FROM THE DIRECTOR

I’m happy to present this first issue of a new newsletter from the Hatch Library to the Bay Path community. In it you’ll meet the library staff on all three of our campuses and learn about the full range of library services and resources that we offer our students, faculty, and community.

When I applied for my current position last year, I was most impressed by the rich content of the Hatch Library’s web site, which we call the “Hatch Virtual Library” and which includes a lot more useful and user-friendly information than most college library web sites in my experience.

Since I started working at Bay Path last July, I’ve been equally impressed by the high level of support the college gives to library services, and by the highly skilled librarians and other staff members who work at the Hatch Library 7 days a week year-round.

Whether you’re a traditional undergraduate, a One-Day student, or a graduate student, I can’t urge you too strongly to take advantage of the many ways we can help you get the maximum value from your Bay Path education. Our hope is to publish future issues of this newsletter at the beginning and the mid-point of every semester. We welcome your feedback, questions, and comments.

INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES

As Hatch Library’s Reference and Instruction Librarian, I’ve had the pleasure of meeting students and faculty in the traditional, graduate, and one-day programs. Statistically, well over 4000 reference question have been answered and nearly 800 students have received information literacy instruction through 50 class visits – and that is just since July of 2008!

I may not remember many of your names, and you may not recall all of the research strategies you were taught in a library instruction session, but I hope you remember that the library is much more than a building full of books or a quiet place to study. Hatch Library provides access to far more information than could fit on its shelves AND a professional staff to help you navigate your way through the seemingly infinite sources of information.

I encourage faculty members to collaborate with me to integrate information literacy instruction into lessons, and I look forward to future exchanges with students seeking information for scholarly, professional, and personal needs.
Welcome to Hatch Library’s circulation desk. Bay Path students, faculty and alumni, as well as students and faculty from CCGS (Cooperating Colleges of Greater Springfield, a network of area colleges) may borrow items from the Hatch Library’s circulating collection. ID’s are needed to borrow from Hatch.

Books circulate for three weeks; DVDs and videos circulate for one week. You can renew by phone (565-1376), or online by going to the library’s home page (http://library.baypath.edu), selecting Hatch Library under “Find Books and Videos,” and clicking on “renew my materials” with your Bay Path ID.

The library does not charge fines for overdue materials. Borrowers are, however, responsible to pay for any materials they don’t return. Bay Path students must return all borrowed materials before the end of each semester. Failure to do so will result in a library block being placed on your college account. Blocked students do not have access to grades or transcripts as well as registration.

The circulation desk is also where faculty place items on reserve. These items are usually for library use only and require a college ID. To find a list of items on reserve by a faculty member, go to the library’s home page, select Hatch Library under “Find Books and Videos,” and then click on course reserves.

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**WHAT’S NEW IN THE ARCHIVES?**

Bay Path College has more than a century of history as an educational institution. Did you know that Bay Path has been both a secretarial school (co-ed!) and a junior college? The Bay Path archives is an attempt to preserve the history of the college through records, documents, pictures and objects. The archives contain everything from yearbooks and student handbooks to dance cards and diplomas.

While the archives might attract anyone interested in history, it can also be useful academically. Consider the possibilities. Are you writing a paper about tuition costs? Look at college prospectuses from each decade to compare tuition rates now and in the past. Are you interested in fashion trends? Take a look at a yearbook from the year you were born (or the year your mother was born).

If you have a question about how to access an item in the archives, call or email the library at your convenience.
NOTABLE NEW ACQUISITIONS

As Technical Services Librarian at the Hatch Library, one of my primary responsibilities is cataloging and preparing new books and other materials for the library collection. We’ve been busily acquiring new books that support the Bay Path College curriculum. Here’s a sampling of recent acquisitions that you might find helpful in your coursework, interesting for an author’s view of the world around us, or just fascinating reading. All are currently located on the “New Books” shelves near the Hatch circulation desk.

