

NCCCLA NEWSLETTER

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Image: Huskins Library, Main Campus, Mitchell Community College, Statesville, NC

FEATURED LIBRARY: HUSKINS LIBRARY, MITCHELL COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Mitchell Community College has two libraries which serve both the historic campus in Statesville, North Carolina and an additional campus in Mooresville, North Carolina. A library director, one full-time librarian, two part-time librarians and five part-time library assistants staff the two campuses. Huskins Library serves the main campus and is housed in its own building along with the MIND center which is the college's tutoring center. The Mooresville Campus library is housed on the first floor of the Brawley Building along with several other college offices. The libraries work well with each other to provide services to the students, staff, faculty and community members who visit each one.

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This newsletter contains news from NCCCLA members and partners, news items of interest about U.S. community colleges, and upcoming events.

Over the last three years, Huskins Library received over \$100,000 in grant funding to create more collaborative areas within the library and to develop a makerspace. Two study rooms and the Maverick Room which doubles as a conference room and history room were created and can be reserved by faculty and students. Also, large tables and mobile whiteboards were purchased to create collaborative study areas on the top floor of the library. With monies from the makerspace grant, the library purchased a 3D printer, sound booth, equipment for a green screen studio, mini mac computers, gaming computers, Oculus virtual reality headsets, robotics and Mindstorms kits, a Cricut machine, a laminator and large tables for art projects. By far, the 3D printer and green screen studio are the most popular makerspace items. At the same time, the Mooresville Campus library was relocated and underwent a renovation along with the rest of the building which houses it.



Huskins Library images: Top - 2nd floor; Bottom left - 3rd floor; Middle right - VR; Bottom right - Maverick Room



Huskins Library Makerspace



The librarians and staff members provide a wide variety of services and participate in many instruction sessions, tours, and programs. Huskins Library is open Monday-Thursday from 7:30 am-6:00 pm and Friday from 7:30 am-1:00 pm. The Mooresville Campus library is open Monday-Thursday from 8:00 am-5:00 pm and Friday from 9:00 am-1:00 pm. Please feel free to visit us any time!

Submitted by Angela Whitehurst, Librarian, Mitchell CC



LET US FEATURE YOUR LIBRARY

We want to feature your library in an upcoming newsletter, so please let us know if you are interested in helping us do that. We would especially like to hear from those of you in remote areas - those places that are difficult to get to or are off the beaten path. All of our community college libraries and learning resource centers are important and we need to highlight our spaces, resources, and services at every opportunity. The featured library section doesn't have to be about just the building or the space - it can be about the people and events that make the library what it is. Be creative and share your ideas about how we can bring attention to the important work that you do every day. Contact a Communications Committee member to get started!

A NOTE FROM OUR PRESIDENT



Shannon Paul
Richmond CC

Colleagues,

The most wonderful time of the year is fast approaching – yes, I’m referring to Winter Break.

Before we celebrate the end of the year, I hope everyone has a chance to reflect upon this past year and all that you have accomplished. As librarians, we know that we impact the lives of our students (and faculty and staff). Libraries serve as a third space and community college libraries especially so. We give our students, faculty, and staff a space not only for study but for socialization and relaxation. We provide instruction and assistance for classes and assignments but also for finding a job, looking up a new recipe, and learning more about an illness.

At the Richmond CC Library our whiteboards are not only full of notes and equations but also games of hangman, amazing art, and supportive notes from one student to another. We are equal parts pleased and frustrated that our bowl of fruit and healthy snack options is depleted each day. We keep the note from the student who wrote that our laptop loan program allowed them to graduate. And we remind ourselves that the noise of 40 early college students is a sign that the library is loved.

What did you do to make a difference this year?

As always, I appreciate you, my fellow librarians, and all the work you do to not only support your students but to support each other.

Shannon

 *Happy Holidays* 
FROM NCCCLA

NCCCLA MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



Elizabeth Baker
Library Director
Carteret Community College

Get to know a little about Elizabeth!

Favorite movie?

Edward Scissorhands

Favorite book?

Anything fantasy with intricate world building

Favorite meal?

Enchiladas

Hobbies?

Reading, travelling, visiting museums, watching plays, listening too music, attending concerts

Best place you've ever traveled? London, UK

Most famous person you've ever met?

I've never met a famous person!

Favorite holiday and why?

Christmas--spending time with my daughter

Best gift you ever received and why?

Time with my mother before she died

Something that people may not know about you?

Once I won a rocking chair in a contest at a NCLA conference. I still have this chair.



If you are tagged or want to be the next featured member, complete this form tinyurl.com/youaretagged.
A Communications Committee member will follow up with you soon.



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FEATURED TOOLS & IDEAS



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Explore examples:
[**Fermentology**](#) and [**#DLFTeach**](#)



[**Niche Academy**](#) is an e-learning and reporting platform for academic libraries and other organizations. Surry Community College has been using Niche Academy for about a month. It provides dynamic, short video tutorials ready to use in the classroom during library instruction or by faculty during their classes. It is also useful for staff professional development. In addition to using content provided by Niche Academy, you can also create or upload your own materials.

To see examples, go to the [**Surry library homepage**](#), and click [**tutorials**](#).

SHARE!

Created a new libguide? Found a great resource? Got a new outreach idea? Share it! Even if you don't have time to write it up, just send us the link and we will take care of the rest.

EVENTS & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT



PROGRAMMING FOR PENNIES

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2022
2:00 P.M.



Programming for Pennies - NCLA CJCLS Open Forum **Tuesday, December 6, 2022 at 2:00 p.m.**

Are your plans for expanding your library's programming continuously outpacing your budget? If this is your experience, then why not leverage your colleagues' knowledge and experience to refocus your vision and brainstorm new ideas?

The Community and Junior College Library Section (CJCLS) is hosting an open forum on Tuesday, December 6, 2022, at 2:00 p.m. to provide that opportunity. This online session will allow librarians from community colleges across the state to network, share, and discuss ideas for developing quality programs on a tight budget.

Join us for the discussion!

Register at https://rccc.libwizard.com/f/pennies_program

The Zoom link will be sent to registrants prior to December 2, 2022.



NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

We want to hear from you! Be on the lookout for an email from NCCCLA via MemberPlanet, asking for submissions. Those emails will include a link to a submission form, submission ideas, and relevant due dates. Thank you!

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