Message from the Director

Hello colleagues! I hope your semester is off to a great start. As always, things are bustling at your Library. New and noteworthy items include three replacement quiet study rooms on the third floor, a pilot project testing a system to reserve study rooms, and an array of digital media equipment that students may borrow. We also have a great lineup of events at the Library and the Hays-Heighe House this fall – including an exhibit on World War I’s Long Shadow, curated by Andrew Kellett with contributions from Jeff Ball and Scott West.

I’m pleased to announce that the committee to plan for the renovation and possible expansion of the Library building and our transformation into a Learning Commons got underway in August. Do you have dreams and ideas about what a Learning Commons at HCC could be? I’d love to hear from you; just phone (X2144), email (CaAllen@harford.edu), or stop by. You can also share your ideas with others on the committee, which includes Lou Claypoole, Katie Callan, Pam Runge, Sherry Massoni, Ruby Burchett, Jennifer Jacobs and Kurt Doan.

I welcome your dreams and ideas not only for what the HCC Library is becoming but also always welcome your feedback on what we are (or are not) doing now. Stop by to talk with me or any of our Library team at any time. Enjoy the semester!

Did you know...?

CREDO InfoLit Modules

In support of information literacy at HCC, the Library has subscribed to a full suite of instructional modules through CREDO. These interactive modules contain text, illustrations, videos, and quizzes with immediate feedback to the students. The modules cover a wide range of information literacy-related subject matter, including developing topics and thesis statements, pre-research strategies, differentiating between types of sources, peer review, search strategies, evaluating information, citing, and more!

The platform provides direct links, embed codes, and LTI integration for pointing students to individual modules and learning components in Blackboard, and module quizzes can be synced with Gradebook in Blackboard.

You’ll find the link to the CREDO InfoLit Modules on the Library’s website under Research Help—Tutorials & Citation Support. Please contact Gina Calia-Lotz, Instructional Services Librarian, with any questions about using the modules.

One Maryland One Book 2018: Bloodsworth

Every year, Maryland Humanities encourages Marylanders to read together during its One Maryland One Book program. The 2018 book theme is "justice," and the chosen book is Bloodsworth: The True Story of the First Death Row Inmate Exonerated by DNA Evidence, by Tim Junkin. Originally published in 2004, this true crime book tells the story of Kirk Bloodsworth, who was convicted of raping and murdering a nine-year-old Maryland girl in 1984. After nine years on death row, Bloodsworth became the first inmate to be freed by DNA evidence. A book discussion led by Cindy Conley, HCC librarian, will be held at noon on Monday, September 24, 2018 at the Hays-Heighe House. For more information, contact the HCC library Reference Desk at 443-412-2131.

Book discussions will also be held at Harford County Public Libraries. The author, Tim Junkin, will visit the Abingdon Library to discuss his book on October 2, 7:00 p.m. Registration is encouraged; contact Harford County Public Library for more information.
Constitution Day

HCC Library, the Hays-Heighe House, the Office of Student Life, and the Paralegal Student Association are pleased to present a full day of events on Monday, September 17, to celebrate the 231st signing by the Philadelphia Convention, which took place in the Assembly Room of the Pennsylvania State House in Philadelphia in 1787.

The main Constitution Day program will be held in Hays-Heighe House, Rm 201 from 12:30-1:30 p.m., with a living history presentation by Ms. Brittany Martin portraying Edmonia Highgate, the first teacher at Darlington School, later called Hosanna School. Ms. Martin as Edmonia Highgate will talk about Edmonia’s important work with prominent abolitionists, and the educational history of Hosanna School Museum as the first of three Freedmen’s Bureau schoolhouses erected in Harford County.

Sharoll Love, HCC Student Diversity Specialist, will talk about the history of the Hosanna School Museum in Darlington and the school’s educational importance during the Reconstruction period, following the aftermath of the Civil War. Attendees will also learn about what Constitution Day is, the background/contradictions of the Constitution and why we are observing the signing of this document, and the importance of the 13th amendment (abolition of slavery), the 14th amendment (granted citizenship to all persons born or naturalized in the United States), and the 15th amendment (prohibited denying a citizen the right to vote based on race). This year is also the 155th anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation. For more information on the Hosanna School Museum, see their website at http://www.hosannaschoolmuseum.org/.

