

News from the library

MESSAGE FROM THE LIBRARY DIRECTOR

Happy New Year! Having been here now for an entire semester, I would like to take this chance to say “hello” to my new Valley family.

I am very honored – yet humbled – to be the new library director at Missouri Valley College. My predecessor, Pam Reeder, retired at the end of June after 27 years at Valley. We all wish her a very happy retirement.

I began my new journey here on July 2. What I found at Valley were students who are friendly, faculty and staff who are helpful, and a culture of student support. At Valley, students come first. That has been very apparent during the past semester. I am a firm believer in the idea that everybody who wants to learn should be given that opportunity, and I am glad that MVC shares this ideal.

Let me tell you a bit about myself. I’ve been a librarian for over 25 years now. I grew up in Big Rapids, Michigan, and started college at the school my parents taught at, Ferris State University. After transferring to Adrian College, I earned my B.A. in Economics. After that, I went to law school and earned my Juris Doctor degree from the University of Toledo. For a couple of years I worked as a public defender before getting my Master’s degree in library science at the University of Michigan.

My first professional library position was at the New York Public Library. For the next few years, I worked in several different positions and locations within that organization. Next I spent a couple of years at Hamline University College of Law Library in St. Paul, Minnesota. Finally, in 1999 I was hired at Western Kentucky University. Over the course of 19 years there, I was in charge of (among other things) reference, periodicals, research instruction, library grants, surveys, copyright education, and library assessment. I also went back to school and earned a Doctor of Education (Ed.D.) degree in Higher Education Leadership and Policy from Vanderbilt University.

The Murrell Library and Commons has been doing a lot of good work. I am not a believer in change for the sake of change. If we’re doing things well, let’s keep them that way. At the same time, coming from another place, sometimes I have questions or thoughts about other ways of accomplishing our goals.

The key to organizational success is for everyone to work together. That means the faculty, staff, students, and alumni must all be invested in the success of Murrell Library and Commons. It is my hope that all of you will let us know what we do well and what we can do even better.

Of course, there is always an adjustment period when things change. But I hope to continue building on the legacy of Pam Reeder’s work. I hope that everyone will have a good semester.

--Dr. Bryan M. Carson, Professor and Director, Murrell Library and Commons



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HAVE YOU BEEN CHECKING OUT OVERDRIVE?

The MOBIUS Shared Overdrive Collection was featured in October's Association of College & Research Libraries Choice Webinar: The Power of Partnership. Christina Virden, MOBIUS E-Resources Coordinator, discussed how the collection was developed and how it has grown over the past year. MOBIUS has been an early adopter of this model and is among the most successful of academic shared collections through Overdrive.

In a world where we are on our computers and mobile devices 24/7, academic librarians know that digital content is the way of the future - but is there a way to provide titles without breaking the bank? With consortium collections, member libraries share resources, giving students and faculty access to the same library of digital content all on one platform.

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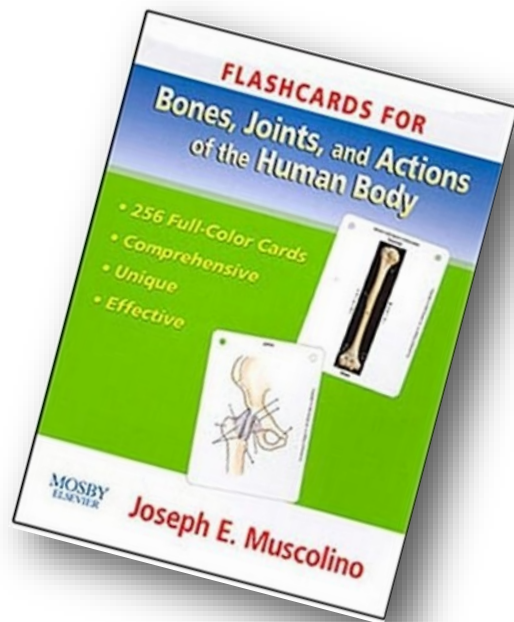


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Nature Microbiology Reviews – contains reviews, perspectives and comments from the field of microbiology. The journal takes an integrated approach to microbiology, bridging fundamental research and its clinical, industrial and environmental applications.

Science – One of the world's top multidisciplinary academic journals, *Science* is the peer-reviewed academic journal of the *American Association for the Advancement of Science* (AAAS). Covering the full range of scientific disciplines, *Science* publishes original scientific research, research reviews, science-related news, and opinions on science policy.

Sage Health Practices and Services Collection - Includes 61 peer-reviewed journals, with access back to 1999 where available. The journals cover subjects such as Care Pathways and Quality of Care, Evaluation and the Health Professions, Health Informatics, Health Management, Home Health Care Management and Practice, Infection Prevention, Medical Decision Making, Medical Quality, Medical Research, Pharmacy Practice, Practice Management, Primary Care and Community Health, Psychology, and Public Health.



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HOW TO FIND STUFF IN A LIBRARY DATABASE 101: EBSCO

When you are researching for a report or assignment, using EBSCO is essential. EBSCO is a very powerful, general research database that includes many other subject databases. Think of it as the Amazon.com of library databases. When you search, results will include mostly journals, but books and reports also appear.

How to find stuff in EBSCO: The general database is pre-selected for you, but scroll down the list of subject databases to click on any that will work for your topic. When done, select the yellow "continue" button. Look on the left side of the screen: see the limiting and expanding features? Select or de-select any terms that apply to your search.

Type in your search terms and click the green "search" button. If you're finding too much or too little information, you have two choices: adjust the search options on the left side of the page, or go to the advanced search option listed under the search box. For full-text (full article) click on the full-text button.

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LITTLE KNOWN TREASURES IN THE LIBRARY COMMONS

An Overlooked Trove of Information

EDUCATION MAJORS:

Did you know the Library Commons has a large volume of exceptional information specific to your field of study? And all of these are accessible right at your fingertips.

In the Commons, students have access to 24 educational periodicals that MVC subscribes to. Depending on the topic of your interest you will find everything from children's literature reviews, suggestions on classroom read alouds, excerpts from high interest books to "hook" readers into reading on their own (*Book Links*), to lesson plans and projects that incorporate math and art objectives (*Arts & Activities*) and ideas of how to teach Science through trade books (*Science & Children*) plus much more!

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