The Library Letter: Faculty Staff Edition

PINE TECHNICAL & COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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New Year, New Additions!

Since Fall 2013, we've added over **400** books, eBooks, DVDs, online resources and periodicals to the Learning Resources & Technology Center (LRTC) collection. These additions cover a breadth of topics that can be explored by visiting the LRTC website or PTCC campus.

Subscribe to the Library Blog or bookmark the "*Lists by LJorgensen*" page at https://www.worldcat.org/profiles/LJorgensen/lists to keep up with future acquisitions!

Other ways to spot what's new in the library:

- Watch for future newsletters highlighting featured additions.

- Browse the "New Resources" display(s) on-campus.

- Ask library staff! We'd love to recommend your next read.

Contents:

MEDCOM STREAMING VIDEO COLLECTION

We are pleased to announce the LRTC's first streaming video collection!

Medcom is an award-winning and trusted source for healthcare education videos. Thanks to some expert input, we've added twenty-six full-length Medcom titles relevant to PTCC's nursing programs. Each of these videos is accessible both on- and off-campus via our "VIDEO RESOURCES" page. StarID or library barcode is required for off-campus access.

MON   7:30am-9:30pm

TUES   7:30am-9:30pm

WED   7:30am-9:30pm

THURS   7:30am-9:30pm

FRI   7:30am-4pm

SAT   8:00am-1:30pm

SUNDAY   CLOSED

Check our website for break & holiday hours!

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THE LEARNINGEXPRESS LIBRARY HAS ARRIVED!

The Electronic Library for Minnesota (ELM) recently added the LearningExpress Library to its holdings. This is a wonderful resource that covers a wide variety of real-life career topics, including testing & skill-building. LearningExpress also provides help for improving high school and college-level skills and features practice tests for the ACCUPLACER®, ACT®, and SAT, as well as other topics like:

*Math Skills Review	*Science Skills Review	*Reading Skills Review
*CLEP Prep	*WorkKeys® Prep	*Job Search/Resume Skills

Browse the comprehensive Featured Resources list to explore topics and link to practice tests, eBooks, tutorials, and more. (Public library card may be needed for *first-time* verification off-campus.)

The complete ELM collection is available via the PTCC Research Databases page or ELM's direct link: http://www.elm4you.org/ .

EBSCO EBOOK COLLECTION

Did you know that you have access to over 15,221 EBSCO eBooks? Many are downloadable and can be checked out for 7-21 days. Some printing capabilities are allowed. Use the "search within this book" feature to determine relevant sections quickly! The creation of a personal EBSCO account is required for PC download; other personal devices may require additional account creation to get started (Adobe, Bluefire Reader, etc.).

Use this link to search our growing collection on EBSCO:
http://search.ebscohost.com.ptcproxy.mnpals.net/login.aspx?direct=true&db=nlebk&bquery=a&type=0&site=ehost-live

Use this link for help downloading books via EBSCO (eBook help appears in the "Tutorials for Academic, Public, and School Libraries "column.)
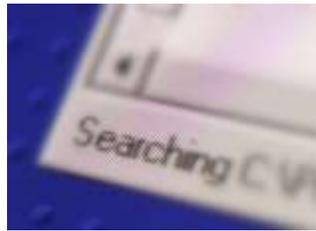http://support.epnet.com/training/tutorials.php

To see ALL eBook purchases belonging to the LRTC collection, search the MnPALS Plus Catalog using "advanced search" then limit to "electronic book." Be sure the drop-down is set to Pine Technical & Community College as many eBooks are not shared across colleges.

Changes coming to the Library Catalog!

Watch for exciting changes coming to the MnPALS Plus library catalog this September. The MnPALS Plus catalog will get a facelift but keep all of the same great options like limiting searches, creating favorites lists, and tagging items in the collection.

The biggest change will be a "dual channel" display for search results. Currently, searches in MnPALS only search the library database meaning individual databases like EBSCO (Cinahl) & ProQuest need to be searched separately. The new version of the library catalog—PALSdiscover—will search all databases simultaneously and present two channels for users to draw from: "Books & More" and "Articles & More." Perform a search using the Alexandria Technical & Community College catalog link for a visual of how PALSdiscover works.

Did you know?

You can make a "favorites list" using the MnPALS Plus catalog (and later PALSdiscover) just by logging into the library catalog with your StarID or library barcode. Here are 7 easy steps to creating a list:

1. Log into your MnPALS account using your StarID or barcode.
2. Locate an item you'd like to add to your list. Click "add to favorites."
3. Choose "create a list" when the option is presented.
4. Name your list. Give it a description if desired.
5. Decide if you want to make this list public or private. (You don't have to share everything!)
6. Click "save" to add your item. Title will display at top of the list box.
7. Your list will be saved under "favorites." Copy the URL when your list is displayed. Now you can share it with others—or be a Scrooge and save the goodies for yourself!

View this gardening list for an idea of how your list will appear to others.

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FACULTY TOOLS SECTION ADDED TO THE LIBRARY WEBSITE

In an effort to highlight resources acquired and created especially for faculty, we've added a "Faculty Tools" page to the library website. This section is under construction, so watch for content to be added over the semester.

If you have suggestions or requests for items you'd like added AND those items fit the make-up of this page, we'll do our best to include them. Please submit to jorgensenl@pine.edu or hicksm@pine.edu.

In the meantime, you will find links to the following (useful) forms:

♦ Library Purchase Request
♦ Nursing & Health Sciences Library Purchase Request
♦ Request a Research Guide

…WHOA… BACK-UP! What is a "Research Guide"?

MAYBE you noticed that one of the items included on the Faculty Tools page is a request for a RESEARCH GUIDE.

"WHY," you might be wondering, "would I want to request that a guide follow me around while I research? Don't these people have enough to do?!"

WELL, YES. AND NO.

OUR FIRST GOAL is always to compile credible, relevant, current resources that will be useful for PTCC staff, faculty, and students. OUR SECOND GOAL is to get them into your hands—a tough task these days thanks to an already overwhelming amount of information and our slight rations of time.

WE HOPE our version of the RESEARCH GUIDE accomplishes both goals.

SO WHAT IS A RESEARCH GUIDE? It IS simply a compilation of resources-- credible, relevant, current, or just plain "favorite" resources--specific to a particular subject or course. Initiated by staff or faculty, the guide is created in conjunction with library staff, then posted to the library webpage (and maybe your D2L class) so anyone can use the guide when the need arises. It's a "quick list" of all the best. A guide willing to stay up all night and give directions; a guide willing to answer (many) of your burning questions. And best of all--you won't have to look over your shoulder!

Take a look at these examples for an idea of what other colleges have done!
Lake Superior   St. Cloud State