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From the Library Director's Desk

Dr. Carl Antonucci, Jr.

“There’s More to the Story” – National Library Week 2023

The theme of this newsletter is to highlight all the wonderful resources that the Elihu Burritt Library has to offer to our students, faculty, staff, and community. The academic library of 2023 is much more than a warehouse filled with books and it is especially important to all the users that walk through our doors. The theme of National Library Week 2023 was “There’s More to the Story” and this newsletter will highlight the events that took place here at the Burritt Library.

We all have our own library story. Mine began as a young child when I visited the Providence Public Library. My library journey continued in high school when I was assisted by many wonderful librarians who helped me find resources for my assignments and papers. I also worked as a work-study student at the Providence College Library. I started working there in September 1985 and have now worked in academic libraries for 38 years.



Libraries are an important part of my life and in the lives of many people. The Elihu Burritt Library is especially important to our students who use many of the services that we provide. During these difficult budget times, it is important that you tell your own library story and help to advocate for the Elihu Burritt Library.

Here are some suggestions:

- Start a group that advocates for increased funding for the campus library.
- Advocate for more funding for the library to purchase textbooks and print and electronic resources.
- Advocate for faculty use of more Open Educational Resources (OER).
- Let the campus leadership know that the campus library is very important for student success.
- Write an editorial to your campus newspaper in support of the campus library.
- Last but not least, tell *your* library story!!!

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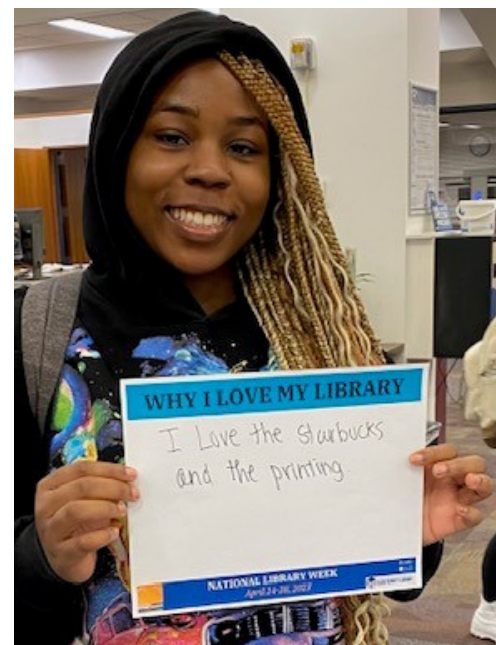
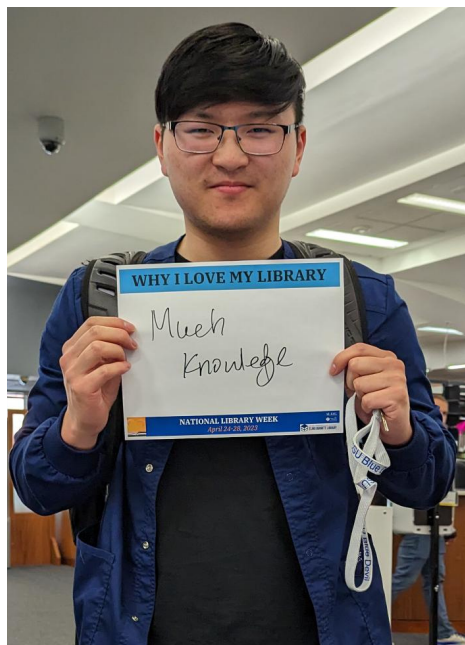
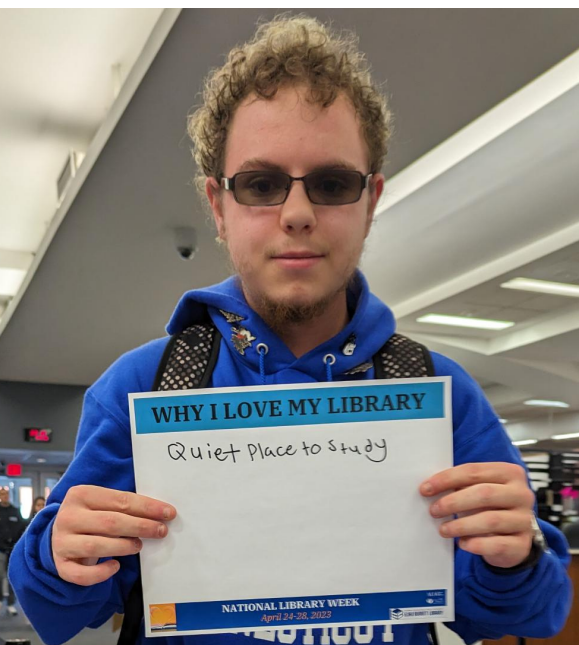
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Since 1958, National Library Week sponsored by the American Library Association (ALA) celebrates libraries, library workers, and everyone who loves and supports them. This year's theme, *There's More to the Story*, provided opportunities to share more about library services and resources, share stories in different ways, and have fun.