The performance is free and open to the campus community. Refreshments will be provided. There is limited seating, so reservations are strongly recommended. RSVP to Andie Craley at X2042 or ACraley@harford.edu. The program venue is wheelchair accessible. Patrons requiring other accommodations must contact ACraley@harford.edu at least two weeks prior to the event.

Constitution Day Celebration
Events Around Campus

September 17, 2018

⇒ Participate in the reading of the Preamble to the U.S. Constitution at noon in the Quad (rain location: Student Center).

⇒ FREE pocket Constitutions and giveaways at all HCC Library service desks, at the Student Center lower lobby, and throughout campus provided by the Paralegal Student Association.


⇒ Register to vote! Visit the Harford County Board of Elections tables from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the 2nd floor of the Library and in the Student Center lower lobby for assistance with voter registration.

⇒ Get your fun selfie picture with historical figures, signs, and dress-up costumes at the Photo Booth in the Student Center lower lobby, sponsored by the Office of Student Life.

For more information, see the Constitution Day LibGuide at harford.libguides.com/government_information.
Edmonia Highgate

A living history presentation portrayed by Ms. Brittany Martin

September 17
Hays-Heighe House
Room 201

Brittany Martin

Brittany Martin is an alumnus of Harford Community (Class of 2013). During her time at HCC, she was actively involved in the Rites of Passage Mentoring Program (now known as Soar 2 Success). She started re-enacting in February 2012 with her portrayal of Lear Green, an 18-year-old slave from Baltimore. She was featured in WBAL-TV’s coverage of the “Faces of Freedom” exhibit. Her most notable portrayal is Edmonia Highgate, the first Black teacher at Hosanna School. She was given the opportunity to portray her at the Annual Juneneeth Celebration at the Hosanna School for two years. After graduating from HCC, Brittany went on to receive her Bachelor’s in Psychology at Towson University. She is currently enrolled in the Master’s in Applied Psychology program at University of Baltimore.

New Employees

Denice Barkey

Hello! I’m Denice Barkey, part-time reference and instruction librarian. I graduated with a BA degree from West Virginia University with certification in Secondary English Education, and spent several years as a public school teacher, moving to many different states while my husband was in the Navy. I completed my Master’s in Library Science through Clarion University of Pennsylvania, and worked as a school media specialist and as a reference librarian with the public library system. Our family settled in Maryland in 2009 as part of the BRAC from New Jersey. We have three sons and one daughter. In my free time, I like to read, spend time outdoors, and crochet.

I’m happy to be part of the HCC community, and look forward to working with students, faculty, and staff.

Angela O’Connor

Hello! My name is Angela O’Connor and I started as an HCC Library Assistant in May. I am originally from California and worked in entertainment and high-tech marketing for many years. Now I live in Churchville with my husband and three sons. I am active in many community service organizations and I spend all my free time knitting. I love talking to new students (my sons say I’m “extra”) and taking student ID photos! Smile!

World War I's Long Shadow

Thursday, August 23, 2018 — Friday, December 21, 2018
Hays-Heighe House
ADA turns 28

The Americans with Disabilities Act, or ADA, was signed into law by George H.W. Bush on July 26, 1990. This civil rights law prohibits discrimination against people with disabilities. According to The Survey of Income and Program Participation, there are over 56 million Americans with disabilities. The ADA guarantees equal opportunity for these individuals in employment, transportation, public accommodations, communications and access to state and local government programs and services. The law was later amended in 2008 (ADAAA). For further information, visit https://www.dol.gov/general/topic/disability/ada or https://adata.org/learn-about-ada.

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Pierleoni, Gina. Portraits of US. Exhibition, November 5-December 31, 2017, Main Gallery, Montpelier Arts Center, Laurel, MD.
