

# ELIHU BURRITT LIBRARY NEWSLETTER



## From the Desk of the Library Director – Thanks to the Friends of the Elihu Burritt Library Advisory Board

*By Dr. Carl Antonucci, Jr.*

One of the goals of the Library’s Strategic Plan is to “expand the Library’s reach through broader engagement with the campus community and beyond.” A key group that helps us to accomplish this goal is the Friends of the Elihu Burritt Library Advisory Board.

The Chair of our advisory board is Professor Gilbert Gigliotti. As Director of Library Services, it is very helpful to have such a supportive group of people to work with to enhance the visibility of the Library through planning events and to help with fund-raising. We meet a minimum of two times each fall and spring semesters, plus one time during the summer. Dr. Paulette Lemma, Dean of Graduate Studies Emeritus, and Renata Vickrey, University Archivist and Community Outreach Librarian, recently worked on drafting the Purpose, Organization, and Responsibilities for our Advisory Board. The purpose of the Advisory Board is as follows:

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## Francis J. Gagliardi – 2018 Rainbow Award Recipient!

*By Renata Vickrey*

On October 12, 2018 Central Connecticut State University held their second annual Rainbow Breakfast organized by the Office of Diversity and Equity. This year one of the remarkable Rainbow Award recipients was Francis J. Gagliardi, former Associate Director of the Elihu Burritt Library. He received this award for his contributions to the LGBTQ and campus community as a community partner, specifically for his work with creating and developing the GLBTQ Archives at the Burritt Library.

Francis J. Gagliardi (Frank) was born and grew up in an Italian neighborhood in New Haven. Over the years, he earned three academic degrees. From Southern Connecticut State University he earned a Bachelor



*Francis J. Gagliardi (R) and Alberto Cifuentes (L)*

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## EXCITE Transformation for Libraries – Connect U: Fall Into the Library

By Kristina Edwards



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“.. slow professors act with purpose, cultivating emotional and intellectual resilience to the effects of the corporatization of higher education”.

-Maggie Berg and Barbara K. Seeber from *The Slow Professor*

In January 2018, several members of the Burritt Library came together to create what many of you know as the Burritt Library Excite Team. The Burritt Library Excite Team; Dr. Carl Antonucci, Kristin D'Amato, Kristina Edwards, Martha Kruy, and Susan Slaga-Metivier; went through a specialized professional development learning new ways to connect and create new and innovative programs for the CCSU community. The result of our hard work was the creation of a program called “Connect U: Fall into the Library”. The first iteration of our program is centered on a book

discussion using the book *The Slow Professor: Challenging the Culture of Speed in the*

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“First, the Advisory Board’s purpose is to enhance the Library’s visibility and, in so doing, support a goal of its Strategic Plan, specifically to “expand the Library’s reach through broader engagement with the campus community and beyond.”

Second, the Advisory Board’s purpose is to support the Library’s fund-raising capacity from multiple sources of giving. To facilitate the proper handling of funds, the Library is a member of the Central Connecticut State University Foundation, which is both a source of monetary support and the agency that holds all FOL accounts.”

A big thank you goes out to each member of the Friends of the Elihu Burritt Library Advisory Board:

**Dr. Gilbert Gigliotti** – Professor of English

**Steven Kliger** – Executive Director of Center for Public Policy and Social Research & Director of Confucius Institute

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## Better Know a Librarian – Brian Matzke

By Martha Kruy



Our new Digital Humanities Librarian,  
Brian Matzke!

In this edition of Better Know a Librarian, I am lucky to introduce the newest addition to the Burritt Library Staff, Brian Matzke. Brian recently relocated to New Britain from Michigan, where he earned his Ph.D. in Literature, taught introductory composition, and then earned his master of science in information (M.S.I.) with a concentration in library sciences. Since Brian's parents are both academics in political science, he has lived on college campuses throughout his life and always knew he wanted to work in academia.

The original *Jurassic Park* initially inspired Brian's fascination with science fiction, which he studied for his Ph.D. dissertation, *All Scientific Stuff: Science, Expertise, and Everyday Reality in 1926* (the year in which the first science fiction magazine was published). His background in and appetite for science, technology, and literature led him to study the digital humanities within his M.S.I. degree, and he's only looking

forward to the future of digital humanities at CCSU. Currently there isn't an established definition of the study of digital humanities. Basically, the academic field of digital humanities encompasses scholarship, pedagogy, collaboration, technology, and media studies that span the entire academic humanities curriculum, but I'm sure Brian will have a better explanation! He will be teaching DH100 where he will teach students how to find, evaluate, and use the information with technological tools to create new digitally-oriented knowledge (in the format of a website for their final projects).

Please join me in welcoming and getting to know Brian Matzke!

