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78,814
Library website

548,852
Research databases

> 100,000
Customized research and topic guides



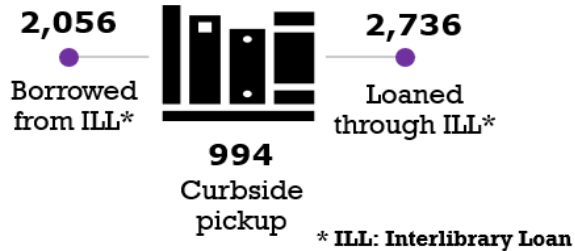
ONLINE VISITS



RESEARCH SUPPORT

- 953** ● Email, chat, text
- 97** ● Class instruction requests
- 75** ● Book-a-librarian

BOOK & ARTICLE REQUESTS



From the Desk of the Library Director

By Dr. Carl Antonucci, Jr.

I am writing this update on the one-year anniversary of the decision to close the University due to the Covid-19 pandemic. This year has been a challenging one for all of us and the Library staff and I miss the in-person connections with our students, faculty, staff, alumni, and friends of the Elihu Burritt Library. We are all looking forward to the opening of the Library in a more normal fashion in the Fall 2021. I especially miss walking into a Library filled with students using our many print and electronic resources and all the special events that we have sponsored or co-sponsored over the years. Throughout the last year, we have continued to provide services to students, faculty, and staff in many innovative and different ways. I would like to thank every member of the Elihu Burritt Library team for their dedication and ability to pivot from traditional library services to delivering them in the virtual environment. The infographic on the front page of this newsletter is a visual

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representation of all the work that was done to make these changes. Staff members have also been very flexible and have performed different duties outside of their position descriptions.

Significant contributions have been made by every department in the Library. Highlights include: opening areas of the library for students, faculty and staff; providing curbside pick up for hard copy library books; scanning materials for library reserves; changing over to online instruction for synchronous and asynchronous classes, assisting students and faculty with research needs through chat, email, and book-a-librarian appointments; moving our website to a new server; and providing remote research assistance to outside researchers that needed materials from our archival collections. Many hours have also been spent balancing the Library budget as a result of several budget cuts.

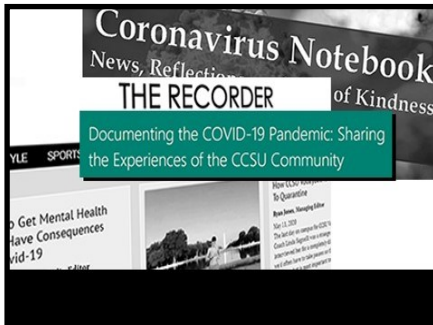


I look forward to seeing many of you once again in the Fall Semester. In the meantime, please watch your mail for a letter from me that includes information about a special priority area for the Elihu Burritt Library.

Preserving Culture and Supporting Scholars with Digital Tools

By Brian Matzke

We are collaborating with librarians at the University of Connecticut to upload our digital collections to the [Connecticut Digital Archive](https://bit.ly/CTDA_CCSU) (bit.ly/CTDA_CCSU), a member of the Digital Public Library of America and a repository for cultural heritage materials from around the state. By joining the CTDA, we ensure that digital representations of the valuable artifacts in our special collections will be preserved for the long term and made accessible to researchers around the world. We plan on expanding this work by becoming members of CTDA Pro and adding new collections, including artifacts related to the community's experience of the COVID-19 pandemic and artworks by acclaimed muralist and emeritus CCSU Professor Mike Alewitz.



We are working with faculty to expand the usefulness of these resources. We hope to create a Digital Humanities Lab to serve as a space for collaboration and instruction, where students and faculty can train and consult on projects involving digital preservation and communication, including:

- Scanning and digitizing artifacts
- Archiving "born digital" content such as software and websites
- Cleaning data sets
- Web scraping
- Computer programming
- Data visualization such as creating graphs and maps
- Designing websites

This lab will require a scanner, digital camera, and computer workstations equipped with relevant software, as well as subscriptions to a website hosting service and CTDA Pro. For more information, contact Brian Matzke at bmatzke@ccsu.edu.

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

By Renata Vickrey

Our staff strive to provide greater access to online Library resources. Selected materials from the Burritt Library continue to be digitized and uploaded to the Connecticut Digital Archives. The increased demand for scanned materials has motivated us to improve our in-house digitization efforts; however, additional new technologies and hardware will be essential for continuing these tasks. The shift to digital has become a necessity that will shape how we learn, teach, and work. Your donations help greatly in these efforts and make a difference. Thank You!

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