Tell Us Why You Love Your Library Kickoff



"It is much better to get homework done than at home."

"I found the books I needed for my courses here [...] libraries are essential for students."

"The librarians... ask for help!"

"Research workshops have been great assistance."



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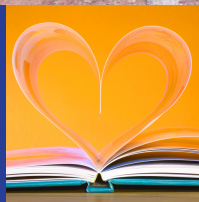
Italian American Poetry Reading Event

In celebration of National Poetry Month and National Library Week, the Elihu Burritt Library and the Italian Resource Center hosted an evening with contemporary Connecticut Italian American poets.

Special thanks to Professor Dennis Barone from the University of Saint Joseph and David Cappella (CCSU) for inviting all of our esteemed poets pictured below. Their published poems are available in the Library.



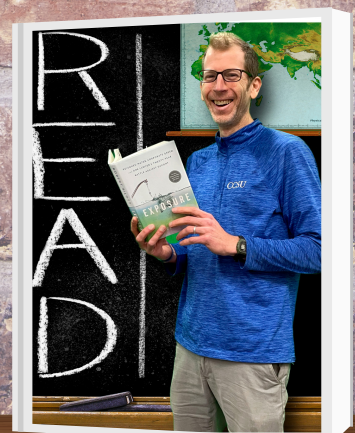
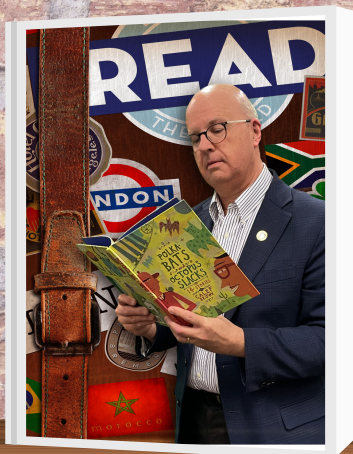
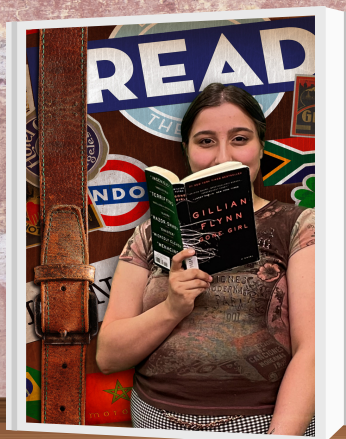
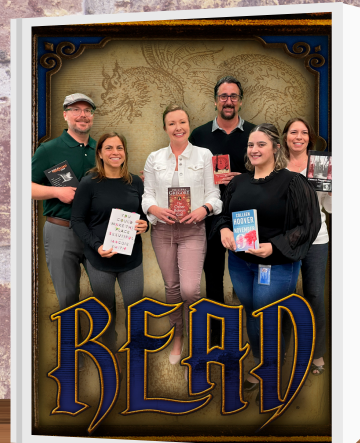
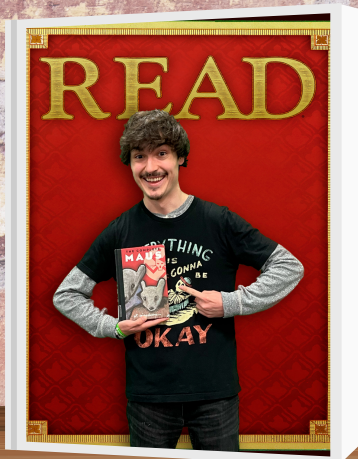
Top row, l to r: Dennis Barone, Tony Fusco, Joanie DiMartino, Simone Puleo, Kenneth DiMaggio
Bottom row, l to r: Tom Nicotera, Maria Frank and David Cappella, Danielle Pieratti,
Gian Lombardo, Elizabeth Thomas

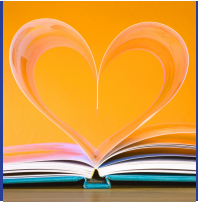


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Grab Your Favorite Story & Picture Yourself on a READ Poster