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*Academy*. The book discussion allowed faculty to connect and discuss the various topics talked about in the book including time management, pleasure in teaching, and community.

ConnectU took place in Special Collections on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor of the Burritt Library on October 4<sup>th</sup>, October 24<sup>th</sup>, and November 15<sup>th</sup>. Faculty came together from various academic departments to discuss the book and share their thoughts about some of the concerns and issues that faculty are facing today. It was clear from the discussions that most faculty agree academia has changed a great deal over the years, and the responsibilities of faculty are not the same as they were ten years ago. It was great to have faculty come together to connect (even if they did not have a chance to read the book). Faculty shared thoughts that even went beyond topics in the book including the need to mentor junior faculty and the idea of faculty being there for each other. This program has also allowed the library to connect and work more closely with the Center for Faculty Development (CTFD). The success of ConnectU is really founded in each of the connections made between faculty, CTFD, and Burritt Library throughout the creation and hosting of the book discussion.

Though the title might be misleading to some, we hope more members of the CCSU community will be able to find time to read this book. We do believe that our program is proof positive that faculty are looking for ways to connect with each other and discuss shared issues and concerns even in spite of overwhelming schedules. Our hope is to continue to work with other departments at CCSU to provide outlets for the discussions and the connections our faculty want and need.

*“Francis J. Gagliardi – 2018 Rainbow Award Recipient,” continued from page 1*



*From L to R:  
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of Science degree with concentration in history and library science in 1963 and a Master of Science in Library Science in 1971. In 1980 he earned a Master of Science degree in Organizational Behavior from the University of Hartford.

Frank started his professional career at the Central Connecticut State College library as a cataloger. He eventually became head of the Cataloging department. After this, he took over as Head of the Special Collections and Archives. From 1973 to 2009 (when Frank retired) he served either as the Associate Director of Library Services or the acting Director, which he did from 1988 till 1989.

Frank was instrumental in establishing the Friends of the Library group, whose purpose was to promote the Library and to solicit funds for purchasing additional books.

Frank settled in Plainville, where he still lives, and is a trustee of the local public library.

Everyone who knows Frank Gagliardi knows that in addition to his professional responsibilities while at CCSU, beside his family, he had two major passions:

First – his love of pop-up books for children. Frank is a collector and promotor of these books, and for years he was a President of Connecticut Chapter of American Collectors of Children’s books. His collection is sizable and contains several hundred titles. Frank said in an interview once: “...there is a child in every one of us, these books are fun not only for children. I am fascinated by the mechanics of these books and how it makes me feel when I open them and have something jump up at me.”

Frank’s second love is the GLBTQ Archives at the Burritt Library. He was instrumental in establishing this archive. He continues to be a tireless advocate for equality and diversity. Frank was curator of the GLBTQ Archives for many years and promoted the unique collection at the state and national level. He understands the importance of preserving the history of gay and lesbian people. Because of his activism, CCSU continues to receive many archival collections from local organizations and from individuals who are/were active in the GLBTQ community. Today these archival materials are used by CCSU students, faculty, and outside scholars. Some materials have been digitized and are available on the Library website.

Even though Frank has retired, he continues to donate materials to the Archives and generously supports the Gender Equity Fund at CCSU.

Congratulations Frank for this well-deserved recognition!



*2018 Rainbow Award*

## Get on BOARD: Borrow Board Games at the Burritt Library!

By Briana McGuckin



One of the many board games available at the library!

On Thursday, November 8th, 2018 the Elihu Burritt Library held its first-ever board game night! From 6 to 9 p.m., students dropped in for a slice of pizza, joining in with our fun-loving librarians for games of Concept, Exploding Kittens, Timeline, and Ticket to Ride.

But the fun doesn't end there. The event was held to let students know that Burritt Library now carries board games that students can borrow to play with friends and family. There are about thirty board games in the collection. To see what games the library has, students may peruse a notebook at the 1st floor Circulation Desk or take a look at our board game collection LibGuide (<https://bit.ly/2PksWp6>).



Students and librarians enjoying a game of Ticket to Ride.

Many students had not been aware that the board games were available in the library. Some stayed for the whole evening, either sticking with one game or jumping around to try a round or two of each. Even students passing by on their way to study couldn't resist a round of Concept or Timeline (both of these being easy to learn, with quick rounds).

Judging by the peals of laughter (not to mention sudden cheers or groans) on the first floor, as well as the empty pizza boxes, it seems that Elihu Burritt's first board game night was a success.

