

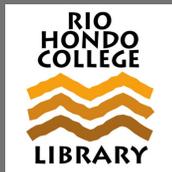
THE LIBRARY CHECKOUT

RIO HONDO COLLEGE LIBRARY NEWSLETTER

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HOURS

MONDAY-THURSDAY:

7AM - 9PM

FRIDAY: 7AM - 3PM

SATURDAY: 9AM - 1PM

SUNDAYS & HOLIDAYS:

CLOSED

LOCATION

MAIN CAMPUS

LRC BUILDING - 2ND FLOOR

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DEAR FRIENDS AND COLLEAGUES,

Greetings at the beginning of a new semester! On behalf of the entire staff of Rio Hondo College Library, I want to extend a warm welcome, and let you know about some exciting things happening at RHC Library currently (and which will happen in the very near future).

First and foremost is our new newsletter *The Library Checkout*, the second issue of which you're reading now! The brainchild of Librarian Brian Young, we intend to produce issues of *The Library Checkout* once per semester in order to apprise you of important information and developments here; and for this publication to augment news that Librarian Claudia Rivas already shares on our RHC Library social media sites.

Speaking of which, if you don't follow us on Instagram and/or Facebook, please do!

In this issue of the newsletter, we highlight RHC Library's brand new mission statement, developed thoughtfully over the summer by members of the Library team; feature two team members, one long-serving and one brand new; mention some new policies at RHC Library, like the fact that color copies now cost just \$0.50; and discuss some awesome collection developments, including the acquisition of the digital magazine viewer *Flipster*, plus our brand new graphic novels collection!

These are just a few of the positive changes happening now at RHC Library. As always, the Library remains an excellent place to discover both print and electronic resources to support your research and learning; seek assistance from supportive, professional librarians and staff members who are on-hand every hour we're open to help you with all your research and resource needs; and to collaborate, study, read, or just relax in a safe, calm space that also happens to be air-conditioned.

And please remember: RHC Library is *yours!* The Library comprises great team members, excellent resources, and amazing services, but there's always room for improvement: We encourage all RHC Library patrons—faculty, staff, and students alike—to share their great ideas via email or in-person conversations about what can make the space and the collections and services here even better.

As ever, thank you for your time and help, and we hope to see you in the Library soon!

Sincerely,
Mike Garabedian
Dean, Library and Instructional Support

New! Library Mission Statement

RHCL faculty and staff collaborated recently to create an updated mission statement for the Library that better reflects our service goals and reflects the needs of today's students:

Rio Hondo College Library honors the College mission, values the student learning experience, and embraces the diversity of our campus and surrounding communities by providing:

- Prompt and unbiased assistance within a safe and welcoming environment;
- Equitable access to academic resources and current technologies which support students' informational and educational needs;
- Innovative library instruction, programming, and outreach designed to teach essential information literacy skills and promote lifelong learning; and
- Preservation of the College's history through archival and special collections.

CHECK IT OUT!

- Color copies now cost just 50 cents each!
- Overdue notices are no longer sent by mail!
- New bookmarks and tote-bags now at the circulation and reference desks!
- Follow our social media pages for the latest news!

@riohondolibrary
  

Featured Books

Featured books are displayed in RHC Library near the Reference Desk, and rotate to reflect monthly observations and events. Here are some upcoming monthly features for Fall Semester 2019:

