Research Appointments

Our subject liaisons are available to provide one-on-one and small group research appointments for students and faculty. Attending a research help appointment is a great way to gather resources for a specific project, learn about our best bet resources, and explore searching strategies.

Attending an appointment is a great time-saver, and now you can sign up online. A research appointment link is now located in the librarian profile boxes that appear in LibGuides and myRedDragon (in the bottom-right corner of the library tab). If you have students in your class that would benefit from research help, we would encourage you to show them the sign-up link and promote this service. You can also access the link here: https://sunycortland.wufoo.com/forms/rbbw10t0hpmt16/

For questions about research help appointments, please contact your library liaison.

New Location for Research Help

Located between the IRSC and the Teaching Materials Center, the new Research Help space is now finished. A comfortable, inviting space, complete with additional chairs, a printer and reference shelves, awaits SUNY Cortland patrons looking for help with their research.

Please visit the Librarians at the new Research Help Desk for help with your research questions.

Solitary Confinement Exhibit

The week following Spring Break will find a life-size solitary confinement cell on display on the 2nd floor of the Library. Its purpose is to raise awareness about issues related to solitary confinement, which is widely used in the United States. The display will give a sense of how small these spaces are and to imagine what it might be like to live in such a cell 23 hours a day. Recently the UN Rapporteur on Torture issued a statement saying that solitary confinement that lasts more than 15 days is considered torture. It is important for us to recognize the legal and ethical implications as well as the social costs of keeping tens of thousands of people imprisoned this way every day.

On Tuesday March 18th at noon Mecke Nagel and Ute Ritz-Deutch will host an opening reception and a panel discussion titled “The Ethics of Solitary Confinement” at the Library. This event will be free and open to the public.
Film Screening Series

As a kick-off for the Spring Semester programs for the college-wide Common Read, Memorial Library hosted a well-attended screening of The Other City on January 28th. The film, about HIV in Washington D.C., is filled with personal accounts which show the struggle people infected with HIV face every day. After the film, health educators and faculty from SUNY Cortland Health Promotion Office, the Jacobus Center for Reproductive Health, LGBTQ Resources Center, SUNY Cortland Health Department, and Southern Tier AIDS Program (STAP) facilitated a conversation with attendees about local services available to them through SUNY Cortland, as well as measures one could take to prevent the spread of HIV.

Our next film, The Invisible War, a documentary about sexual assault in the United States Military, is scheduled for April 23rd.

Testing Center

You may have noticed some changes happening on the first floor of the South Wing of the Library. The large Reference desk that used to dominate the eastern end is gone and has been replaced with a smaller reception styled desk and reorganized space. SUNY Cortland has been scouted as a site for a testing center. Many profession and curricula of the college offer or require certification tests. SUNY Cortland decided to offer testing on campus and the Library both volunteered and was selected as an accessible location. And so the Memorial Library Testing Center was born.

The room that previously housed the Technology Training Center (TTC) will serve as the 9-15 seat testing site. It is expected that the library administration will start exploring other tests needed by the curricula of the College in the fall. SUNY Cortland students that used to have to travel to Syracuse or Binghamton for certification tests could now just visit the Library after registering online.

The library will begin by offering teacher certification tests required by NYS. The vendor, PearsonVue, utilizes a patent-winning design, which was created specifically for high-stakes testing and offers a carefully controlled, consistent testing environment. Pearson Vue’s requirements for space and accommodation set a high standard.

ITDS Instructional Technologies & Design Services

Instructional designers support faculty in task, learner, and content analysis, efficiency and standardization of course design. They assist faculty in developing the overall appearance, organization and layout of a course by utilizing functionality and efficacy of technologies and media tools. Instructional designers apply standardization across courses that provide a learning framework and consistency focused on engaging and facilitating student learning. They can create learning aids, revise and adapt content for online teaching, and assist in developing learning objectives that will enhance student engagement. Their focus is to assist with meeting the needs of today’s college students’ learning styles.

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