

@ the LRC

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Library Staff Provide Variety of Services

Pictured left to right:
Suzanne Waddell, Tim Creamer,
Brenda Smith, Diane Ambruso



Diane Ambruso is the Director of the Library. As the director, Diane is the public “face” of the library; she sits on many committees on campus and is a representative of the library’s issues and concerns. She also acts as a liaison to our catalog system’s user group, which shares the automated library software we use.

Once a year, she has the task of creating a budget for the library. And she is responsible for the daily operation of the library and making sure that everything runs smoothly.

Tim Creamer has been a librarian on staff at the college for 10 years. When Tim started working here in 2004, it seemed like a “no brainer” for him to take over the AV equipment, since he had previous experience in both television and radio broadcasting.

Over the years, Tim has become very familiar with the book collection in the Learning Resources Center; he has spent many hours both cataloging new items into the collection and weeding the older, more obsolete materials out of the collection. Tim also manages the Philip Philip and Elizabeth Mitchell archives.

Suzanne Waddell is responsible for getting the library newsletter to your mailbox. She also processes the many magazines that the library subscribes to; this involves adding them to the catalog, barcoding, and eventually weeding the older issues from the collection. Once a year, she prepares an order of journals and books to be sent to Wert Bindery. At the bindery, separate issues of magazines are bound together, lengthening their shelf life and books with damaged covers or loose pages are repaired.

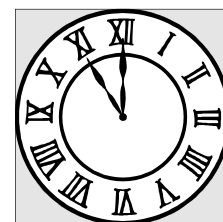
Brenda Smith’s duties include filling Interlibrary Loan requests for students, staff, and faculty. Brenda also keeps track of the library’s budget and is in charge of ordering all of the LRC’s office supplies and materials, including book orders. Furthermore, she is responsible for the efficient operation of the circulation system. And she plays a part in serials management by making sure that the online journals that the library subscribes to are accessible to the campus community.

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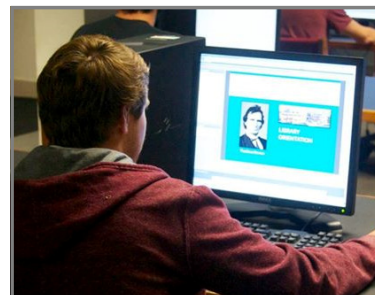
Sunday 2:00 pm - 10:00 pm
Monday 7:00 am - 10:00 pm
Tuesday 7:00 am - 10:00 pm
Wednesday 7:00 am - 10:00 pm
Thursday 7:00 am - 10:00 pm
Friday 7:00 am - 5:00 pm
Saturday Closed

Fall Orientation 2014

Previously, the library orientation program included a Power Point slide presentation on the library's policies and a short tour through the library building. This past summer, Library Director Diane Ambruso and the staff worked with Bruce Schreiner on transitioning the Power Point component to the college's online learning platform, Moodle.

The two orientation groups from summer school were the first students to experience library orientation in this new online format. After looking at the online slide presentation in Moodle, students were required to complete a short quiz and score at least 70% on the quiz.

The library continued to use this new online format for fall orientation, depending on whether or not the groups had had their computer training before their library orientation.



Did you know...

The LRC Loans Laptops?



The Learning Resources Center now has 20 laptops available for students to check out. The laptops can be checked out for a period of one week and may not be renewed. When a student checks out a laptop, he/she will be asked to fill out and sign a borrower responsibility form.

You can renew books/DVDs online?

To set up a My Library account:

Access the Library Catalog

Go to <http://pamug.iii.com/search~S9> and select My Library and then My Account

You will need to enter the following information into the form provided.

NAME (last name only)

BARCODE (78526 + your Stevens ID number)

PIN: (leave this blank when creating your account)

Click on the **Submit** button

On the next form, you will need to reenter your name and barcode.

Leave the first PIN block empty and then in the next boxes enter a PIN of your choice and Submit.

To renew a book: Access the Library Catalog, select My Library and My Account from the menu bar, and login. Under the Renew column, check the boxes by the books that you want to renew and then select Renew.

Know Your Student Workers

David Rendon



David is a first-year student in Mechanical Engineering technology. When he was younger, he showed an interest in engineering by doing “hands on” projects and designing things. He continued to pursue this interest by taking engineering classes in high school. One day, his high school class took a field trip to Astro, where Thaddeus Stevens College representatives happened to be recruiting students. And the rest is history as David saw the benefits of obtaining a degree at Stevens.

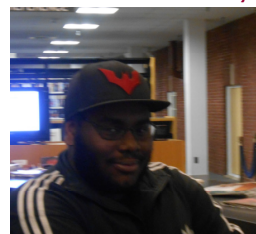
David commutes to Stevens from Ephrata, where he graduated from high school this past year. While in high school, David participated in football, soccer, wrestling and track and field.

