HELLO!

Welcome to the first RHC Library Newsletter! As you begin to prepare for the Spring semester, we would like you to know about the array of resources and services that the library provides to help you, and your students, fulfill your educational goals. In this issue, you will find an overview of library services that we offer to faculty instructors, along with information about LibChat, our new online chat reference service. We are also profiling one of our newest librarians, Brian Young, and will be introducing you to other librarians and staff in future issues. We want you to know who we are, and how we can help you. We also want to get to know you as well, so if you have any questions or suggestions for us, please don't hesitate to contact us or come by the library and say "hi!"

OUR MISSION:

The Rio Hondo College Library supports the goals and objectives of the College by providing instruction and services that introduce students to the depth and breadth of information sources available to them in an academic library, encourage the development of critical thinking about information and its use, and highlight the “lifelong learning” aspect of the College mission statement.
The library offers a great variety of academic resources to support student success, but do you know about the services we offer to assist our faculty instructors? Here are just a few:

Library Instruction
Our librarians work directly with faculty to teach information literacy through library orientations. Orientations typically last between 60 to 90 minutes (over one or more class sessions) and can cover both general library information (library services and resources, tours, etc.) and more specialized topics (such as using specific databases, narrowing a research topic, citation styles, etc.). Whatever your needs, we can design an orientation that will be beneficial to you and your students! To schedule an orientation (a minimum of one week in advance, please), complete the online form at bit.ly/RioLibRequest.

Requests for Resources & Library Reserves
We will work with you to obtain the library resources (books, ebooks, journals, databases, etc.) that your students need for their assignments. We also encourage you to place a copy of the course textbook, and other relevant materials, on reserve in the library. To do so, print and fill out the form at bit.ly/RioLibReserves and submit to the Circulation Desk.

Research Guides (LibGuides)
Librarians can create an online research guide (LibGuide) for your specific course, subject area, and/or assignment. LibGuides can easily be embedded in your course Canvas page or shared on your syllabus.

Drop-In Workshops
The library offers a range of drop-in workshops each semester. Once ready, the workshop schedule will be published and sent to faculty via email. Topics include: finding articles and books, topic development, evaluating online resources (fake news), and more!

In addition to the services above, librarians are available to work with you on extended projects, create specialized library materials for your course, and provide research consultations for your students. Please contact us at riohondocollegelibrary@gmail.com if you have any questions!

Full-time Librarians:
Robin Babou - x3375
Young Lee - x3379
Claudia Rivas - x3378
Irene Truong - x3377
Brian Young - x3376

Part-time Librarians:
Vivian Arenas-Vellanoweth, Gabriel Beeler, Karen Bourgaize, Trish Garcia, Bruce Guter, Carolyn Oldham, Gina Singh

Library Profile: Brian Young
Brian has been a Full-Time Librarian at Rio Hondo since Fall 2018. Prior to that, he worked as a Part-Time Librarian at Rio Hondo (as well as at Citrus College and Mt. San Antonio College), and also interned at RH during his MLIS program at San Jose State University. Before becoming a librarian, Brian worked in the television broadcasting field for nearly 20 years. He also enjoys writing and recording music, and has scored several animated short films and commercials. He currently lives in Whittier with his wife Annette (who is also a librarian!), and two boys Dylan and Daniel.

Subject specialties: Music, Arts, Business, Political Science

WHAT'S NEW?
LibChat
This semester, the Rio Hondo College Library introduces its new chat reference platform, LibChat. This option, available through the library homepage at www.riohondo.edu/library, enables students to chat online with a librarian during business hours. This is especially useful for students and/or faculty who are unable to reach us by phone or come to the library for in-person research assistance. Students and faculty can also "text a librarian" at 562-418-5253, or submit a Library Help Ticket for assistance outside of business hours (a librarian will respond by the next business day).