Library Welcomes (Back) Bethany Spencer

After a long stretch of juggling vacancies, we were excited to welcome Bethany Spencer as our new Evening Circulation Supervisor in January. In addition to supervising the Library until 10:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday, Bethany is responsible for fulfilling Interlibrary Loan requests, processing periodicals, and coordinating OhioLINK materials.

As an added bonus, Bethany’s Master of Library Science degree and previous academic library experience mean that she is able to teach an occasional evening library instruction session. Bethany is no stranger to library instruction at Cincinnati State, as she was formerly the evening adjunct librarian here from Spring 2016-2017. The Library no longer has an adjunct librarian after 2:00 p.m., making Bethany’s experience even more valuable to our College community.

Originally a New Orleans native, Bethany moved to the Cincinnati region in 2009. After completing her BSc in Library Informatics at NKU, she chose to pursue postgraduate studies in Scotland. She graduated with an MSc in Information and Library Studies in November 2015 from Strathclyde University in Glasgow, Scotland. In her spare time, Bethany enjoys spending time with her new Shih tzu puppy; her nieces and nephews; and crocheting.

Welcome back, Bethany!
SPRING HIGHLIGHTS

Staff News

Competitive Presentations: Myra Justus presented at the 2018 OCLC Resource Sharing Conference in Jacksonville, Florida, as a panelist on Library Consortia’s varying models and methods of participation within the resource sharing field. Additionally, Myra won an Information Delivery Services (IDS) scholarship that supported her conference attendance.

National Spotlight: Kathleen Pickens was featured as April’s ACRL Distance Learning Section’s “Member of the Month”. Kathleen has been an active DLS member since 2009, with past service including: Executive Board Member; Chair of Communications Committee; Chair of Nominating Committee; and, Web Committee member. DLS has approximately 1500 members and is focused on issues and trends with serving online and/or off-campus learners. For more information, see: http://acrl.ala.org/DLS/2018/04/11/acrl-dls-membership-and-communication-committees-member-of-the-month-april-2018/.

Library Displays

Promotional: Stop by for some travel inspiration with our “Around the World in 21 Days” display! Featuring books and films with some sort of transportation tie-in, you will find it easy to “escape” without ever leaving town. Nearby, our “Spring Fling” DVD display features romantic comedies and musicals for light-hearted entertainment on rainy days.

Archives: It’s not too late to peruse the Archives’ “History of Aviation at Cincinnati State” display! Check out the exhibit online at http://cinstatearchives.com, or view the physical display that is just left of the library’s entrance.

Budget Review Session

On February 1, Library Director Cindy Sefton presented the Budget Advisory Team with a condensed overview of Library personnel and operational trends, budget efficiencies, and select key performance indicators (KPIs). The cost of materials and services increases 5% on average each year which—on top of budget cuts—requires selective decision-making when it comes to adding and/or discontinuing resources needed for accreditations. For example, our Ovid Nursing & Allied Health Journals cost $8,606 last year, but will be $9622 next year (11% increase).

View the full budget presentation online at: http://library.cincinnatistate.edu/ld.php?content_id=40946530.
For the Academically Inclined
Ready to geek out this summer? Below are a few of our recently added titles, but visit the Library’s Faculty Guide to browse our featured holdings on Academic Issues, Teaching Strategies, Diversity, and our newest category—Dissertation Research/Writing: http://library.cincinnatistate.edu/faculty.

Academic & Community College Issues
- Creating a Data-Informed Culture in Community Colleges: A New Model
- Practical Leadership in Community Colleges: Navigating Today’s Challenges
- Community College Finance: A Guide for Institutional Leaders
- Contingent Academic Labor: Evaluating Conditions to Improve Student Outcomes

Teaching Strategies
- Teach Students How to Learn: Strategies You Can Incorporate Into Any Course to Improve Student Metacognition, Study Skills, and Motivation
- Flipping the College Classroom: Practical Advice from Faculty
- Active Learning: A Practical Guide for College Faculty

Dissertation Support
- Research Design: Qualitative, Quantitative, and Mixed Methods Approaches
- Qualitative Inquiry and Research Design: Choosing Among Five Approaches
- Writing Literature Reviews: A Guide for Students of the Social and Behavioral Sciences

Summer Entertainment
Borrow bestselling fiction books and popular movie titles, for free! On the Library website, just click the links under “What’s New” to explore our most recent additions.
SUMMER SERVICES & RESOURCES

Library Research Instruction: Scheduling Deadlines

While all instructors of Comp 2 classes will be notified of their assigned date(s) for their library instruction session by the week before their class is scheduled to begin, other instructors will need to place their requests early in the semester so library staffing may be planned accordingly. Wednesday, July 18 is the latest date a research session can be scheduled for Summer 2018; no sessions will be held after that date due to limited librarian availability and to ensure priority projects are completed prior to Fall semester.

EZProxy Update

You may not be familiar with the name “EZProxy”, but if you’ve ever connected to any of our online resources from off-campus, you’ve used it! May of our resources have upgraded their security protocols, which means we must also upgrade ours in order to maintain off-campus access. IT personnel are lending a hand with the background implementation (thank you!), but our faculty librarians will be manually updating every single access point this summer, including: e-resources listed in the catalog; every link in the library guides; and, the embedded search forms on the library’s website. We appreciate your patience while we work through potential issues and encourage you to contact us if you are having trouble connecting from home to a particular resource.

Summer Hours

* The library has reduced hours during intersessions and is closed when the campus is. Generally, we are open the following hours during the Summer semester:

- Monday to Thursday: 7:30 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
- Friday: 7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
- Saturday: 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.