FROM STUDENT TO PROFESSIONAL

In November 2009 I was offered my first professional library job, just two weeks shy of graduating with my Master’s in Library and Information Science. Even now I am amazed and thrilled by my good fortune. But obtaining my first professional job as a student was more than just luck. There were things that I did during my two years as a student to help ensure entry into my field. As students begin a new term this fall, I hope they will consider taking these steps to make their transition as smoothly as mine.

1. Find the degree that is right for you. Before I applied to graduate school I talked to professionals in the fields I was interested. In the process, I had multiple people tell me that based on my interests I was the perfect candidate for a MLIS degree. Now I am working in a field that I love.

2. Get to know your professors. As a graduate student, I learned there was no reason to be intimidated by my professors. They want you to succeed. At Bellevue University, students have the advantage of small classroom sizes. Professors know you by name. So talk to your professors whether it is through email, phone, or in person. They will help you tremendously. Also, you will need references for job applications and professors are great ones to have.

3. Build your resume with work experiences. Even if you are only working 10 hours a week, it is important to have job experience, preferably in the field you want to enter or advance in. Of course, ideally you want to find a paid position or internship but you may have to settle for an unpaid internship or practicum. In the end, even an unpaid position will pay off. You need work experience to land a professional position.

4. Find strong references that you trust. Your resume will help you get job interviews. But it is often the references that ensure the job offer. Be sure to thank your references, especially after you get a job offer.

5. As you are looking for jobs, go outside your comfort zone. Apply for jobs you may not think you are qualified for. You have nothing to lose!

In my case, I did not think I was worthy of this job at Bellevue University. But I have learned that I am more than capable and I have a lot to offer. As a student I had people who believed in me and supported me. I am incredibly indebted to them. I am also grateful to the library staff at Bellevue University for hiring someone fresh out of graduate school and making me a part of their team.

Listed below are just a few resources available at the library to help you in your career development. These items are available to check out in the General Collection.

50 Best College Majors for a Secure Future
L901.SS3 2010

Career Building:
Your Total Handbook for Finding a Job and Making it Work
HF5381.C2645 2009

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WHO’S WHO?

The library experienced some very positive changes over the summer including the welcoming of 3 new team members that we would like to introduce at this time...

Allison Schafer, Part-time Circulation Assistant, began working in the library on July 12, 2010. Allison received her BA in Library Science at the University of Nebraska at Omaha in December 2009; however, prior to that she worked as a student aide at the Calvin L. Ryan Library at the University of Nebraska at Kearney. When Allison is not working she enjoys drawing, reading, listening to music, and going to movies with friends.

Danielle Rein, Part-time Circulation Assistant, began working in the library on July 14, 2010. Danielle is currently working on her BA in Library Science at the University of Nebraska at Omaha and anticipates graduating very soon. This is Danielle’s first library position and she is very excited to be a part of the team. When Danielle is not working she enjoys watching movies and shopping.

Angi Jorgenson, Part-time Circulation Assistant, began working in the library on August 10, 2010. Angi currently works full-time with the Bellevue Public School System and this position fits her schedule perfectly. When Angi is not working she enjoys spending time with her family, crafts, reading, and visiting the zoo.

Now that you have been introduced to Allison, Danielle, and Angi, we encourage you to visit the library to meet them as they are sure to greet you with a smile...

TECH TALK

Have you ever heard of the slogan, "Try it before you buy it?" Many of us have taken advantage of that kind of offer. The problem is that you usually cannot find that kind of deal when it comes to more expensive items like computer software. Well, we have that kind of deal here at the library and the best part is that it does apply to computer software!

*Computer Arts* is a periodical that is created for illustrators, digital artists, and web designers, both professional and amateurs. It is published in the United Kingdom and it is an exceptionnal journal that comes with a supplemental CD-ROM. We have been receiving *Computer Arts* on a monthly basis since 2005. All of these issues and CD-ROMs can be found in the current and bound Periodical sections of the library.

