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Library System News

Virginia's Community Colleges

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From the Director

Another academic year is ticking down, spring breaks are either in process or distant memories already, and the time has come to think about spring flowers and summer plans.

From the Library Services perspective, I think you'll see there are a number of "flowers" coming into bloom, including Proquest's new interface, new e-books from Oxford University Press and APA, and the new PRIMO discovery tool. You'll learn a bit about PRIMO in this issue, and still more later in the year.

As for summer plans, two things are on the horizon. Planning is underway for the 2012 LRC Peer Group meeting on June 7 and 8 (not quite summer but close) at Hotel Roanoke. Be sure to make arrangements to attend this bi-annual meeting.

If you are new to the VCCS,

the objective of the peer group meeting is to encourage intra/interdisciplinary collaboration, creativity, problem solving, planning, forecasting, learning and networking in the Virginia Community College System.

Second, we are working to make PRIMO available for you to test and experiment with during the summer term. Watch the Lincsite discussion forum for further developments.

We haven't featured use statistics in this issue, but the first 6 months of 2011/12 again show

the type of growth that has become our hallmark. Using just the linker connection counts as a measure, our use in the first 6 months increased by 18.3%.

Hope to see you at the Hotel Roanoke in June.

-Gene Damon

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Changes Coming to ProQuest

Preview the [new ProQuest](#)

After May, ProQuest resources will have a new look.

The new platform user experience has been designed specifically to support the primary user type – college-age student researchers, comfortable with computers and the Internet, but with limited research experience.

Users will be able to:

- Quickly and easily search within and across resources and subject areas to access the most relevant, authoritative content

- Discover more—from the big picture to critical detail—in a range of full-image content formats
- Use information to cite, customize, save, manage, and share results
- Get the latest information with RSS feeds and alerts.

that are not migrated will continue to work as they do now.

Resources

YouTube [tutorials](#)

User [demo](#)

Live and recorded [training webinars](#)

[Charleston Advisor Review](#) (Jan 2012)



Proquest databases will be cross-searchable on the new platform. Databases

Save the Date

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LRC Peer Group, Roanoke VA

JUN 7-8, 2012

ALA Annual Conference, Anaheim CA

JUN 21-26, 2012

VLA Conference, Williamsburg VA

OCT 24-26, 2012

OverDrive Digital Media Update

Early Returns

The ability to return checkouts early has been added to the latest release of the OverDrive Media Console for mobile devices only (Android, Apple mobile devices, BlackBerry, and Windows Phone 7). At this time, this feature is not available for the desktop version of OverDrive Media Console.

Support Form

In addition to an updated Help section, librarians can now submit support requests directly to OverDrive via the new Content Reserve support form. Note: For the field that asks for Library Card Number," enter 'NA.' [Details here.](#)

Top Spring Checkouts

Catching Fire *Collins*

The Hunger Games *Collins*

Mockingjay *Collins*

Spanish For Dummies

Energy Anatomy *Myss*

Hemp Revolution *Clarke*

His Dark Materials, Book III *Pullman*

Mindfulness for Beginners *Kabat-Zinn*

Twilight *Meyer*

New Titles

Thank you Thomas Nelson for purchasing over 90 titles in April 2012, including:

Audiobooks

Art of Public Speaking *Carnegie*

A Game of Thrones *Martin*

A Clash of Kings *Martin*

A Storm of Swords *Martin*

A Dance with Dragons *Martin*

Haiti After the Earthquake *Farmer*

Moneyball *Lewis*

Seriously...I'm Kidding *DeGeneres*

This I Believe *Gediman*

Who Moved My Cheese? *Johnson*

I Moved Your Cheese *Malhotra*

Music

Essential Hip Hop, Volume 1

Video

Fat, Sick & Nearly Dead *Cross*

French 101 *Mefford*

Portable French *Mefford*

Portable Italian *Mefford*

Japanese 101 *Mefford*

Latin American Spanish 101 *Mefford*

Portable Spanish *Mefford*

Russian 101 *Mefford*

Have you noticed the new and improved [OverDrive Help](#) feature? This updated and expanded user guide addresses questions by media or by device.

OverDrive
Digital Library Reserve

LRC 2012 Peer Group Meeting

LRC Peer Group

June 7 - 8, 2012

[Register to attend](#) by **May 21, 2012**

Call to reserve a room by May 11, 2012

The Hotel Roanoke and Conference Center

110 Shenandoah Ave.
Roanoke, Va. 24016

(540) 985-5900

(866) 594-4722

Room Block Name:
VCCS Learning Resources Peer Group

[Frequently Asked Questions](#)

You are invited to join your colleagues in Roanoke and see what new and exciting things are going on across the system, and get to know those who partner with you to provide high quality service to our students and faculty.

A variety of sessions are under development. Submit your idea by May 1 to [Cherie Carl](#).

Planned training opportunities include two ALEPH training sessions conducted by an ExLibris trainer and at least one session on the new Proquest interface conducted by Proquest.

Meeting Details

For Peer Group Meetings, VCCS covers the hotel, breakfast and lunch.

Registration is free to all VCCS employees, full-time and adjunct alike. The VCCS Office of Professional

Development (OPD) will cover one (1) night's lodging and tax for each participant whose campus is fifty (50) or more miles from the site of the peer group meeting.

Those whose campus is two hundred (200) or more miles may stay the night prior to the meeting as well.



