



# Pennsylvania Highlands Community College Library Link

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## Library Events and Updates

This Spring Semester the Library has some new initiatives designed for faculty, staff and students.

### One Book, One Community

The second annual *One Book, One Community Reading Program* is scheduled for this April. The reading selection is *A Walk in the Woods: Rediscovering the Appalachian Trail* by Bill Bryson. The title was selected because of its writing style, general-audience appeal, and environmental themes.

Activities scheduled include various walks on the trails in Cambria County, book-discussion groups, and presentations by faculty at the University of Pittsburgh and St. Francis University. All students, faculty, and staff are encouraged to participate. Copies of the book are available in the Bookstore.

### Writing Center

Beginning in the Spring, a Writing Center will be established for students who wish to have research papers reviewed for adherence to required style forms, namely, APA and MLA. Student volunteers will be screened by English faculty members. Any student wishing to volunteer to assist in the Writing Center should submit at least two writing samples in which they used either the APA or the MLA style.

The Writing Center will be located in the Main Library and will be available depending on the hours that volunteers are scheduled. A schedule of hours will be posted outside the Library. If anyone has questions about the Writing Center please contact the Library at 814-262-6485 or visit the Library's website at [www.pennhighlands.edu/library/libhome.htm](http://www.pennhighlands.edu/library/libhome.htm).  
—Barbara Zaborowski, Associate Dean for Library and Academic Affairs

## History: Different Perspectives

Coleridge exclaimed: "If men could learn from history, what lessons it might teach us!" (*Oxford English Dictionary*, 4th ed., 212). A.J.P. Taylor asserted: "Human blunders, usually, do more to shape history than human wickedness" (679). Sir W. Raleigh opined: "[History] hath triumphed over time, which besides it, nothing but eternity hath triumphed" (536). H.G. Wells affirmed: "Human history becomes more and more a race between education and catastrophe" (727).  
So . . . what do you think? —Mary Lou Patrick, PHCC Library Link Editor/PHCC Librarian

## Finding the PHCC Library—On Campus & Online

Whether on or off campus, you can access and use the PHCC Library.

If you wish to visit or contact the PHCC Library, there are two locations:

- \* Main Library at the Greater Johnstown Career and Technology Center in Richland
- \* North Library at the North Education Center on Route 22 in Ebsburg

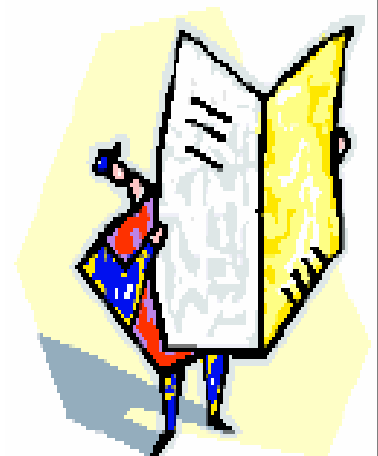
See page 4 of this newsletter for Library addresses, telephone numbers, operating hours.

If you want to access/use the Library off campus/online (card catalog, online databases, etc., go to the PHCC Library Webpage < <http://www.pennhighlands.edu/library/libhome.htm> >.

To access the online databases off campus, you will need a username and a password. To obtain this information, visit any PHCC Library, show/get your PHCC Library registration and show proof of current semester registration. (Note: There are **some** databases that are only available on campus.)—MLP

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## Faculty Footnotes . . .

Faculty who have a writing assignment in their courses may want to explore the new 10-minute library-instruction format. The 10-minute format takes place over the course of the semester and coordinates with research assignments. A Librarian will conduct a 10-minute presentation at the beginning of each class once a week. The 10-minute format enables library instruction to be tailored specifically to subject areas, and students have the opportunity to interact with Librarians as they pursue their research topics. Library information is also contained on a Blackboard site specially designed for the course.