*The Computer Arts* CD-ROM supplement is a great benefit and a free resource available to all of our patrons. The CD-ROM is not just full of free products, but it genuinely complements the periodical. The periodical offers step by step instructions on projects that can be completed by using media found on the CD-ROM. It is an excellent method to use to experiment with various kinds of graphic arts media for your assignments using the computers at the library.

Some of the 2010 *Computer Arts* CD-ROMs have offered training in: Adobe Photoshop CS4 Extended; Dreamweaver CS4 Essentials; Adobe Illustrator CS4; and Adobe Flash CS4. The CD-ROMs have also offered free fonts, templates, and tutorials. They also share their tips and tricks for: web design, typography, 3D, animation, motion graphics and multimedia. Lastly they reveal artists "showreels." A showreel is a video portfolio demonstrating the talents of an artist.

So, the next time you are in the library and are ready to experiment with some of the newest or older graphic arts programs, check out the *Computer Arts* periodical and the accompanying CD-ROM and start creating! You can also check out the "Journal Review" of *Computer Arts* in the V.12, No. 3 issue of the library’s newsletter, "More Than Books." If you need assistance finding *Computer Arts* and using the accompanying CD-ROM, please ask our staff at the Circulation and Reference Desk.

## NET-SCOPE

EXPLORE THESE INFORMATIVE AND INTERESTING SITES!


The World Desk Reference is packed with facts and statistics, maps, illustrations and diagrams. Each of the world’s nations is analyzed in up to 19 subject areas, from Climate to Chronology, from Aid to Transportation, from Politics to Economics. One of the key features is a complete overview of the modern world: physical, political, historical and economic information.

**World Health Organization (WHO)** - [http://www.who.int/](http://www.who.int/)

The site for this United Nations program provides information about current disease outbreaks, health programs, emergencies, and profiles of health systems in member states, links to health topics and research tools, and publications. WHO is the directing and coordinating authority for health within the United Nations system.

**SparkNotes** - [http://www.sparknotes.com](http://www.sparknotes.com)

You probably know what Cliff Notes are. Well, SparkNotes offers the same help in understanding literature for free online. It also offers free, online guides to philosophy, math, chemistry, economics, computer science, history, physics, psychology, health and nutrition, biography, biology, and astronomy along with reference tools like a dictionary, language translator, the periodic table, and more.

**Giveawayoftheday** - [http://www.giveawayoftheday.com](http://www.giveawayoftheday.com)

This site can save you money; you can get free software and games. One of the most recent offers was Media Buddy: this free software converts audio and video files to play on DVD players, gaming consoles, or cell phones.

**Goalgami** - [http://www.goalgami.com](http://www.goalgami.com)

Set a goal and chart your progress with this free financial planning tool, whether you're buying a new car, planning a wedding, starting a business, paying for college, or setting a retirement date. Goalgami will help keep you on track to reach your long-term lifestyle and financial goals.
LINK UP WITH LIBGUIDES

Want to check out the latest resources, websites, and organizational information on Leadership? While the scope of leadership is broad, covering business, education, government, and professional environments, our “Leadership” LibGuide http://libguides.bellevue.edu/content.php?pid=25731&sid=181902 has been created to cover all these aspects and more. Our leadership resources will help you increase your own skills, focus on people, process, performance, and partners, empower others to lead at their level, and much more. Connect to eBooks, search recommended databases for articles, browse virtual book shelves for print titles and more. “The Leadership” LibGuide contains topic specific information from the following categories: How to Connect, Reference Books, General Collection Books, e-Books, Videotapes and DVDs, Databases, Websites, Organizations, and Citation information. The LibGuide will also include the 24/7 Librarian Qwidget so you can have any questions you may have answered by a librarian via chat.

There are currently over 77 LibGuides available on the library's website at http://libguides.bellevue.edu/. You can browse the available topics by subject, author, or by most popular status. If you have suggestions for a LibGuide please send them to library@bellevue.edu or call (402) 557-7313.

