WELCOME TO THE NEW CENTER FOR LEARNING EXCELLENCE

The dust has settled and the new R. Lowell Wine Center for Learning Excellence (CLE) is open for business! Previously housed on the first floor of East, the new CLE is now located on the first floor of the Wyndham Robertson Library and includes the Writing Center and the Quantitative Reasoning Center. The CLE is staffed by student tutors who have completed a semester-long course on peer-to-peer tutoring. Tutors can help students in every stage of their writing assignment (from structuring the paper to proofreading) or with mathematics.

The renovated space includes a large classroom, a modular tutoring space with whiteboards, and a seminar classroom in the back. Be on the lookout for articles in the next two newsletters for information about services available at the new CLE!

THE LIBRARY’S COMMUNITY PUZZLE

Help us celebrate the excitement and possibilities the new year brings by participating in the library’s community puzzle. Beginning on September 14th we will have blank puzzle pieces around the library that you can transform into works of art. Use the blank space to depict your plans for the new year, show us how the library fits into your college experience, or showcase your favorite new design. The possibilities are endless! Once they’re decorated, just drop the puzzle pieces off at the library. In October we will take the decorated puzzle pieces and create an art installation for the library.

Community Puzzle
- Blank pieces available at the circulation and reference desk in the library
- Decorate pieces between September 14th—October 2nd, some art supplies available in the library coffee commons
- Return pieces to the box by the reference desk or the book drop in front of the library

Questions? Please contact Rebecca Seipp, Outreach Librarian at seipprl@hollins.edu.
America’s News is a new full-text newspaper database that provides access to newspapers across the country. Along with LexisNexis and Factiva, America’s News rounds out our coverage of newspapers by providing excellent coverage of local and statewide newspapers, as well as select national publications.

Users will find:
- Roanoke Times, Richmond Times-Dispatch, The Daily Progress and 47 other Virginia newspapers.

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What we Learned Last Year—Assessment

The assessment for library instruction was an investigation of learning. Specifically, the librarians studied students who were working on research projects, to measure whether they had learned to use sources which were appropriate and authoritative. We talked to students and their faculty, and we evaluated final projects.

37 surveys, 29 interviews and 20 bibliographies later, our results showed that 80-85% of students demonstrated success, which is good news! We also learned that students can always use more help when it comes to finding materials from a variety of sources, and with citing sources.

When describing the library, the most common words or phrases were “valuable resources”, “helpful”, “useful,” and “better places to look.” One student noted that the library helped her "do stuff in 30 minutes that would have taken me two hours."

The library will use the results of this research to help us plan instruction sessions this year. Questions about this project? Please contact Maryke Barber, Public Services Librarian, at mbarber@hollins.edu.

Appy News

Question: What is mobile, free, and has been used over 25,000 times during the first year?

Answer: The HU Library App!

We are excited to learn that the app is useful and that you’re accessing everything from the library catalog to articles and databases on your phone. Here’s a quick refresher of what’s available on our app for those of you who have the it. If you don’t, take a look at what you can do!

HU Library App
- Search our collection of books in the library catalog
- Access your library account & renew books/films
- Check library hours
- 15 databases are available to search
- Connect with us through social media

Search “HU Library” in the App Store or Google Play to download today.

New Coffee Shop Hours

Greenberry’s Coffee at the library will be open the following hours during the fall semester:

Sunday—Thursday: 6-10 pm

Greenberry’s in the library offers a number of espresso drinks, drip coffee, tea, snacks, smoothies, and more! Remember, you can use your Hollins Dollars or your credit/debit card at Greenberry’s. No cash is accepted at the library location.

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