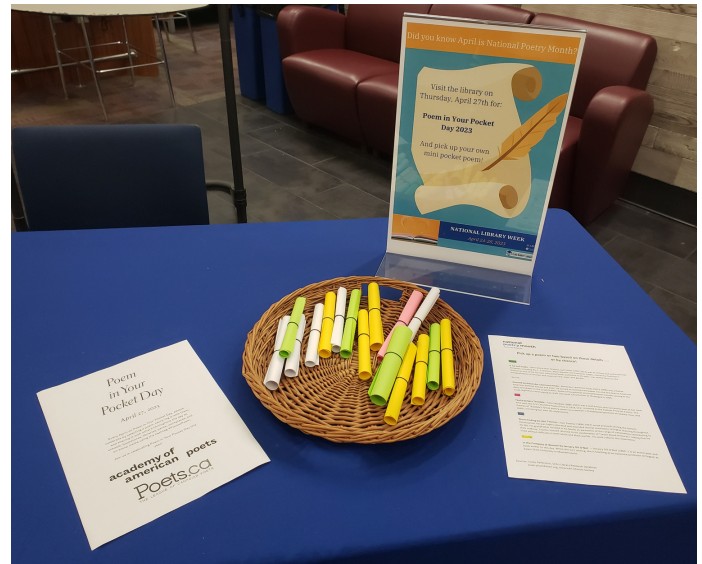


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Poem in Your Pocket Day

On Thursday, April 27th, we celebrated Poem in Your Pocket Day. The Academy of American Poets created this day to encourage individuals to keep a poem in their pockets to share with others. Visitors to the Burritt Library were able to choose from five different pocket poems. Leftover poems were shared at the library's booth at Accepted Students Day and proved to be a very popular giveaway! Find pocket poems online here: bit.ly/pocketpoem2023



Poem in Your Pocket Day table - the tray of pocket poems needed constant refilling!



(above) Dr. Reggie Holt with his latest book, Counseling Individuals With Co-Occurring Addictive and Mental Disorders

(right) Scenes from the start of the Faculty Appreciation Lunch

Faculty Appreciation Lunch



Our final event of the week was the Faculty Appreciation Lunch. Thank you to all the faculty who stopped by! There were yummy treats and giveaways, time to connect and share some laughs, and a final opportunity to have READ poster pictures taken.



There's More to the Story ... Here's Mine

Faculty Share What Libraries Mean to Them

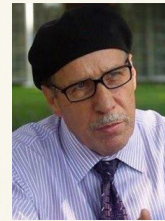
At CCSU, we have a great resource and partner in our Elihu Burritt Library. As faculty, we need access to journals, books, reports, and other publications to support our research, creative activity, and teaching. I always know I can count on our digital and print collections for relevant, timely, and useful literature. When working with graduate students who need to conduct research for our coursework, I teach them how to use library resources. Also, for our doctoral candidates, who are asked to disseminate the results of their own, original research, we use the Cabell's Directory of Publishing Opportunities database to locate both scholarly and practitioner-focused journals for submission that match their research interests. I could not do my job without the assistance of our library!



Dr. Jeremy Visone
Associate Professor,
Department of Educational
Leadership & Instructional
Technology

I am a lifetime friend of all libraries and librarians. As a homeless child my Local Library was the place I went to after school. My mother would pick me up from work. I stayed warm and safe in that old library. My mother's high school friend was the librarian. Mrs. Boyle made sure I had a hot chocolate and some cookies every day. You might say the library saved my life.

*Link to my blog about the library:
<http://childrenaremorethantestscores.blogspot.com/2017/04/old-shoes-in-library.html>*



Dr. Jesse P. Turner
Professor of Literacy,
Elementary and Early
Childhood Education &
Literacy Center Director

Libraries have enriched every stage of my life, from my elementary school Bookmobile through high school, college, graduate school, and as a university professor. I've spent many, many hours in cozy corners of quiet libraries with stacks of books at my desk. The New York Public Library and Avery Architectural Library at Columbia University were once my second homes.

Today, I spend my time in the Elihu Burritt Library and in my campus office, which, with all the books I borrow from the library, practically constitute a mini Burritt Library!



Dr. Leanne Zalewski
Associate Professor
of Art History

There's More to Special Collections & Archives

By Renata Vickrey

*The Department is home to the **Polish Heritage Book Collection** and the **Connecticut Polish American Archives**. Both collections support the curriculum of several courses offered in CCSU's Polish Studies Program and are of interest to many visiting scholars. In addition, the library hosts exhibits and organizes events that promote Polish history and culture.*

"The Lady of Radium: The Life of Maria Skłodowska-Curie"

In celebration of the centennial of Maria Skłodowska-Curie's first visit to the United States, the Embassy of the Republic of Poland in Washington, D.C. created an original exhibit focusing on the life and legacy of the two-time Nobel Prize winning scientist. It showcases her support of Poland's scientific development and her ties to its scientific community.