FACTS AT YOUR FINGERTIPS

★ The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics' count for all newspaper jobs - from reporter to delivery truck driver - shows the payroll shrinking from 336,000 at the start of the year to 313,000 through October, a drop of 22,400 positions.

★ Asian Americans, along with Latinos, are the fastest growing major racial and ethnic group in the United States. From 2000-2007, both Asians and Latinos were the only groups not only with double-digit growth rates, but with growth rates of 26 percent and 29 percent respectively. During the same time period, the total population grew by 7 percent, the African American population by 9 percent, American Indians by 8 percent, and non-Hispanic whites by 2 percent.

★ President Barack Obama receives an annual salary of $400,000, double the salary that President Bill Clinton received. The first president, George Washington, was offered a $25,000 salary, which he turned down. Translated into current dollars, Washington's salary would have totaled approximately $4.5 million dollars as calculated by the Congressional Research Service.

★ Digital photography has a longer history than many people may realize. The first experimental digital camera - which stored crude, 10,000-pixel, black-and-white images on cassette tape - was produced by Steven Sasson, an Eastman Kodak engineer, in 1975.

★ At their peak, Roman roads totaled over 50,000 miles (80,000 km) - enough to stretch twice around the world.
★ FROM: Concise History of Science & Invention, p. 58. (REF Q125.C576 2010)

DATABASE DATA

**NBC News Archive** has it all - video clips, historic films, primary source documents, images, and mini-documentaries. Whether you are looking to enhance a class discussion, select a topic for a paper or presentation, or embed a video into a PowerPoint presentation, this resource can be your best friend. This database is extremely user-friendly. Just type your search word into the box in the upper right corner of the home page. Your results will be displayed in a thumbnail view and you can sort your results by Title, Event Date, Air/Publish Date, Type, or Search Relevance, in either ascending or descending order.

To watch a video, simply click on the video screen and the "Cue Card" will appear. To view the video in full screen, click on the box in the right corner. Revert back to the smaller view by hitting "Esc" on your keyboard. Select "Flip" to view more details about the video. To view the transcripts, select the "Transcript" from the right side of the cue card.

Take a look at **NBC News Archives** next time you need a video or other media for a class discussion or paper; it is a fun and educational way to enhance your topic. You can access it from our library homepage under the "General Reference/New Subject Resources" subject area, or from the "Complete Database List." If you are off campus, be sure to log into the databases first by clicking on "Log In" in the top right portion of the library homepage. If you have any questions about how to use **NBC News Archive**, contact the Reference Desk at 402-557-7313 or toll free, 1-800-756-7920, extension 7313, or email at library@bellevue.edu.

QUICK QUIZ

Find the answer to the following question by using **NBC News Archive** for a chance to win a prize.

**QUESTION:** What is the name of the two "ice dogs" that accompany researchers on Arctic expeditions?

**Send answers to library@bellevue.edu with the subject line: "Quick Quiz," or obtain an entry form at the Bellevue University Library Reference Desk. The deadline for submissions is November 12, 2010.**
NEW ARRIVALS

Check out these new books on the shelves near the display case!

Rosenblatt Stadium
Omaha's Diamond on the Hill
GV417.R674 P58 2010

Steven Spielberg's America
PN1998.3.S65 W37 2010

War and Peace in Africa
DT21.5.W36 2010

Texte: the Gr8 Db8
TK5105.73.C79 2009

Act Like a Lady, Think Like a Man
HQ801.H35249 2009

Stones into Schools
LC2330.M66 2009

French Riviera: A Cultural History
DC608.S5.H35 2009

Heroes: Mortals and Myths in Ancient Greece
BL795.H46 H46 2009

The Beatles: Across the Universe
ML421.B4 N45 2009

Tribute to an American Icon:
Michael Jackson, the One and Only
ML420.J175 M53 2009

LEARNING LIAISONS

At some point and time, everyone has been tasked with a project that provokes an overwhelming "I don't even know where to start" panic feeling. Often, plagued by thoughts of failure and losing the job, all we can think about is quitting. Fortunately, for most of us, someone has already successfully completed the task and offers to be a resource if and when you need it. Comforting thought, isn't it? Bellevue University Tutor and Study Skills Program would like to welcome you to that overwhelming panic some students feel and experience at some point and time before they graduate. Fortunately, for all of us, there is a resource available to them.

