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## From the Director's Desk

By Dr. Carl Antonucci, Jr.

### The Elihu Burritt Library Team and Teaching and Learning

Each member of the Library Team at the Elihu Burritt Library interacts with CCSU students every day. A large part of the mission of the library is to prepare our students to be information literate. According to the American Library Association, “to be information literate, a person must be able to recognize when information is needed and have the ability to locate, evaluate, and use effectively the needed information”. In the 21st century, these skills are very important to students as they enter the workforce. With information being so easy to access, it is very important that students learn how to find credible information sources for class assignments, research papers, and life-long learning.

Many times, Library Team members are called upon to assist students with the use of different computer software products and the printing of assignments and resources that their professors upload to Blackboard. Other ongoing teaching and learning that takes place in the library includes providing the print and online resources necessary for coursework, creating educational displays in our 1st and 2nd floor exhibit areas, offering events such as the E-Resource Fair to supplement classroom learning, and providing a welcoming and comfortable physical space conducive to achieving academic success.

The library's home page (<https://library.ccsu.edu/>) includes an online chat service that provides students with another way to get answers to their questions from a live Librarian Team member. Students can also sign up for longer Book-a-Librarian appointments to meet with a librarian either in-person or online.

Librarians visit a number of academic classes each semester to present lessons on building information literacy skills, in addition to teaching a handful of credit-bearing courses themselves. They visit some sections of writing classes multiple times a semester as part of our embedded librarianship program. The Library Team also prepares LibGuides for our students. LibGuides are web-based online guides on individual subjects that assist students with doing research for their courses.

This edition of our newsletter will highlight some of the teaching and learning activities provided by the Library Team as we strive to meet the needs of our students, faculty, staff, and community members.



# Meet You in Special Collections/Archives

By Renata Vickrey

## Class Visits

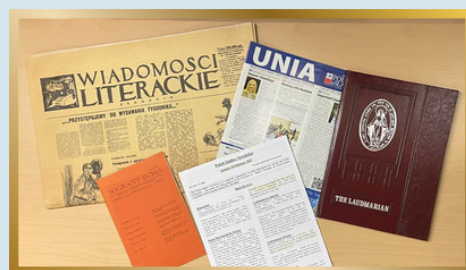
Professor Jeanne Criscola from the Department of Design brought two classes to the library this semester:

- Students from **History of Design (DES 419)** learned about the Polish Poster School of Design and became familiar with the Polish Poster Collection in the CT Polish American Archives. This collection is an excellent representation of post-war original Polish posters covering a variety of topics including tourism, opera, dance, and politics. The political posters from the 1970s-1980s illustrate major political changes in Poland. The collection (below left photo) can be viewed online at the [CT Digital Archive website](#).



- Examining various examples from illuminated manuscripts to contemporary limited edition art books, students from **Graphic/Information Design IV (DES 438)** learned about the history of printing and bookbinding. These publications (above right photo) can be searched through our online catalog, [CentralSearch](#).

Students from Professor Leah Glaser's **Seminar in Public History (HIST 510)** class visited Special Collections for a presentation about collecting and developing community archives such as the Connecticut Polish American Archives (CPAA) and its relationship to the Polish community in New Britain. The core of the CPAA collection includes records of Polish American organizations, societies, and institutions, personal papers of prominent Polish Americans, and many smaller collections of local activists spanning several generations.



(above) A sample of items found in the CPAA

## From the Connecticut Polish American Archives

During the summer, the department hosted an intern from the University of Maryland. Renata Vickrey supervised and mentored Adrian Wiacek, of Polish heritage, who wanted to work with Polish archival materials to learn not only about archival work but also about his heritage. His knowledge of the Polish language was very important in this work. He gained valuable archival work experience including collection arrangement, description, preservation, and creating a finding aid to a collection. Adrian described his experience here: <https://library.ccsu.edu/help/spcoll/spcoll-interns-awiacekPNH.php>

## Exhibits



A Millennium of Polish Military History:  
An exhibit researched and created by John R. Biskupski

The cases on the Burritt Library's 2nd floor featured displays from departments around campus throughout this year. Contact Renata Vickrey at [vickreyr@ccsu.edu](mailto:vickreyr@ccsu.edu) or by phone: 860-832-2085 for more information.



