WELCOME TO LIBRARY SERVICES

The Anthony O. Parker, Ph.D. Library Media Center promotes learning and supports the mission of Albany Technical College. Faculty, Staff and Students have access to materials and professional assistance at all times the facility is open. Students who would like to use Library Services after hours may access them online, or visit one of the neighboring libraries we have cooperative agreements with.

MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN

We hope this newsletter is informative and sparks interest as we take pride in serving our students. The library staff looks forward to assisting you, so please stop by, visit, and take a tour.

-Roy Calhoun, Dean of Library Services

REFERENCE SERVICES

*Credo Reference* is the primary database utilized for general reference. It is an online collection of more than 800 highly regarded, online full-text reference books. It covers every major subject from over 80 publishers and links patrons to other related resources available through the library. *Credo Reference* is accessible via the library homepage and GALILEO.

What is GALILEO? GALILEO stands for Georgia Library LEarning Online, an initiative of the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia. GALILEO is an online library portal to authoritative, subscription-only information that isn’t available through free search engines or Web directories. Albany Technical College’s GALILEO has access to over 300 databases indexing thousands of periodicals and scholarly journals. Over 10,000 journal titles are provided in full-text. Other resources included are encyclopedias, business directories, over 400,000 eBooks and government publications.

COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT

Please submit your requests for library resources. Faculty, Staff and Students are encouraged to participate in the development of the library collection. Instructors, please do not include your current textbooks. Resources will be ordered as funding becomes available.
Introducing LearningExpress Library Placards!

We are happy to announce the release of LearningExpress Library placards to GALILEO community groups who have access to LearningExpress Library (currently, public libraries and technical colleges). LearningExpress Library content has been discoverable in Discover GALILEO for a while; however, placards will bring LearningExpress Library content front and center for easier discoverability.

LearningExpress Library placards are setup in Discover GALILEO and will display automatically when a user searches for keywords which relate to LearningExpress Library. For example, if a user searches for “SAT exam” or “college admission,” the user will see a placard telling them that based on their search they might find the LearningExpress Library College Preparation Center helpful. The placard will provide a link directly to that particular center.

Keywords have been setup for each of the nine LearningExpress Library centers:

- Adult Learning Center
- Career Center
- School Center
- College Preparation Center
- College Center
- Recursos para Hispanohablantes
- Computer Skills Center
- High School Equivalency Center
- Job & Career Accelerator

If you have any questions regarding LearningExpress Library placards, please submit them through the GALILEO Contact Us form.

Source: Galileo Planet News
http://about.galileo.gsu.edu/news
MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY
It took 15 years to create the federal Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday. Congressman John Conyers, Democrat from Michigan, first introduced legislation for a commemorative holiday four days after King was assassinated in 1968. After the bill became stalled, petitions endorsing the holiday containing six million names were submitted to Congress. Conyers and Rep. Shirley Chisholm, Democrat of New York, resubmitted King holiday legislation each subsequent legislative session. Public pressure for the holiday mounted during the 1982 and 1983 civil rights marches in Washington. Congress passed the holiday legislation in 1983, which was then signed into law by President Ronald Reagan. A compromise moving the holiday from Jan. 15, King’s birthday, which was considered too close to Christmas and New Year’s, to the third Monday in January helped overcome opposition to the law.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH
The precursor to Black History Month was created in 1926 in the United States, when historian Carter G. Woodson and the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History announced the second week of February to be “Negro History Week.” Black History Month was first proposed by Black educators and the Black United Students at Kent State University in February 1969. The first celebration of Black History Month took place at Kent State one year later, in February 1970. Six years later Black History Month was being celebrated all across the country in educational institutions, centers of Black culture and community centers, both great and small, when President Gerald Ford recognized Black History Month, during the celebration of the United States Bicentennial. He urged Americans to “seize the opportunity to honor the too-often neglected accomplishments of black Americans in every area of endeavor throughout our history.”