Tutor services are provided by a staff of peer tutors, free of charge to all Bellevue University students and alumni. Help with an assortment of subjects, including: accounting, algebra, business, computer-related courses, and undergraduate statistics, are readily available for students. Students of all ages and backgrounds seek out tutor assistance. Last year alone, our tutors conducted over 1,600 hours of tutor sessions. Tutors ask questions that push students to think about what they already understand and then help students gain a better understanding of the material with which they are struggling. Students who have used the Tutor and Study Skills Program have said the following about our services:

"The past tutoring sessions with her have been beneficial. She explained it in terms I can understand and that has helped."

"I worked with a tutor this week and she did an excellent job. She explains things really well."

"...he worked with me an extra hour and I most definitely appreciate the help."

Additional information regarding the Tutor and Study Skills Program will follow in future articles. If you would like to learn more about the services provided, please contact Rachael Davis at rachael.davis@bellevue.edu.

DID YOU KNOW...

The library has added several new databases?
They are Salem Science, Salem Health, Wall Street Journal Digital Archives, NBC Archives on Demand, and OneSource Business.

The 24/7 Librarian has been enhanced with "Ask-A-Librarian" Services?
If you click on Ask-A-Librarian Services on the left hand column Library's homepage, you will find several options to contact a librarian, 24/7 Librarian Chat, 24/7 Library Chat Widget, Library Email, and Face to Face @ the Reference Desk or By Phone.

LexisNexis Academic Universe has a new look?
As of June 21, 2010, LexisNexis Academic Universe now includes six boxes to search the news, look up a legal case, get company information, research countries, research people, and a combined search box.
VIDEO REVIEW OF:
"The National Parks: America's Best Idea"
(DVD E160.N385 2009)

One of the newest DVDs in the Bellevue University Library is titled "The National Parks: America's Best Idea." In this 6-disc collection, viewers can appreciate firsthand the beautiful landscapes that the National Parks have to offer. Some of the highlights include Yosemite National Park, Old Faithful, and Mount Rushmore. Additionally, this documentary explores the political and cultural obstacles that were faced to make the National Parks a reality so that these amazing places can be enjoyed by all. Interwoven throughout the documentary are interviews with experienced park rangers, writers, historians, and other experts on the people and places mentioned. This DVD collection is available in the Bellevue University Library and can be borrowed for one week.

BOOK REVIEW OF:
"FDR'S Funeral Train: A Betrayed Widow, A Soviet Spy, and a Presidency in the Balance"
(E807.K56 2010)

On April 12, 1945, the nation was plunged into mourning as news spread of the death of President Franklin D. Roosevelt, the United States' longest serving President. As a nation prepared to bury its president, FDR was about to take his final journey from his home in Warm Springs, Georgia, to his final resting place -- the Roosevelt family estate in Hyde Park, New York. In "FDR'S Funeral Train," author Robert Klara tells the story of this last journey; how a wife was betrayed; how a government still fighting World War II tried to win the war without its gallant leader; and above all else, how a country mourned.

Klara's book is split into two sections. The first part discusses Roosevelt's death from a massive stroke at his home in Warm Springs, Georgia, the arrival of Eleanor Roosevelt and her discovery that FDR's lover Lucy Rutherford had been present at the time of his death, and finally the trip aboard the presidential train from Georgia to Washington DC. Along the way to Washington, crowds of people lined the tracks to show their respect for their departed leader and farmers halted in their fields to bow their heads and cover their hearts as the train passed. Both African American and white southerners were seen standing side by side in mourning -- a feat that would not be seen again until the assassinations of both John F. Kennedy and Martin Luther King Jr.