The Roanoke Star, photographed by Ben Schumin, April 7, 2005.

[Source: Ben Schumin.](#)

Lodging

Hotel reservations are the responsibility of the participant and must be guaranteed with a personal credit card. Hotel cancellations should be made directly with the hotel. No-shows are the responsibility of the participant.

To reserve your room

and/or inquire about the hotel's cancellation policy, call (540) 985-5900, or (866) 594-4722 toll free. Please be sure to ask the reservation agent for the VCCS Learning Resources Peer Group room block. The hotel reservation deadline is May 11, 2012.

Schedule

Onsite registration for the Learning Resources peer group meeting opens at 11:00 a.m., Thursday, June 7, 2012 and begins with a VCCS-sponsored lunch at noon followed by a full afternoon of sessions. Dinner is on your own.

The meeting continues Friday morning, June 8, 2012, and concludes at noon. The full agenda will be posted as soon as it is available. Participant registration closes at midnight, May 21, 2012.

New Titles From Oxford Reference

Thank you to those colleges that participated in cost-sharing to make this purchase possible: Blue Ridge, Eastern Shore, J. S. Reynolds, John Tyler, Mountain Empire, New River, Northern Virginia, Southside Virginia, and Tidewater.

These new [Oxford Reference](#) titles are available as of April 2012:

Oxford Dictionary of African Biography *2011*

The Oxford Encyclopedia of the Books of the Bible 2011

Green's Dictionary of Slang *2011*

Grove Encyclopedia of American Art 2011

Encyclopedia of Africa *2010*

Oxford Encyclopedia of Ancient Greece and Rome 2010

Encyclopedia of Human Rights *2009*

Encyclopedia of African American History, 1619-1895 2006

Encyclopedia of African American History, 1896-Present Day *2009*

Oxford Encyclopedia of the Modern World 2008

New APA eBooks

Over the last few months, APA added over 300 new titles to the [PsycBOOKS collection](#), including:

Anxiety in childbearing women: Diagnosis and treatment *2011*

Self-objectification in women 2011

Social anxiety in adolescents and young adults *2011*

Personality science:

Three approaches and their applications to the causes and treatment of depression 2011

Deployment psychology: Evidence-based strategies to promote mental health in the military *2011*

Therapy with coerced and reluctant clients 2011

Spiritually oriented interventions for coun-

seling and psychotherapy *2011*

Building a therapeutic alliance with the suicidal patient 2011

Treating dementia in context *2011*

How animals affect us: Examining the influences of human-animal interaction 2011



VCCS access to [APA PsycBOOKS](#) is sponsored by [VIVA, the Virtual Library of Virginia](#).

Introducing Primo



Currently, VCCS students have access to over 47,000 periodicals and an increasing number of ebooks.

Our shared ebook collection has grown from roughly 8,000 ebook titles in 2008-9 to over 35,000 in 2011-12.

Primo is our newest search tool that enables discovery and delivery of print and digital information sources, regardless of their location.

Primo bridges the gap between current library systems and today’s user expectations in several ways:

Primo enables our users to find and get the information they need

With Primo, libraries present up-to-date availability information and streamlined delivery options.

In addition, Primo Central enables users to search a wide range of information resources at the same time as searching their local, institutional materials, and presents a single, relevance-ranked results list.



Primo capitalizes on the richness of our library resources and encourages their use

Primo lets your library expose the full scope of your collections, helping users discover library resources that they were never aware of.

The result is greater use and the continued development of library collections based on user needs.

Primo meets users where they are

With the wide range of discovery systems available today, we can’t simply wait for users to visit the library —physically or virtually.

Primo services can be embedded in Web sites, BlackBoard, blogs, and social networking sites to increase the accessibility and use of library services.

[Try the VCCS demo](#)

Who Says it Isn't Easy Being Green?

These handy green-theme apps can help you rethink, reuse, and recycle:

[Gardening Toolkit HD](#) (\$3.99)

“Now completely redesigned for iPad, the Gardening Toolkit can you give the advice you need and so much more. This feature-packed app also tracks what's in your garden, keeps notes in a handy to-do list, helps find your hardiness zone and even lets you search a photo-filled encyclopedia of more than 1000 plants.”

[Bike Repair HD](#) (\$2.99)

“Do the repairs and the maintenance yourself. No more round trip to the bike shop for something that you can do yourself. When it is rush time at the shop, you might even have to wait a week before getting your bike back. This headache is over with the

Bike Repair application. You do everything yourself and save time and money.”

[Fast Company's United States of Design](#) (Free)

“Buying well-designed American-made goods is a conscious act, akin to buying food at a farmers' market. Is it sometimes more expensive? Yes, but there's value in not only knowing the origin of what you purchase but also in creating a connection with the maker of your goods. With that in mind, Fast Company found the 76 best products designed and made domestically and dug deep into their creation.”

[SolarChecker](#) (Free)

“Use the iPad's compass and tiltometer to determine how much solar radiation hits your roof, how much energy you'll be able to reap from it, and calculate how much

money you'll save by going solar.”

[My Recycle List](#) (Free)

“Quickly find recycling locations nearby that accept items you pick from a list.”



[PaperKarma](#) (Free)

“PaperKarma allows you to take photos of the junk mail you wish to stop. Snap a photo, and you're done. PaperKarma automatically contacts the mailer and removes you from their distribution list. PaperKarma can stop most junk mail that is addressed directly to you.” §