Desean Curry is in his first year of the Graphics program and is a resident at the Branch campus. He is originally from Upper Darby, PA. After graduating from high school, Desean worked as a chef at a sports club and as a cook at Denny's.

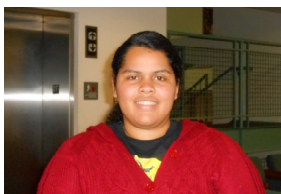
He was a student at Williamson Trade School, when, working the concession stand at a football game, he heard of another technical school, Stevens College. His interest in anime led him to transfer into the graphics program at TSCT.

Desean also likes to read Manga and play video games on Play Station. He's ranked in the top 200 players for the play station game, Battlefield 4.

Desean Curry



Gretchen Geraldino Alicea



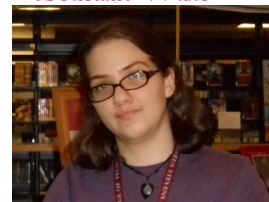
Gretchen Geraldino Alicea is a first-year student in the college's new Water Environmental Technology program. Gretchen graduated from McCaskey High School; she enjoyed her biology courses in high school and wanted to continue her studies in a field of science. The WET program allows her to do that since she has to take a lot of science and chemistry classes.

Gretchen's interests include protecting the environment and concerns over animal welfare. She is a vegetarian, which can be a challenge since she lives on campus and eats in the dining hall. She's also a fan of Star Trek and Dr. Who.

Leisha is in the Graphic Communication and Printing Technology program; she lives on campus in Metzger Hall. Leisha is originally from York, PA.

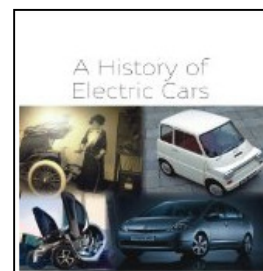
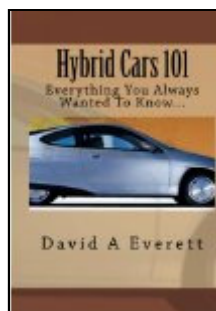
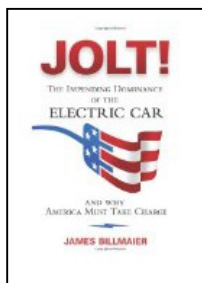
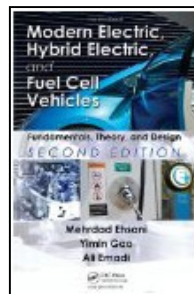
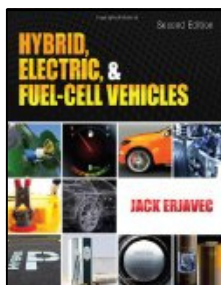
When she's not studying, Leisha likes to read and play video games, such as Harvest Moon and Super Smash Brothers. Her favorite reading material includes science fiction with a little bit of romance thrown in, and also manga. When the weather turns warmer, Leisha enjoys being outdoors and swimming.

Leisha Wilt



Collection Highlights

The new titles below were added to the collection as a result of student interest and requests for library materials on the subject of electric cars.



Our goal is to help you find the information you need at a time and place that's convenient for you. Our promise is to help you understand when information is needed, recognize where it is, and master methods to retrieve it.

Library Staff

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Featured Web Site - Quizlet

<http://www.quizlet.com>

There are numerous flashcard websites available and each one is just a little bit different from the others. However, most share a few common similarities:

- ◆ In building your own flashcards, you can use images and/or audio that you can import from your own collection for upload from the web.
- ◆ In addition to any flashcard sets that you create, flashcard sets made by other users can be searched and studied.
- ◆ Most of the sites offers study sessions where you can view the flashcard and then flip it to see the reverse side of the card.
- ◆ Most sites also offer some sort of quiz or test feature, often with feedback on which cards need more review.
- ◆ Many of the online flashcard sites include learning games.
- ◆ Mobile apps are often available.

Quizlet has all the features listed above; one reason that it stands out from the others is the large number (almost 40 million) of study sets already created by its users. And these study sets can be used to study everything from

“jazz to frog calls to math formulas,” according to the Quizlet site.

Another advantage of Quizlet is that there are free mobile apps available for iPhone, iPad, Android, and Kindle Fire. Furthermore, there is seamless syncing between the website and your mobile device.

Created in 2005, Quizlet was conceived by high school sophomore Andrew Sutherland for his French class. Nine years later, Quizlet has become a worldwide educational utility with study tools that allow anyone to study whatever they want.

You can browse by categories including arts & literature, languages & vocabulary, math & science, or history & geography. Some examples of sets made using images from the Flickr database include horse breeds, the moon cycle, and food vocabulary for sign language.

Flashcards can be an effective study tool and creating online flashcards makes the process simpler and, maybe, even more fun.