The second part discusses the trip from Washington to Hyde Park, New York. This part of the trip primarily focused on Harry S. Truman and the steps that he needed to take to secure himself as President, and not only to the United States world allies, but also to the American people. As for the Soviet spy mentioned in the title of the book nobody would have guessed that Lauchlin Currie, a minor Economics Adviser to FDR, was at that time passing war information on to the USSR. However, because his activities had not been discovered yet, his presence on the funeral train was not challenged.

This thrilling story of what happened aboard that faithful train has finally been written. Within its pages two important events took place: 1) The man that the American people had elected president four times, who had held the country's hand through its deepest economic depression and its greatest last world war, who had led the most powerful nation on earth though he could not so much as walk a single step, was laid to rest; and 2) Aboard that faithful train Truman was able to create the policies that would help a mourning nation and win World War II. This book can be found in the General Collection at the Bellevue University Library and can be checked out for three weeks.

E.T.C. ELECTRONIC TIPS CORNER

Did you know that in addition to searching the web, Google can also be used as a dictionary and an encyclopedia? To look up words with Google, simply type 'define' followed by the word whose definition you are curious about and push Enter. The first item on the results page will be a link to a page generated by Google with definitions of your word and encyclopedia entries for it from various web sources.

Need some background music while you work? Navigate to Pandora.com, give it the name of one of your favorite artists, and Pandora will stream songs from that artist and similar artists straight through your web browser. You can even add variety to your custom 'radio station' by adding the names of other artists, or by giving songs you do not like the thumbs down.

Do you want to print the slides from a PowerPoint presentation when all you have is the un-editable slide show file? Just make sure the file is saved to a location you can easily find on the computer, then right click on it and select Print. The file will automatically print the slides to the computer's default printer.
WELCOME BACK STUDENTS:
Please remember to have your Bellevue University student identification card updated to reflect your current enrollment status. The library staff looks forward to helping you have a very successful academic year.

BIBLIOGRAPHIC INSTRUCTION SESSIONS:
Faculty interested in familiarizing their students with the library may request a formal Bibliographic Instruction session conducted by a reference staff member. All sessions are customized by course and are approximately an hour long, however, we can extend the time at the instructor's request. Bibliographic Instruction sessions for campus are held in Classroom 460 of the Library and sessions off campus are held in their respective classrooms at each location. Please call 402-557-7313 or email library@bellevue.edu to schedule yours today.

QUICK QUIZ WINNER:
Last issue's Quick Quiz question was, "In what year did John W. Book immigrate to the United States from Germany?" Stephanie Woerth won the Quick Quiz prize with 1852 as the answer and received a Family Tree gift set. You can be the next winner by entering electronically at http://library.bellevue.edu/news/books.htm, sending an email to library@bellevue.edu with the subject line "Quick Quiz," or in person by visiting the Library's Reference Desk and filling out an entry form. All entries need to be received by November 12, 2010. Please see Database Data on page 3 for more details.

UPCOMING LIBRARY WORKSHOPS:

SEPTEMBER
Grantwriting - September 14, 2010, 4:00 p.m.
Getting to Know the Bellevue University Library - September 23, 2010, 10:00 a.m.
Copyright Center - September 28, 2010, 10:00 a.m.

OCTOBER
Noodlebib - October 5, 2010, 10:00 a.m.
Questionpoint - October 19, 2010, 10:00 a.m.
Lunch and Learn - October 28, 2010, 12:30 p.m.

NOVEMBER
Locating Company Information - November 3, 2010, 12:00 p.m.

All workshops will be held in Classroom 460 of the library. If interested in attending, send an email to library@bellevue.edu. We look forward to seeing you there!

LIBRARY FANPAGE:
Don't forget to stay up-to-date with library happenings by visiting our Facebook fanpage!

LIBRARY DISPLAY CASES:
Be sure to check out the monthly displays. In case you missed them, here they are:

June 2010  (Professional Wellness Month)
July 2010  (Happy Birthday America)
August 2010 (National Inventor's Month)