Latin American and Caribbean Independence Leaders:  
Beyond Bolivar Exhibit prepared by the LALCC in partnership with Special Collections



Gil Gigliotti's Frank Sinatra display celebrating 30 years of his program "Frank, Gil, and Friends" on Central's radio station, WFCS 107.7 FM - The Edge

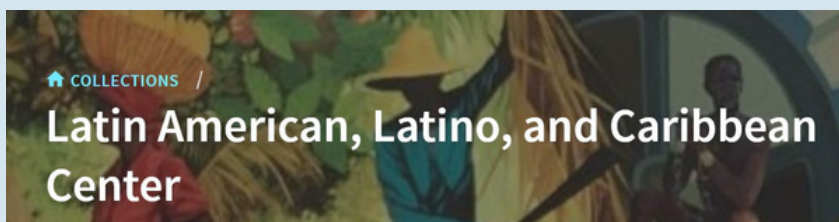


# News from ISAR

By Dana Hanford and Steven Bernstein

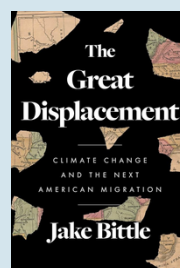
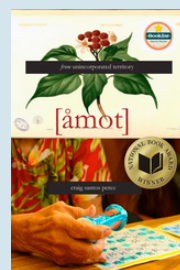
Cataloging and Metadata Services, part of the Information Systems and Resources Department (ISAR), is continuously adding material to the library collections for circulation and in support of the university's curriculum. This fall, we processed and added over 360 titles.

In addition to the library's collections, we are pleased to work with the Latin American, Latino, and Caribbean Center (located on the library's 4th floor) to catalog their extensive resources in those areas. Since the beginning of our collaboration in December 2021, we have cataloged over 2,000 titles. These titles are available for discovery in CentralSearch, WorldCat, and in the Latin American, Latino, and Caribbean Center title database collection, Latin American, Latino, and Caribbean Center Collection.



(left) The LALCC Collection is just one of several that can be found on our Collections page: [https://bit.ly/collections\\_burritt\\_library](https://bit.ly/collections_burritt_library)

(right) A few of our newest titles - search the online catalog (<https://library.ccsu.edu/>) for more!

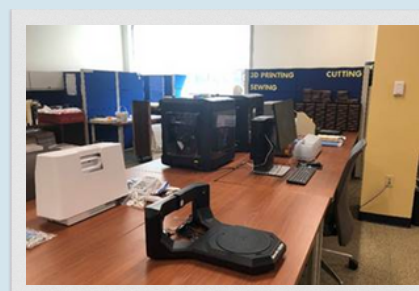


## Maker Space

We are excited to announce that the library's Maker Space, located in room EB 209, is open to the Central community once again after being closed since the COVID-19 campus shutdown!

The Maker Space includes:

- two brand new MakerBot Sketch Large 3D Printers
- a Cricut Maker 3 Cutting Machine
- an Ellison Prestige Pro Die Cutting Machine
- Brother XR9550 Computerized Sewing Machine
- LEGO Mindstorms Robot Inventor Kit (coming soon)



(above) The newly opened Maker Space, located in Room 209 of the Library.

We would love to work with you on integrating these tools into class projects. Please contact Steven Bernstein at [bernsteinstj@ccsu.edu](mailto:bernsteinstj@ccsu.edu) or x22079 to get started.

(below) Librarian Steven Bernstein demonstrates one of the MakerBot Sketch 3D Printers for students.

Find out more info (including how to book time in the space) through the Library's Maker Space Web page: <https://libguides.ccsu.edu/makerspace>





# Librarians in the Classroom

Fall 2023

## CCSU 102: Helping Students Navigate A Complicated Information Landscape

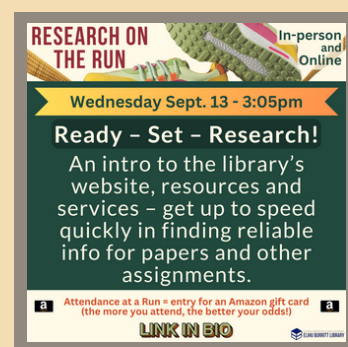
This semester featured the debut of a new First Year Experience Course - Separating Fact From Fiction: Critical Evaluation Skills We All Need. The course, designed by Joy Hansen (Reference & Instructional Design Librarian) and Jillian Maynard (Reference & Instruction Librarian), focused on evaluating sources from all different formats such as social media, visual media, Wikipedia, the news, and more. The students learned how to approach information critically and be responsible and ethical information consumers and producers. In such a fast-paced, information-heavy society, the class aimed to help students feel more confident navigating the information they interact with daily, whether for school or life in general. It was a wonderful experience teaching this course and we hope to offer it again in Fall 2024.