If you are interested in having a 10-minute library presentation in your courses, please contact the Library for more information.—BZ

## History: Selected Titles

Among the many history-related titles in the Penn Highlands Community College Library's collection are the books (B), videos (V), compact discs (CD), and Journals in print (J) listed below. (For a sampling of selected history-related websites, see page 4 of this newsletter.)—

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| American Heritage (J)                            | Pennsylvania: A History of the Commonwealth (B) |
| Ancient Man: the Beginning of Civilizations (B)  | Rise and Fall of the Third Reich (B)            |
| Before Their Time: Ancient Technology (V)        | Slavery (B)                                     |
| Chronicle of the Roman Emperors (B)              | United States History (CD)                      |
| Invitation to Archaeology (B)                    | Vietnam: A Television History (V)               |
| Natural History (J)                              | Women's Rights (B)                              |
| Nerds 2.0.1: A Brief History of the Internet (B) |   |



## An Overview—History Resource Center, World / U.S.

**History Resource Center, World** covers historical events, subjects, and people from antiquity to modern times, from around the globe. The database includes e-text and original-page facsimiles from more than 2,000 primary sources, including microfilmed documents from the collections of *Churchill at War*, *History of Women*, and *The Middle East from the Rise of Islam*. Information is also provided from 25 reference works, such as: *Historic World Leaders*, *History in Dispute*, *History Behind the Headlines*, and *World Eras*. In addition, articles are offered from 110 periodicals, including *19th Century Music*, *Africa Today*, *Business History*, *History Today*, *History of Religions*, *Journal of American History*, *Labor History*, *Natural History*, *Theatre History Studies*, and *World Economic Outlook*.

**History Resource Center, U.S.** focuses on events, topics, and individuals from the U.S. pre-colonial period to the present day. Researchers can view more than 1,000 primary documents, 30,000+ reference essays/articles, as well as articles from 65 journals. Source titles include: *American Eras*, *American Journey Online*, *Great American Court Cases*, *Historic U.S. Events*, *Agricultural History*, *Asian Affairs*, *Chinese America*, *Christian History*, *Duke Law Journal*, *Feminist Studies*, and *World*



## HRC: World / U.S.—General Search Tips

The **HISTORY RESOURCE CENTER: WORLD / U.S.** are unique databases, with diverse sources of information. The SEARCH & DOCUMENT DELIVERY features are the same for both.

- \*Always use at least 2 or 3 search terms to narrow your search. It will allow you to find your information needs more efficiently.
- \*Be specific about your search topic.
- \*Find an exact phrase using the "W Operator." (It narrows your search to a phrase in the order you wrote it.)
- \*Single search terms and phrases can be combined in the search box.
- \*Use Boolean Logic to expand or limit your search.
- \*Use plural word endings if needed.
- \*Use synonyms of your topic for search terms. (cont'd on Page 4)

## Search & Document Delivery Features— History Resource Center, World / U.S.

### SEARCH TYPES:

#### **Basic Search (General)**

- Searches the entire database within all 'range of fields': including subject, keyword and title, etc. The results are grouped into unique tabs or areas: Reference Materials, Periodicals, Primary Sources and Maps and Images. The name of the document and its source will be displayed. Reference Materials and Primary Documents are ranked by 'relevancy,' Periodicals are listed in 'reverse chronological order,' and Maps and Images are 'alphabetically ranked by title'.

- A 'Subject Guide' will be displayed on the left side of the results screen. The subject guide contains links to broader and narrower terms associated with your search topic.

#### **Subject Search**

- Searches the entire database within the subject 'range of field'. The subject guide is arranged in a hierarchic listing to help conduct research by topic. The results are grouped into unique tabs or areas: Reference, Periodicals, Primary Documents, Maps and Images and Additional Sources. The name of the document and the source will be displayed. Reference and Primary documents are ranked by 'relevancy,' Periodicals are listed in 'reverse chronological order,' Maps and Images and Additional Sources are 'alphabetically ranked by title.' A 'Subject Guide' will be displayed on the left side of the results screen for more related search topics.

#### **Advanced Search**

- Enables you to retrieve very specific search results. Includes 'Full Text Search,' 'Keyword Search,' 'Subject Search,' 'Title/Headline Search,' 'Source Search,' and 'Author Search.' Results are returned into tabs or areas: Reference-'relevancy ranked,' Periodicals-ranked in 'reverse chronological order,' Primary Documents-'relevancy ranked,' and Maps and Images-'alphabetically ranked according to the title.'

#### **Person Search**

- Retrieval of information dealing with individuals or a group of individuals. The search feature allows you to select 1 or multiple search areas: Name, Nationality, Birth and Death Year, Gender, Ethnicity, Profession, and Birth and Death Place searches. Results are grouped into tabs or areas: Reference, Periodicals, Primary Documents, and Maps and Images. Reference and Primary documents are 'relevancy ranked,' Periodicals are in 'reverse chronological order,' and Maps and Images are 'alphabetically ranked **according** to their title.'