Banned Books Week:
September 22-28

Hispanic Heritage Month:
September 15 - October 15

LGBT History Month: October

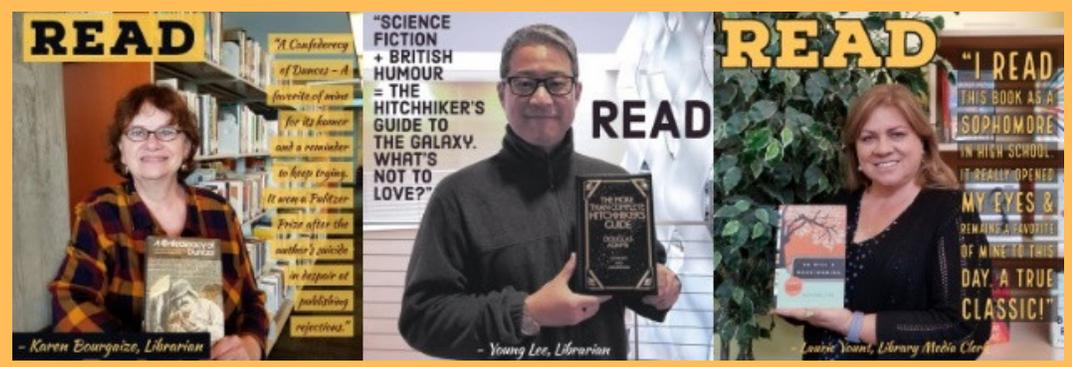
Halloween/Horror: October

Alzheimer's Disease Awareness Month: November

"Staff Selections" Featured Books
COMING SOON!

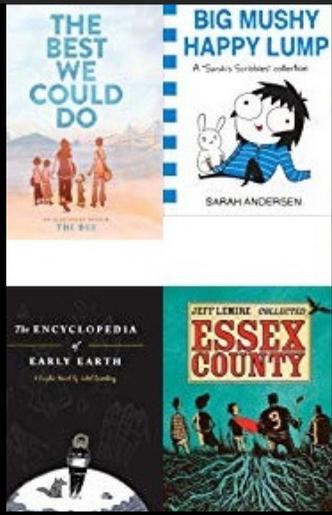
READ ACROSS AMERICA

According to the National Education Association, "NEA's Read Across America is an annual reading motivation and awareness program that calls for every child in every community to celebrate reading on March 2, the birthday of beloved children's author Dr. Seuss" (<http://www.nea.org/grants/read-across-background.html>). To commemorate Read Across America and encourage reading, last March we created posters featuring our Library family with their favorite books. Next year, we hope to feature Rio Hondo faculty and staff from all departments! If you're interested in participating in 2020, contact Librarian Claudia Rivas at crivas@riohondo.edu. Meanwhile, check out all the 2019 posters on the RHC Library website: www.riohondo.edu/library/read-across-america/



Flipster DIGITAL MAGAZINES

On September 1, RHC Library will begin providing access to *Flipster*, a digital magazine platform that will allow students, staff, and faculty members to read online issues of popular magazines, whether those folks are on campus or not! Titles will include *Bon Appetit*, *Car & Driver*, *GQ*, *The New Yorker*, *People*, *Prevention*, and *Sports Illustrated* to name just a few. Look for an email in early September announcing *Flipster's* launch, when you'll be able to access the platform via RHCL's database page: <https://www.riohondo.edu/library>.



Graphic Novels

Calling all graphic novels fans! RHC Library has begun to assemble a graphic novels collection whose new acquisitions will be displayed in the reading area just when you enter the Library. Check out the RHC Library LibGuide/Goodreads page to see new titles (<https://libguides.riohondo.edu/newbooks/graphicnovels>), and don't forget to follow us @riohondolibrary on Instagram to learn more as it happens!

SPOTLIGHT ON...

EL PAISANO

BY GINA SINGH, PART-TIME LIBRARIAN

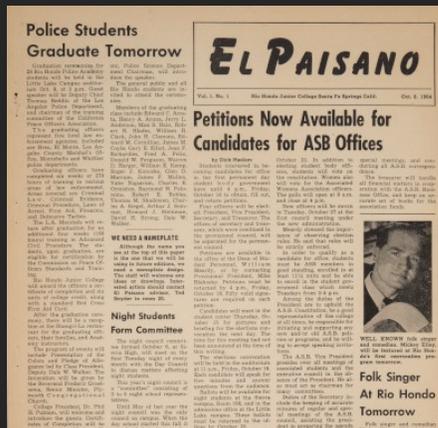
“Hello! I was on the football team in 1969 and my picture was published in the College newspaper. Would you be able to find it and scan it for me please?”