The Big Squeeze: Tough Times for the American Worker, by Steven Greenhouse
Blog Wars: The New Political Battleground, by David Perlmutter
Comfort: A Journey through Grief, by Ann Hood (spoke at Bay Path College in March 2009)
Complete Guide to Antarctic Wildlife, by Hadoram Shirihai
Diversity Resistance in Organizations, by Kecia Thomas
E-learning and the Science of Instruction, by Ruth Colvin Clark
Entrepreneur’s Guide to Managing Information Technology, by C. J. Rhoads
Gridlock Economy: How Too Much Ownership Wrecks Markets, by Michael Heller
Health Care Meltdown, by Robert H. LeBow (revised edition)
Innovation to the Core...Transforming the Way Your Company Innovates, by Peter Skarzynski
Peak Performance: Success in College and Beyond, by Sharon Ferrett (7th edition)
Quest for Global Dominance: Transforming...Competitive Advantage, by Anil Gupta
Raising Venture Capital for the Serious Entrepreneur, by Dermot Berkery
Shattered Peace: Versailles 1919 and the Price We Pay Today, by David Andelman
Soul of the Corporation: How To Manage the Identity of Your Company, by Hamid Bouchikhi
Stories We Need To Know: Reading Your Life Path... by Allan Hunter (spoke at Bay Path March 2009)
Teach with Your Heart, by Erin Gruwell (Bay Path’s 2009 Commencement speaker)
This Republic of Suffering: Death and the American Civil War, by Drew Gilpin Faust
Three Trillion Dollar War: The True Cost of the Iraq Conflict, by J. Stiglitz & L. Bilmes
Women's Reflections on the Complexities of Forgiveness, by Wanda Malcolm

SAVVY SEARCHER’S SPOTLIGHT

You’ve heard of Disney World but have you ever heard of IBISWorld? It’s a lot of fun in its own way, especially if you’re looking for industry market intelligence.

IBISWorld is a research database which provides you with the latest industry intelligence in the US and abroad. There are over 700 US Industry Market Research reports in IBISWorld, each 35 pages or longer with an executive summary for a quick overview. The Global Industry Research module gives you access to over 80 reports on international industries. These reports are great for gathering international intelligence on those overseas ventures you want to pursue or research. The Business Environment reports provide information on topics like the current state of the housing or banking industries. Very timely topics indeed.
PERIODICALS COLLECTION

One of my responsibilities at Hatch is helping to keep our periodicals collection up-to-date. Periodicals is a word librarians use for magazines, journals, and newspapers. This collection is essentially two-fold: online and print.

Our online periodical resources are extensive. We continue to focus on acquiring the best and most recent information to support the Bay Path College curriculum. Almost 100 databases, which can be easily accessed by subject or by title, provide access to full-text articles in thousands of periodicals through the Hatch Library homepage.

In addition, we maintain a highly accessible and user-friendly print periodical section. This area contains the most current academic journals relevant to the programs offered at the college. We keep many back issues of periodical titles that are not available online on shelving on our main floor or on our basement level. Other periodicals are available at Hatch in both print and online form.

JUVENILE COLLECTION

One of my most enjoyable tasks is setting up the monthly displays in our Juvenile Room highlighting various themes. In March, our book display, for Women’s History Month, celebrates the accomplishments of women who have helped shape the nation and the people that we are today. In April, come see our National Poetry Month display. It’s a great time to explore the “world of words” in our children’s poetry collection.

The Juvenile Room at Hatch Library is located on the second floor of the building. The library’s collection of juvenile books is primarily a collection of children’s literature to support teaching in education and child development classes. Here you will find books to fit every stage of reading development. We also have a wide selection of books that have won the American Library Association’s Newbery Award and Caldecott medals for children’s literature.

Whether you’re a student, teacher, or someone who just loves children's books, you'll discover a wealth of resources in our Juvenile Room. From picture books to YA novels, fairy tales to biographies, Judy Blume to J.K. Rowling, you're bound to find something here that you will love to read!
WHAT’S NEW(S) AT THE CMC?

