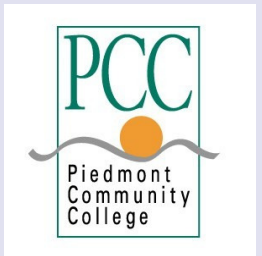


FRESH FROM THE JAR

LRC NEWSLETTER



Fun Facts

The name September comes from the Latin word "septem", which means seven, because in the Roman calendar it was the seventh month.

Gemstone: Sapphire

Flower: Aster/Morning Glory

Library Card Sign-Up Month

National Food Safety Education Month

Two Jewish holidays are celebrated in September: Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur

Famous Birthdays: Michelangelo, Serena Williams, Stephen King, F. Scott Fitzgerald, and Will Smith

More Fun Facts

In the old Roman calendars, October was the eighth month of the year and got its name from the word "octo", meaning eight. The Saxons called it Wyn Monath because it was the season of wine making.

Gemstone: Opal

Flower: Calendula/Cosmos

National Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Computer Learning Month

Famous Birthdays: Bishop Desmond Tutu, Matt Damon, Maya, Rutherford B. Hayes, and Gwen Stefani

Stepping Out of the Traditional Classroom— Angela Vaughn, Distance Education Staff Assistant

When using the distance learning classroom to conduct classes, you may have to revisit the traditional way of presenting material to students. The DL room allows students on the Person campus and the Caswell campus to attend the same class at the same time, utilizing one instructor. This of course presents instructors with new challenges. Some of the challenges include:

Setting the cameras – cameras have to be set on both campuses to ensure that students are able to see what you want them to see. Remember: when the students lose sight of the instructor, they have a tendency to lose interest.

Look at the students – when talking to the students, face the monitor in the back of the classroom so that the students

see your face and not your back. Try to avoid walking off-camera when lecturing.

Lost connectivity – make sure the students know whom to contact if connectivity is lost between the two campuses. They can contact Angela Vaughn, ext. 246, or Libbie McPhaul-Moore, ext. 445, on the Person campus; Mary Jones, ext. 248, or Lionell Parker, ext. 231, or the library assistant, on the Caswell campus. Electrical storms may and often do cause a loss of communication between the two campuses.

Contingency plans – this can include assignments and/or video tapes. Contingency plans are kept on file and used in case of a total loss of communication between the two rooms. Remember: the students will

need to know what you want them to do for the remainder of the class and what they need to prepare for the next class. We would like to have two assignments on file – plan B and plan C.

Problems with equipment – please notify the DL staff when you experience a problem with the equipment.

Staff assistance – please provide 24 hours notice if you need assistance from the DL staff to pass out papers or exams, monitor a class, proctor a test, etc. If you cannot meet your scheduled class, alert your dean. The DL staff cannot serve as substitute instructors.

If you are using the DL room to conduct presentations or meetings, please reserve a time to come over and be trained in the use of the equipment.

We're on the Web!

www2.piedmontcc.edu/lrc

Tech Byte. . .Your Virtual Library Vanessa Nwanze, Reference Librarian

The LRC's web site offers many ways to learn about the resources and activities at your library.

You can find a link to our electronic databases by clicking on "Databases" from our web site. Electronic databases give you access to hundreds of online journals, magazines, newspapers, and

other information.

Database suggestions—The **CQ Researcher Online** database via NC LIVE is a detailed database that provides thousands of articles on social issues such as abortion, the death penalty, gangs, home schooling, and others.

Vault Online Career Library database is a comprehensive database that provides information on careers, company information, internships, resume and cover letter writing, interview tips, and networking skills. This database is your one stop for all types of information regarding careers.

Recap of Passports to Success. . .

During the College-wide Fall Convocation, the LRC staff presented a workshop on important tools to use for your information needs.

Ernest Avery, Technical Services Librarian, explained how to perform basic searches in both the iLink Online Public Access Catalog and in OCLC WorldCat. iLink includes the holdings of 45 of NC's 58 community college libraries and 17 branch libraries. WorldCat contains information on over 88 million items in various

formats contained in over 57,000 libraries worldwide.

Vanessa Nwanze, Reference Librarian, highlighted the Gale Virtual Reference Library (GVRL). This database includes 10 eReference sources purchased by the LRC and additional eReference sources provided by the state. The GVRL allows the user to search a variety of eReference sources on topics such as cinema, culture, and criminal justice.

Lionell Parker, Librarian at the Caswell LRC, discussed the importance of NC LIVE. This resource is provided by the state to NC libraries. It electronically provides thousands of magazine, newspaper, and journal articles, and other information.

To learn more about these resources, contact the Gordon P. Allen LRC (336) 599-1181 at x489 or the Caswell LRC at (336) 694-5707 x231.

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Trivia Contest

- Who was the original singer and writer of **Hound Dog** made popular by Elvis Presley?
- Name the capitol, official language, and climate of the country **Hungary**.

- Who said, "**If there is no struggle, there is no progress**"?



*Stop by the Circulation/Reference Desk on the lower level floor to enter your answers by

October 22, 2007.

*To enter, students, faculty, and staff must fill out ballots with the answers to all **three** trivia questions and provide their **names** and **e-mail addresses**.

***Two** lucky winners will be notified on **October 29, 2007 via e-mail**.

Audio/Video Services

The Learning Resources Center's Audio/Video department offers various services to enhance learning at Piedmont Community College. These services are available to both students and faculty.

Services include

- **Poster Printing**
- **Laminating**
- **Taping Satellite Broadcasts**
- **Document Scanning**
- **Classroom Videos**
- **Student Videos**
- **Department Videos**
- **Training Videos**
- **Duplicating Non-Copyright DVDs**



Colors of Millions— Nicole Wheeler

I am made of many different colors, but only one shape. I come in a lot of flavors like peanut, milk chocolate, almond, and peanut butter. You can share me with others because there are plenty inside my colorful bags. I taste good when you have that sweet tooth for something deliciously sweet. I am distributed during all holidays, especially Halloween. I am a bag of M&M's.

Nosy Friend— Ashley Brady

I am a one and a half year old black, green eyed, furry friend. I am full of energy and love to get into everything. One time I got into a bucket of minnows and made a mess. My fur is very soft and slick. I can be very quiet when I am doing something I am not supposed to, until I knock something over. When I don't want to be touched I will pull out my claws and hiss. My name is LaLa, and I am a cat.

Velvety White— Candace Bumpass

I have a velvety white and smooth creamy essence. Hundreds of tiny black specks cover me. My moist body taunts your taste buds, leaving you wanting more. I can give you a boost of liveliness and help you cool down on a scorching hot day. My savory mountain gives you an instant feeling of joy. Even when you are exhausted, you can not resist my silky formation. I am ...