant advances in any branch of science. Content includes peer-reviewed research in science and technology. With an emphasis on originality, cross-disciplinary content, timeliness, and accessibility, *Nature* will keep you up-to-date on the latest and greatest new discoveries effecting the scientific and wider public.



Wired Magazine

WIRED magazine focuses on how emerging technologies affect culture, the economy, and politics. *WIRED* calls itself the *Rolling Stone* of technology, providing readers with access to the coolest trendsetting technologies on the market, and ideas for the future. *WIRED* is where tomorrow is realized.

Featured Database: Kurzweil



Kurzweil 3000

You've probably heard a lot about accessibility and universal design for learning (UDL). If you are feeling a little overwhelmed or lost, that's okay. It's a lot to process.

There are a lot of great resources that are being offered to you from the distance learning department (Judy Cirucci), Disability Support Services (Meredith Vicente), and the Cumberland Academy for Professional Education (CAPE)--but you also have help from the Library.

One of the ways we're offering support is by hosting and instructing you and your students in the use of Kurzweil 3000 and Firefly. Kurzweil offers a number of different tools in order to facilitate student literacy. Some highlights are:

- Change fonts for increased readability, including specialized fonts such as OpenDyslexic (a dyslexia-friendly font).
- Highly adaptive and sophisticated text-to-speech options. This includes the ability to read numerous types of documents—even locked PDFs!
- The Talking Calculator can read basic math functions aloud as students are working on problems.
- Change background and text colors in order to create higher contrast for readability.
- Magnify text for low-vision users.
- Highlight electronic texts, create sticky notes, and look-up definitions or synonyms in the American Heritage Dictionary's College Writer's Edition.

Also, there are tools to help you, as instructors, create accessible PDFs, tests, assignments, and reading lists.

A full list of Kurzweil's features can be found on their website: [Kurzweil 3000 & Firefly Features](#). If you would like to see Kurzweil in action, you can check out one of the many videos or training documents in the [Kurzweil Academy](#). The link for Kurzweil can be found on the [CCC Library's homepage](#).

New and Noteworthy



Christmas in Key West

The library enjoyed creating Christmas in Key West for CCC's Christmas Door Decorating Contest. A sandman lounged on the beach while Hemingway sipped drinks in a hammock. Palm trees, cats, and flamingos graced the tableau along with the high flying marlin from *Old Man and the Sea*. Stop by next Christmas to see what crazy ideas we'll come up with!



Hot Chocolate Hootenanny!

You've heard of the library's *Ice Cream Social* hosted in every fall semester--well, spring has sprung a **Hot Chocolate Hootenanny** in the Library. Wednesday, January 31st the library is hosting our very first Hot Chocolate Hootenanny. Stop by from 2:30 pm-4:00 pm to enjoy a warm cup of Hot Cocoa with all sorts of yummy toppings. Enjoy some sweet conversation with coworkers! We hope to see you there!



Check out our Dragon Aerie protecting our safe space!

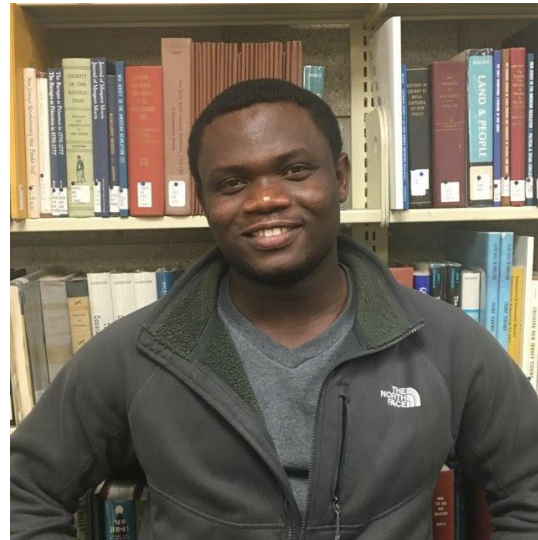
Dragons have begun roosting around the library. They come for the books, but they stay for the company. They know everyone is welcome in the library regardless of who they are or what they believe. Signs designate the library as a safe space for LGBTQIA students. Libraries are for everyone, dragons included!

New Student Workers



Stephanie Stowe

Stephanie Stowe is finishing up her Associates in Social Service and her Certified Alcohol and Drug Counselor certificate. She expects to graduate this spring! She has enjoyed her Internship at Casa PRAC, Inc. In her free time, she enjoys visiting with friends and family, spending summers with her grandson, and hopes to get a position in a Rehabilitation Center to help people struggling with addiction!



Ezekiel Sode

Zeke is currently finishing up his Associates in Business Management. In May 2018, he will be graduating with his Associates in Criminal Justice. Zeke is a huge soccer fan! His favorite Premier League team is the Tottenham Hotspurs. He also plays soccer and enjoys watching movies--even though he ends up sleeping through them. He will be continuing his education at Berkeley College in North Jersey sometime in the future.