The exhibit was on view in the Burritt Library from March 26 to April 30. The opening lecture was presented by Dr. Kristine Larsen, Professor of Astronomy at CCSU. Additional remarks were offered by Katarzyna Rybka-Iwanska, Head of Public and Cultural Diplomacy at The Embassy of the Republic of Poland in Washington D.C. It was a very successful event and a fitting way to celebrate Women's History Month. To further spread the information about this remarkable Polish scientist, the exhibit was subsequently brought to the State Capitol in Hartford.



Renata Vickrey, Beata Pekala, Ewelina Tunia, Katarzyna Rybka-Iwanska at the Burritt Library exhibit



Heaven Rich, CCSU Public History intern, Maliha Ahsan, Outreach coordinator to Rep. Peter Tercyak, Renata Vickrey, Archivist and Outreach Librarian

50th Anniversary of the Polish Studies Program



The Polish Studies Program at Central Connecticut State University and The Polish Institute of Arts & Sciences of America are organizing a joint conference/anniversary celebration that will be held on CCSU's campus on June 9-10, 2023.

The general theme of the conference is "Migrations". New Britain, Connecticut has been a popular destination for generations of immigrants from Poland. These Polish immigrants have helped fund CCSU's endowed chair in Polish and the Polish Heritage Book Collection and Connecticut Polish American Archives in the Elihu Burritt Library. Panel discussion and scholarly papers will address the determinants, processes, and outcomes of human migration, including the migration of ideas and materials, from the perspective of various disciplines.

Information about the Polish Studies Program and library holdings can be found here:
<https://www.ccsu.edu/polishstudies/>

Let's Talk!

By Joy Hansen

Info Lit Article Discussion Group

During National Library Week 2023, the CSU Information Literacy Team consisting of instructional librarians from across the system hosted the first ever Info Lit Article Discussion Group. Two sessions were held virtually – the first facilitated by Joy Hansen, CCSU and the second by Amy Jansen, SCSU. Reflective responses to discussion questions and sharing of classroom experiences centered around these two scholarly journal articles on hot topics in information literacy instruction:

Goodsett, M., & Schmillen, H. (2022). Fostering Critical Thinking in First-Year Students through Information Literacy Instruction. *College & Research Libraries*, 83(1), 91–110. <https://doi.org/10.5860/crl.83.1.91>

Park, D. E., & Bridges, L. M. (2022). Meet Students Where They Are: Centering Wikipedia in the Classroom. *Communications in Information Literacy*, 16(1), 4–23. <https://doi.org/10.15760/comminfolit.2022.16.1.2>

Plans are to repeat this professional development event in the near future.

Announcing Library Department Cards

What does ISAR stand for? Who do I contact if I have questions about the library's research databases? What treasures are found in Archives/Special Collections? In response to these and many more questions, library team members have created attractive and informative cards for their departments, including an overview of their services, pictures of staff members, and contact information. Added bonus: the cards double as bookmarks! Pick up one or more cards from the rack on the Library's 1st floor.



Rack of library department info cards found on the 1st floor

Seen Around the Library

Finals Week is crunch time. There are a lot of ways to alleviate stress including 3-D puzzles, meditative coloring, and therapy dogs named Ace and Ryder.



As announced in the Fall issue of The Burritt Connection, we continue to update and improve upon the *Library Impact Dashboard* found at <https://libguides.ccsu.edu/libraryimpactdashboard>. These are just a few of the statistics that were showcased on the digital signs during National Library Week.

Last semester,
134,180 visitors
passed through
our doors.

Since January 2023, the
library's website logged
over 75k pageviews,
some by
visitors from
outside the U.S.

We answered
over 7,200 questions
at the 1st & 2nd floor
"Ask Us" desks
this academic year
('22-'23).

Librarians provided
research skill instruction
in over **140 classes**
across a variety of
academic disciplines
this year ('22-'23).

Thank You



**THANK YOU TO THE
SUPPORTERS AND DONORS OF THE
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By Renata Vickrey

You helped to make National Library Week and the Devil Double Dare campaign a success with your generous and continuous support.

Your generous donations are used to supplement book purchases and journal and e-resource subscriptions. We are proud to add additional textbooks to our collection and provide greater assistance to our students to help them graduate.

Thank you.

If you would like more information, please contact Renata Vickrey at vickreyr@ccsu.edu or call 860-832-2085.

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