This is just one of many queries librarians have fielded regarding *El Paisano*, Rio Hondo College’s student newspaper, which has been in continuous publication for 55 years! The questions come because the original, print copies of the issues of *El Paisano*—from its inception in 1964 to the present—are housed in the temperature- and humidity-controlled RHC Library Archives. In the past several years, students, faculty, and the at-large community have used *El Paisano* to conduct research about the history of Rio Hondo; and the Library continues to receive questions from former employees and alumni who remember their time here fondly.

Thanks to recent efforts by Library team members, *El Paisano* is now online in its entirety, with fully searchable issues available to users 24/7. Folks interested in checking it out can access the *El Paisano Digital Archive* by navigating to the Archives tab in the menu of the RHC Library homepage, then clicking on the link: <https://www.riohondo.edu/library>.

Please feel free to browse and find out for yourself how Rio Hondo transformed itself from a working ranch and dairy to an institution to be reckoned with!

For more information, please contact us at 562-908-3484.



Library Profiles:

Candy Lam

Library Clerk



Tell us about yourself:

I was born in Hong Kong. I came to Los Angeles when I was 11 years old. I worked as a student worker at a library when I attended UCLA.

How long have you worked at RHC?
Eighteen years.

What does your job consist of in the Library?

I work mostly at the circulation desk to assist students, staff, and faculty. My job duties include checking out and checking in books, renewing books, answering questions, and mending and processing books.

What do you like best about working at RHC?
Coworkers! Everyone I met in the Library has been very friendly and helpful from day one.

What is one interesting thing people might not know about you?

I love watching Chinese and Korean game shows online!



Cynthia Palacios

Part-time Librarian



Tell us about yourself:

I grew up in Southern Los Angeles to a Guatemalan mom and Salvadorian dad, and I’m a middle

child of four. I earned my BA in Political Science with an Emphasis in Public Administration from CSULA. For my MLIS I attended the University of Arizona because of its Knowledge River program; focused on serving Latino and other minority communities within the library sector. Having worked with children I would say my area of expertise is with children, and particularly enjoy correlating classroom lessons with picture books.

How long have you worked at RHC?

I began working at RHC in May 2019.

What does your job consist of in the Library?

As an adjunct librarian I am predominantly staffing the reference desk; assuring I am approachable and that any student inquiry is met.

What do you like best about working at RHC?

What I like best about working at RHC is my reflecting the student population I serve. Having been a first generation college student, I longed to have seen a staff member reflect me; hence I know it is reassuring to current Latina RHC students when I help them and assure them that like them I too experienced impostor syndrome, and that it’s hard but possible to be the first in pursuing higher educational goals despite having various odds against you.

What is one interesting thing people might not know about you?

An interesting fact people tend not to know about me is that I was born on the street—on Viloleta Street in DTLA. My birth certificates reads “born on route to hospital.”

LIBRARY SERVICES FOR FACULTY

- LIBRARY INSTRUCTION, ORIENTATIONS, AND TOURS.
- REQUESTS FOR RESOURCES AND LIBRARY RESERVES.
- RESEARCH GUIDES (LIBGUIDES).
- DROP-IN WORKSHOPS.

LIBRARY ADMIN + FACULTY

DEAN OF LIBRARY
Mike Garabedian - x3417

FULL-TIME LIBRARIANS
Robin Babou - x3375
Young Lee - x3379
Claudia Rivas - x3378
Irene Truong - x3377
Brian Young - x3376

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Vivian Arenas-Vellanoweth, Gabriel Beeler, Karen Bourgaize, Maria Cruz, Heather Daugherty, Trish Garcia, Bruce Guter, Lawrence Mak, Carolyn Oldham, Cynthia Palacios, Summer Peng, Gina Singh

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