#### **Chronology**

- Allows you to search in a particular year or range of years in the 20<sup>th</sup> century, useful in retrieving documents related to a specific year instead of a specific topic. The results are listed by tabs or areas: Arts and Ideas, Politics, Government and Economics, Science, Technology and Medicine, and Society. The information is displayed in 'forward chronological order.'

#### **News Digest**

- Finds historical events that were written as they happened. Years involved are 1931-1945.

#### **Mark List**

- Creates a 'citation list' of useful documents.

#### **Navigating Results Lists**

- When a tab or area is highlighted, it contains information resulting from your search. If the tab is not highlighted, the search found no results for the tab or area.

#### **Infomarks**

- Allows the researcher to save URL locations for future reference.

#### **Search History**

Located at the bottom of the search screen. Enables the researcher to quickly find (in order) a list of previous searches. Click on one, and that search will appear on the screen.

### DOCUMENT DELIVERY FEATURES

- Documents are delivered in both 'Full-Text' and 'Citation' form. Documents for the 2 databases are available in 'Excel', 'Word', 'HTML' and 'PDF' formats. The information can be 'Saved to a Disk', 'Printed,' and also "E-Mailed" to another computer.

Source: Gale: <http://www.gale.com/>

—David L. Dwulit, PHCC Librarian



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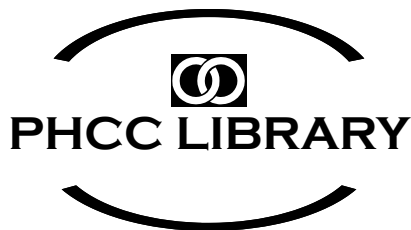
Main Library (GJCTC)

Pennsylvania Highlands CC  
445 Schoolhouse Rd, Ste 100  
Johnstown, PA 15904  
Phone: 814-262-6458  
Fax: 814-262-0465

North Library (NEC)

Pennsylvania Highlands CC  
881 Hills Plaza Dr., Ste 450  
Ebensburg, PA 15931  
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**PENNSYLVANIA HIGHLANDS COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
LIBRARY MISSION**

The Pennsylvania Highlands Community College (PHCC) Library is dedicated to providing its users with access to informational resources designed to enrich and support the educational objectives of the Pennsylvania Highlands Community College.

The PHCC Library will provide resources in a variety of formats that will be designed to allow for universal access by all types of users.

The PHCC Library will provide the technology necessary to make its users literate and knowledgeable of information retrieval techniques and will encourage lifelong learning through information-literacy instruction, information-skills training, and individualized instruction.

The PHCC Library will strive to remain in the forefront of the information revolution through continued staff and faculty development and training. Only through continued expansion and growth will the PHCC Library be able to meet the informational needs of its users today and tomorrow.

**LIBRARY HOURS—SPRING SEMESTER 2005**

Main Library (GJCTC)

Monday-Thursday 8-9

Friday 8-5

Saturday 9-3

North Library (NEC)

Monday-Thursday 8-9

Friday 8-5

Saturday 9-3

**SEARCH TIPS—HISTORY RESOURCE CENTER, WORLD / U.S.**

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**Capitalization-** The search engine is not case-sensitive. Capitalization doesn't affect the search results.

**Punctuation-** Apostrophes (') and Ampersands (&) are not recognized by the search engine. Delete them.

- Hyphens (-) located between two words are considered to be part of the term. Include any hyphens.

**Truncation (Wildcard) Characters-** Asterisks (\*), Question Marks (?) and Exclamation Marks (!) are used to find words and numbers in similar patterns.

**Date Ranges-** Ranges are used to find multiple years information in the date field.

**Search Operators-** AND: Retrieves documents with both search terms included (Advanced Search)

- OR: Retrieves documents one or both search terms (Advanced Search)

- NOT: Retrieves the 1<sup>st</sup> search term, does not include the 2<sup>nd</sup>.

- PARENTHESIS ( ): Allows construction of very complex searches.

**Proximity-** W OPERATOR: Finds search terms in a specified order within the # of words indicated.

- N OPERATOR: Finds search terms in any order, but within the # of words indicated.

**Field Length-** No limit on the amount of characters used in the search box.

Source: Gale: <http://www.gale.com/>