-- Jillian Maynard

## Research on the Run

On most every Wednesday afternoon during the Fall, librarians offered quick-paced overviews of topics students need to succeed such as using library resources, evaluating the news and political claims, how to use the Zotero citation management tool, ethical uses of artificial intelligence, privacy literacy, and more. Many students were referred to the sessions - offered both online and in person - by faculty members. One student complimented presenters on being so "open to questions" and providing "non-partisan views supported by evidence". Recordings of the runs may be found at [libguides.ccsu.edu/ResearchOnTheRun](https://libguides.ccsu.edu/ResearchOnTheRun).

-- Joy Hansen



A sample Research on the Run social media promotional post

**Excluding librarian-taught credit courses, librarians made visits to almost 100 academic classes to teach various information literacy concepts this semester. This number is up 14 percent over Fall 2022. Now is the time to schedule your Spring visits!**

**(<https://ccsu.libwizard.com/f/instructionrequest> )**

## AMS 210/HUM 230: Italian American Culture

Dr. Carl Antonucci has an interest in Italian American studies and has published several articles on this area in academic journals. He developed this course and has been teaching it as a humanities and American Studies course. Each fall, the course is offered as an embedded First Year Experience course. The course focuses on Italian immigration to the United States from 1880-present. Students examine the Italian American experience from Ellis Island through the Italian American communities of today. Italian American history, literature, food, film and music are included as lecture topics.

Other credit-bearing classes taught by librarians include **CCSU 102: Separating Fact from Fiction** (see above write-up), **DH 100: Digital Humanities** and **LSC 150: Research in the Digital Age**.



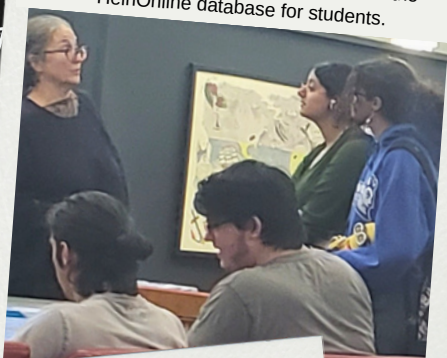
# E-Resource Fair & Trick or Treat Event

By Joy Hansen

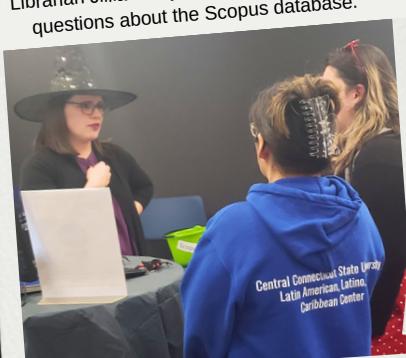
On a pandemic-related hiatus since 2019, the Library's popular e-Resource Fair & Trick or Treat Event returned this fall on October 31st. As fun and informative as ever, over 70 students "trick or treated" from demo booth to booth to learn about e-resources while collecting candy and stamps to enter raffle prize drawings. Librarians showcased Ebsco Ebooks, Credo Reference, Scopus, Literature Reference Center, and Hein Online. Our new 3-D printer was relocated from the 2nd floor and in action printing pumpkins for the event.

The grand prize raffle winner, student Simona Barbagello (pictured below) took home a Samsung Galaxy Tab S6 Lite. Other raffle prizes included Barnes & Noble and Starbucks gift cards, Burritt Library mugs, and a book by this year's Nobel Prize winner, Jon Fosse.

Librarian Ann Crawford demonstrates the HeinOnline database for students.



Librarian Jillian Maynard answers students' questions about the Scopus database.



Librarian Brian Matzke shares information about the Literary Reference Center database.



Winners of two of the E-Resource Fair raffle prizes, including the grand prize!



Librarians Steven Bernstein and Dana Hanford greet students with info about the event and bags for swag.



Librarian Katie Kukiolczynski demonstrates the Credo database for a student.



The Library Team in costume - always a hit with students!





# Burritt Library Scholars

## Recent Publications, Presentations, and Projects by CCSU Librarians

Antonucci, C., Crumpton, M. & Tagliaferro, J. (2023, May 2). *Renovating for future users* [Conference Presentation]. Connecticut Library Association Conference 2023, Groton, CT, United States.

Battaglia, H. & Maynard, J. (2023, April 13). *OER, accessibility, & inclusion* [Conference Presentation]. CSCU Accessibility Summit, Willimantic, CT, United States.

Clapp, S. (2023, May 2). *Connecting to an AI-driven world: What librarians need to know about artificial intelligence and machine learning* [Conference Presentation]. Connecticut Library Association Conference 2023, Groton, CT, United States.