JAZZ APPRECIATION MONTH
The purpose of Jazz Appreciation Month is to draw greater public attention to the extraordinary heritage and history of jazz and its importance as an American cultural heritage. In addition, JAM is intended to stimulate the current jazz scene and encourage people of all ages to participate in jazz—to study the music, attend concerts, listen to jazz on radio and recordings, read books about jazz, and support institutional jazz programs.

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK
National Library Week will be observed April 9-15, 2017 with the theme, “Libraries Transform.” First sponsored in 1958, National Library Week is a national observance sponsored by the American Library Association (ALA) and libraries across the country each April. It is a time to celebrate the contributions of our nation’s libraries and librarians and to promote library use and support. All types of libraries - school, public, academic and special - participate. Celebrations during National Library Week include: National Library Workers Day, celebrated the Tuesday of National Library Week (April 11, 2017), a day for library staff, users, administrators and Friends groups to recognize the valuable contributions made by all library workers; and National Bookmobile Day, celebrated the Wednesday of National Library Week (April 12, 2017), a day to recognize the contributions of our nation’s bookmobiles and the dedicated professionals who make quality bookmobile outreach possible in their communities.

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Monday - Thursday  
8am - 9pm  
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Saturday  
9am - 1pm  

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Galileo UsAge StAtistics  
Spring 2017  
Total number of searches from January – May 2017. Detailed statistics can be obtained from the Galileo (Georgia Library Learning Online) Help Menu under usage Statistics.  

Institutions  
Institutions  
Searches  
Full-Text  
Albany Technical College (albt)  
7,300  
2,025  
Athens Technical College (ath2)  
18,023  
10,305  
Atlanta Technical College (att)  
8,833  
2,547  
Augusta Technical College (aut1)  
20,065  
8,328  
Central Georgia Technical College (mac2)  
38,948  
15,704  
Chattahoochee Technical College (cht2)  
73,594  
34,670  
Coastal Pines Technical College (clta)  
69,693  
14,262  
Columbus Technical College (cot1)  
17,784  
9,821  
Georgia Northwestern Technical College (gnt1)  
59,862  
9,916  
Georgia Piedmont Technical College (dekt)  
13,733  
8,767  
Gwinnett Technical College (gwt1)  
124,106  
34,472  
Heart of Georgia Technical College (heat)  
1,273  
44  
Lanier Technical College (lant)  
34,460  
10,720  
North Georgia Technical College (ngt1)  
4,716  
1,996  
Oconee Fall Line Technical College (oqlc)  
5,856  
3,987  
Gagechee Technical College (ogtc)  
31,885  
5,430  
Okefenokee Technical College (oket)  
60  
4  
Savannah Technical College (sav2)  
14,425  
5,091  
South Georgia Technical College (sgr1)  
2,081  
666  
Southeastern Technical College (soet)  
4,016  
1,980  
Southern Crescent Technical College (scre)  
12,807  
6,102  
Southern Regional Technical College (srot)  
5,856  
4,576  
West Georgia Technical College (wgt1)  
34,126  
11,935  
Wiregrass Georgia Technical College (wrgr)  
17,309  
10,279  

Grand Totals  
916,014  
305,710  

Top 30 Databases Searched  
at albany technical college  

Abi/inform Collection  
Arts & Humanities Database  
Asian & European Business Collection  
Australia & New Zealand Database  
Biology Database  
Business Market Research Collection  
Canadian Newsstand  
Career & Technical Education Database  
Computing Database  
Continental Europe Database  
Criminal Justice Database  
East & South Asia Database  
Ebsco Discovery Service  
Education Database  
Family Health Database  
Health & Medical Collection Health Management Database India Database  
International Newsstream  
Library Science Database  
Linguistics Database  
Los Angeles Times  
Middle East & Africa Database  
Military Database Nursing & Allied Health Source  
Proquest Central  
Psychology Database  
Public Health Database  
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