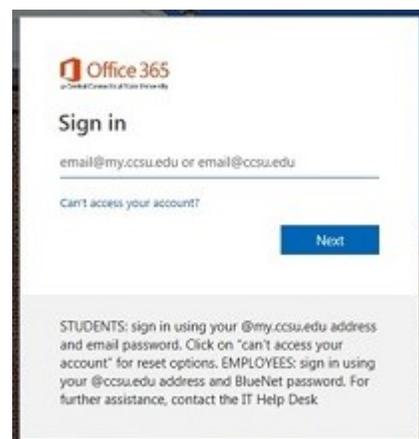
If you couldn't attend this event, but are interested in future board game nights at the library, please e-mail Briana McGuckin at [bmcguckin@ccsu.edu](mailto:bmcguckin@ccsu.edu).

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## Introducing the New Authentication System By Dana Hanford

This past August, the Elihu Burritt Library instituted a change that makes it easier for many library users to log into CentralSearch and the library's databases. CCSU users now use their CCSU email and password combination to access databases from off campus or log onto CentralSearch. This is an improvement for library users whose BlueNet account and email prefixes are not the same and also applies to students whose email addresses end in my.ccsu.edu. The passwords used to access the library's CentralSearch and online resources can be reset through CCSU's Accounts Management page, if needed.

Instructions for the new log in procedure can be found here: <https://bit.ly/2zUNp9b> and posted on the library's website: <https://bit.ly/2DnNG7Z>.



Office365 login prompt

## Trick or Treat at the Burritt Library!

By Mary Jo El-Hachem

Trick or treat was back at the Burritt Library for the fifth consecutive year with candy, prizes, and e-resources! The event held on Tuesday, October 30<sup>th</sup> brought librarians from all departments together to teach students some of the special features of US Newsstream, JSTOR, PsycINFO, Scopus, Mergent, and RefWorks.



Students learning about e-resources at the Burritt Library.

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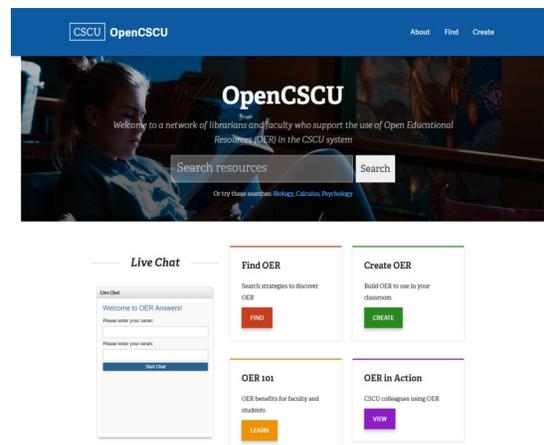
## OpenCSCU: CCSU Librarians Support Faculty Statewide in their Search for Open Educational Resources

By Sharon Clapp

*“Open Educational Resources are teaching, learning, and research materials in any medium – digital or otherwise – that reside in the public domain or have been released under an open license that permits no-cost access, use, adaptation, and redistribution by others with no or limited restrictions.”*

- (<https://hewlett.org/strategy/open-educational-resources/>).

Faculty and students are concerned about the rising costs of textbooks. Increasingly, they are turning to Open Educational Resources (OER) to provide free or low-cost materials for their courses. A major challenge to OER adoption is how difficult it can be for faculty members to find openly licensed materials that support their curricula. Librarians from the Elihu Burritt Library have been supporting CCSU faculty members interested in OER via individual consultation for several years. This fall, they joined a new statewide live chat service and website known as OpenCSCU (<https://cscu.libguides.com>). OpenCSCU was built to support faculty from all of the state's colleges and universities in their quest to locate, use, adapt, and/or create openly licensed educational materials.



Screenshot of the OpenCSCU website & live chat service

The CSCU Library Directors, along with the CSCU statewide OER task force, constructed the OpenCSCU service and committed their librarians' time to ensure that it was staffed during regular business hours. OpenCSCU includes several CCSU librarians who staff the online chat regularly including: Susan Slaga-Metivier, Nicholas Tomaiuolo, and Sharon Clapp.

To try out our OpenCSCU live reference service and its accompanying website supporting OER efforts, go to <https://cscu.libguides.com>.

## Thank you to supporters and donors to the Elihu Burritt Library!

It is the time of year that we are especially grateful for so many things. We, in the Burritt Library, are especially grateful for your amazing generosity. You remember the Library every year and you help us to provide necessary materials for our students, faculty and staff. With your donations we have purchased subscriptions to additional scholarly databases and textbooks, and supplemented the budget to purchase books and periodicals.

Elihu Burritt Library is lucky to serve such a wonderful community; we work to support that community, and that community supports us right back.

Thank you.

If you plan to make an end-of-the-year donation, you may do so online: <https://bit.ly/2BbXTTG>

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<https://library.ccsu.edu/wp/meet-the-library-staff-videos/>



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