As the Information Literacy Librarian at Bay Path’s Central Massachusetts Campus (CMC) in Charlton, I am happy to report that the CMC resource room has acquired a small collection of materials that will be available for circulation. We are hoping to acquire even more materials in the future, so stop by and see what’s new. And don’t forget, we also receive several magazines and newspapers on a weekly or monthly basis for your use.

Workshops will be offered near the beginning of each session for students wishing to learn about the different resources available at the Hatch Library. Database Searching, Internet Searching and RefWorks are the three workshops taught regularly and may be attended as often as you wish. Feel free to contact me if you need help with any other type of research assistance.

The Resource Room is open from 4:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. If these times do not work for you, I am available by appointment on Saturdays. I am also available to come into classes for all types of library instruction.

WHAT’S NEW(S) AT BURLINGTON?

I’m the Information Literacy Librarian at Bay Path’s Burlington Campus.

What is information literacy? According to the American Library Association, “Information literate people are those who have learned how to learn...because they know how knowledge is organized, how to find information, and how to use information in such a way that others can learn from them. They are people prepared for lifelong learning, because they can always find the information needed for any task or decision at hand.”

How can your Information Literacy Librarian help you to become information literate? First, she can help you save time, a precious commodity for Bay Path students. Beginning a research project can be a daunting task, but to research efficiently is to save time.

Second, as your Information Literacy Librarian guides you through the information-gathering process, she is teaching you how to search efficiently and effectively on your own. Whatever your topic, she will show you how to find the best information.

She has helped a student locate articles on discrimination felt by pregnant women in the workplace. She has also helped students locate biographical information on US senators and shown those students how to track legislation backed by those senators.

As a Bay Path College Burlington Campus student, you may email a reference question to me any day during the week, and I’ll answer your question within 24 hours. Or, come to the library during scheduled hours for individual or group help with an assignment. Faculty may schedule time for me to come to their class to talk about resources appropriate for a particular assignment.

It does not matter where you fall on the information literacy scale, novice or experienced. Our goal is information literacy for all, not only important for your success as a student, but also for lifelong learning and active citizenship.

Mia Morgan

CMC: (508) 248-5088

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INTERLIBRARY LOAN & REFERENCE SERVICES

One of my responsibilities as a Reference Librarian is handling the Interlibrary Loan Service we provide for our three campuses. An interlibrary loan (ILL) at Bay Path occurs at a library user’s request when the materials she or he wants to use (books, DVDs, articles, etc.) are unavailable at our library. Through an ILL transaction, those materials are provided to us by another library. We get materials from libraries not only in our region, but from all over the country. As a part of this cooperative effort, Bay Path also lends items from our library collection to libraries across the US.

There are several ways that an ILL request can be initiated. On the library’s home page, you’ll find links to an electronic ILL Request Form in three places: the Hatch Virtual Reference page, the Faculty Services page, and the CMC/BC/Distance Learning page. Many of our databases also have a link to that same electronic ILL form for any article that is not available in full-text. You can also send an email to our ILL email account, ill@baypath.edu, including as complete a citation as possible in your message. Here at Hatch, you can fill out a request form in hardcopy; forms are located next to the Reference Desk.

When making a request, keep in mind the timeframe which this process requires. It generally takes 3 to 10 days for materials to arrive – sometimes less, but sometimes more. ILL is a multi-step process, involving staff at other libraries, and there’s little we can do to speed up the turnaround time. If you’re new to using our ILL services, the staff at Hatch Library are happy to answer your questions or assist you with making ILL requests.

Although we always recommend that you visit the library in person when you need reference assistance, you can also call 413-565-1376 whenever the library is open, or email our reference desk by clicking “Ask a Librarian” on the Hatch Library home page anytime. If we’re closed when you email us, we’ll get back to you ASAP the next day.

6 Most Searched Databases

- Academic Search Premier
- CINAHL
- PsycArticles
- Gale Virtual Reference Library
- Medline
- Expanded Academic ASAP