Clapp, S. (2023). Uncovering their history: Building a photographic inventory database of grave markers. *Computers in Libraries*, 43(6), 4-8.

Clapp, S. (2023). Carved in stone: Developing a website for Hartford's ancient burying ground. *Computers in Libraries*, 43(6), 14-19.

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Hanford, D. (2023, August 28). *Words matter!: The inclusive cataloging movement takes flight* [Exhibit Contribution]. California State University, Fresno, CA, United States. <https://fsl-static-assets.s3.amazonaws.com/scrc/202324%20SCRC%20Exhibitions%20slideshow.pdf>

Maynard, J. (2023, March 10). *The OER advocate toolkit: The dos and don'ts from one advocate's perspective* [Conference Presentation]. CT OER Summit 2023, Virtual. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gmZjeWczlOk>

Vickrey, R. (2023, September 5-9). *The Polish Institute of Arts & Sciences of America: History, archives, library and promotion of Polish heritage*. [Conference Presentation]. 45th International Conference of MAB (Museums, Archives, Libraries) in the West, Solothurn, Switzerland.

# Online Resources Update

By Sarah Lawson

The Burritt Library is excited to announce the addition of these important resources to our online collections!

## Access to the New Britain Herald

In collaboration with our Journalism faculty, we now provide online access to the New Britain Herald, a covering the towns of New Newington, and Southington national news. Access is you may contact the Reference Desk at 860.832.2076 for the login information.



community newspaper Britain, Plainville, Berlin, as well as regional and password-protected and

## JSTOR Collections

The library is proud to offer JSTOR's full Archival Journal and Primary Source Collections. This expansion of our holdings was made possible by a partnership between the four state university libraries and CCSU Academic & Student Affairs. Explore this expanded collection including title lists at <https://libguides.ccsu.edu/jstor>.



## Looking for a good read?

The eGO eBook and audiobook platform, maintained through the CT State Library, is now accessible to the CCSU community. Using the Palace app on your iOS or Android devices, you can enjoy a vast collection of leisure reading and academic titles in both e-book and audiobook formats. This service is made possible through the Palace Project. For detailed instructions on downloading the app, visit <https://libguides.ccsu.edu/ego>.



*Last but not least, a reminder about this popular service...*

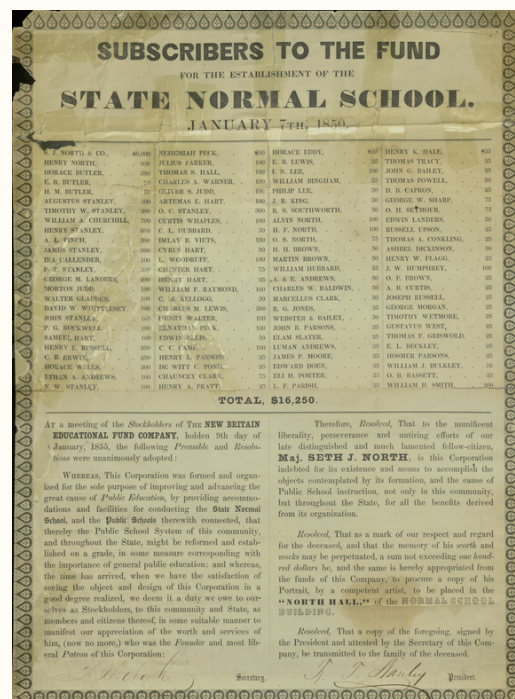
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**By Renata Vickrey**

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- The Connecticut Polish American Archives (CPAA) received a donation of **The Dobek Family** papers, dating back to mid-1880's in Poland until 2022 in New Britain, Connecticut. The collection is a wealth of information illustrating the journey of one Polish family to the US and settlement in New Britain.
- The GLBTQ Archives received a donation of books and papers from **John Loughery**, which will be added to the John Loughery Collection (GLBTQ, 2018.02). John Loughery authored several biographies available in the library. The newly donated materials are: a copy of his yet-to-be-published book, Cliff Walk: A Novel and a short story about his hometown, New Britain Memory: Reflections on Race, Religion, and Politics.
- **Peter Kilduff** donated several volumes of New Britain Directories (1901-1917), which contain a wealth of information related to New Britain history. Mr. Kilduff is a former director of the CCSU University Relations office, CCSU alumnus, and a New Britain resident. He is also an author of several books and articles related to World War I aviation history and an expert on the life of Baron Manfred von Richthofen, the WWI German flying ace.



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