Here’s what’s new in the library:
The end of the semester is upon us and as you finish your assignments and begin summer classes, the librarians are available to assist with all of your research help needs.

For Faculty
Don’t forget to start thinking ahead about course reserves, e.g. articles, books and other materials, for the summer and fall semesters 2016.

http://www.bhcc.mass.edu/library/libraryservices/coursereserves/

Summer Hours:
May 16th – June 5th / August 29th – September 2nd

Intercession Hours
Monday – Friday: 9:00am – 4:00pm
Saturday & Sunday: Closed

June 6th – August 26th
Monday – Thursday: 8:00am – 10:00pm
Friday: 8:00am – 8:00pm
Saturday & Sunday: Closed

The library will be closed on July 4th and Labor Day

Classes begin and regular hours will resume on Tuesday, September 6th

Upcoming Events
May 2016
Boston Tea Party & US Taxation
Memorial Day

June 2016
LGBTQ & Human Rights Month
Bunker Hill Day

July 2016
Independence Day

For more information on events and book displays, visit:
http://www.bhcc.mass.edu/library/about/eventsnews/

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Meet Librarian Rachel Baum

As she celebrates the completion of her first year at the library, librarian Rachel Baum shares her journey to becoming a member of the BHCC community:

I’ve had a bit of a long and winding journey to BHCC, but I couldn’t be more thrilled to be a librarian here. After working in the academic publishing industry for a couple of years, I was unsatisfied and feeling disconnected from the college environment, where I really wanted to be. I missed learning, and wanted to badly to escape the “cubicle farm.” Some people fare well, but I felt isolated and unable to interact with a population that I missed being around.

Realizing that I loved research, I decided to pursue librarianship. It helped that I have two librarian parents, who politely nudged me in that direction as I contemplated how I could make research a profession. While continuing to work at the publishing company, I completed my Master’s degree in Library and Information Science at Simmons College in 2013.

After stints bartending, waiting tables, and baking, a position opened up at the BHCC library and I jumped at the opportunity. I’d always wanted to work at a community college; I love the diversity of the student population and the opportunities I have to work with all sorts of amazing people.

I started in May of last year. Since then, I’ve tried to enhance our digital presence by creating video tutorials for the library’s Moodle page and digital research guides for specific courses as well as one for the upcoming election.

As I approach my one year anniversary here, I hope to continue working with students and faculty to enrich their research experiences here at BHCC. I’m always happy to help anyone seeking research help; it’s my favorite part of my job!

Poetry Month Celebrations

Throughout the month of April, BHCC celebrated National Poetry month with a variety of events. On April 12th, the library hosted an event called Verses from the Shelves.

Guest reader Tom Wylie (see below) shared his work including from his book of poetry, Cold Car. As a former administrator at BHCC, he spoke fondly about his time at the college.

Audience members were invited to read either a favorite poem, a piece of their own writing, or from the extensive display of poetry volumes from the library collection. Readers included Lana Ordian, Khalid Slaiki, and Alexey Kozlov from the library staff, as well as Fred Brown, Jean Dany Joachim, and students.
Collection News

The Library has subscribed to a new database, Literary Reference Center from EBSCO. The database contains information on thousands of authors and their works across literary disciplines and timeframes.

Find it on the databases page under Literature:
http://www.bhcc.mass.edu/library/databases/bysubject/

Collection Development

We take pride in our collection and want to make sure the community takes advantage of our resources. If there is something that you would like to see included in the library collection, please email us at: bhcclibrary@bhcc.mass.edu

You can also fill out a collection suggestion form here.

New Books

Titles include:

Art of Memoir

Culture Crash: The Killing of the Creative Class

The David Foster Wallace Reader

Let’s All Play: A Group Learning Un Curriculum

Picturing Frederick Douglass: An Illustrated Biography of The Nineteenth Century’s Most Photographed American

Severe Storm Scientists: Chasing Tornadoes and Hurricanes

The Unfinished Nation: A Concise History Of The American People

Looking for something to do this summer?

The library has museum passes! Visit the Museum of Fine Arts, the U.S. Constitution and several others at a discounted rate.

Passes can be picked up at the lending services desk.

For more information, visit:
http://www.bhcc.mass.edu/library/museumpasses/

Celebrating our Library Assistants

We are thankful for all of their hard work!

A special congratulations goes to Alexey Kozlov who completed his Masters of Science in Project Management from Northeastern University, and to Patricia King who completed her Bachelors of Social Work at Wheelock College.
Library Statistics
Spring semester was very busy! Below are stats from our daily people counts:

“The only thing that you absolutely have to know is the location of the library.”
- Albert Einstein

Your librarians are here to help!
Rachel Baum, MLIS
Anicia Kuchesky, MLIS, M.Ed.
Andrew McCarthy, MLIS
Andrew McLaughlin, MLIS
Lana Ordian, MLIS
Kathryn Neary, MLIS
Vivica D. Smith Pierre, MLIS, PhD, Library Director