

THE LIBRARY CHECKOUT

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**THE CAMPUS LIBRARY IS OPEN
AUGUST 17 – SEPTEMBER 4**

MONDAY – THURSDAY:

8 AM – 5 PM

FRIDAY: 8 AM – 3 PM

**SATURDAY & SUNDAY:
CLOSED**

**TEXT, CHAT, OR ZOOM WITH A
LIBRARIAN**

MONDAY – THURSDAY:

8 AM – 12 PM and 2 PM – 6 PM

FRIDAY: 8 AM – 3 PM

**CONTACT US
CIRCULATION DESK**

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CLOSED AFTER LABOR DAY. WE ARE
HERE TO HELP YOU REMOTELY (SEE
PAGE 2 FOR MORE DETAILS).**



DEAR FRIENDS AND COLLEAGUES,

Greetings! I hope you are keeping well, and staying safe and healthy in these extraordinary times. On behalf of the entire Río Hondo College Library team, I want to extend a physically distanced but warm welcome, and share important information about Library services during this unusual semester.

First, you are reading the fourth-ever issue of the official RHC Library newsletter—*The Library Checkout*. Librarian Brian Young is the newsletter's creator, as well as our editor-in-chief. Working with other Library team members, Brian puts together *The Library Checkout* at the start of every semester to let you know about important developments here. This publication augments news that Librarian Claudia Rivas already shares on our RHC Library social media sites, and which we encourage all RHC students and employees to follow on Facebook and Instagram if you don't already—<https://www.facebook.com/riohondolibrary> and <https://www.instagram.com/riohondolibrary>.

In this issue of the newsletter, we highlight RHC Library's brand new library services platform, an exciting new way to discover the literally hundreds of thousands of amazing information resources here; feature two valued and long-serving team members; discuss research guides created recently by RHC librarians that take up COVID-19 and the Black Lives Matter movement; talk about how you can go online to view zines created by RHC students and last semester's "Read Across America" posters; and take up RHC Library services for students and faculty during the Fall 2020 semester (see page 2).

This last point is an especially crucial one: Although we are separated physically, RHC Library remains an excellent resource to discover electronic resources to support your research and learning. It's also still the best way to seek assistance from supportive, professional librarians and staff members who are available to help you with your research and resource needs. If you are a faculty or staff member, this is an excellent season to collaborate with us to think about course solutions like e-books and OER, *LibGuides*, and remote orientations and tutorials. If you are a student, now is the time to connect with librarians remotely to learn how to do online research effectively and efficiently, tell the difference between good and poor sources of information, and discover all the e-books, e-journal articles, and online documentary films available to RHC Library patrons using our great new catalog. The Library team is committed to helping you whenever you need us—don't hesitate to ask!

As ever, thank you for your time and help: we hope you enjoy this issue of *The Library Checkout*, and to connect with you online soon.

Sincerely,
Mike Garabedian
Dean, Library and Instructional Support

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT: THE CAMPUS LIBRARY IS OPEN THROUGH SEP. 4

The Circulation Desk at RHC Library will be open to assist patrons with checking out items *only for the first three weeks of the semester*. The last day to come to the Library to check out technology items like Chromebooks, headphones, and mobile hotspots will be Friday, September 4. Following September 4, Library staff will still work remotely with any patron—students, staff, administrators, or faculty—who needs to check out technology items, but the Library will be closed and pickup will be by appointment only. All other on-campus Library services (e.g., study spaces, printing/copying, physical reserves, and print book circulation) are prohibited until further notice.



LIBRARY SERVICES FOR STUDENTS

Get Help from a Librarian:

If you need help finding electronic resources (like e-books and articles), focusing a research question, or using citation styles, friendly librarians are here to assist you through text, chat, email, or Zoom. Our hours of availability this semester are Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 2 p.m. to 6 p.m., and Friday, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. You can also send an email at any time (riohondocollegelibrary@gmail.com) and we will respond as soon as possible. Go to the RHC Library website at <https://www.riohondo.edu/library> to connect with us!

Technology Checkout:

Chromebooks, mobile hotspots, and graphic calculators are available for checkout at the Library Circulation Desk through September 4. Patrons who want to check out technology can save time (and in the event of unavailability, be put on a waiting list) by filling out a *Technology Reservation Form* at <https://www.riohondo.edu/library/technology-request/>. After September 4, items may still be checked out and picked up by appointment only at (562) 908-3416.

Electronic Resources:

RHC Library provides access to hundreds of thousands of online, electronic resources—including e-books, scholarly and popular articles, videos, and datasets—all of which are accessible through the RHC Library website at: <https://www.riohondo.edu/library/>. For help finding sources for your assignments, please contact a librarian—we are here for you!

DUE DATES

Students with checked-out items (like Chromebooks or hotspots) who are enrolled for Fall will automatically have their due dates updated to December 5, 2020: they will not have to come in to the Library or contact us for this to happen. The automatic update occurred on August 13—the due date for Summer 2020. Students with checked-out items who are not enrolled for Fall will need to return their items to RHC Library as soon as possible. Staff/library members in possession of checked-out items will automatically have their due dates updated to December 5 also—please disregard any automated messages to the contrary.

For any questions, please call the Library Circulation Desk: (562) 908-3416.

LIBRARY SERVICES FOR FACULTY

Library Instruction:

Librarians work directly with faculty to teach information literacy to through library orientations. This can happen “live” via Zoom, or in some cases, with prerecorded, librarian-created videos. To request library instruction, fill out a *Faculty Request for Library Instruction* form at <http://bit.ly/RioLibRequest>. Orientations typically cover both general library information (library services and resources, digital scavenger hunts, 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!

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.

Video Tutorials:

Last spring, RHC librarians began creating a series of video tutorials to help students find resources through the catalog and subscription databases. These tutorials can be found on our “Library Resources During COVID-19” *LibGuide* at <https://libguides.riohondo.edu/libresourcesC19/tutorials>. Additional video tutorials will be created and added throughout the semester.

Online Workshops:

In the place of our usual drop-in library workshops, we are currently developing online workshops. Topics will include: finding articles and ebooks, topic development, evaluating online resources (including fake news), zine making, and more! Information about these workshops will be released once a schedule has been determined.

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!

Spotlight on ...

Alma/Primo: The New Library Catalog

Earlier this year, the Library rolled out a new library catalog system, replacing the existing one which had been in use for many years. The newly adopted library services platform (LSP) promised greater ease of use, integrating back-end administration and public-facing search into a single unified system.

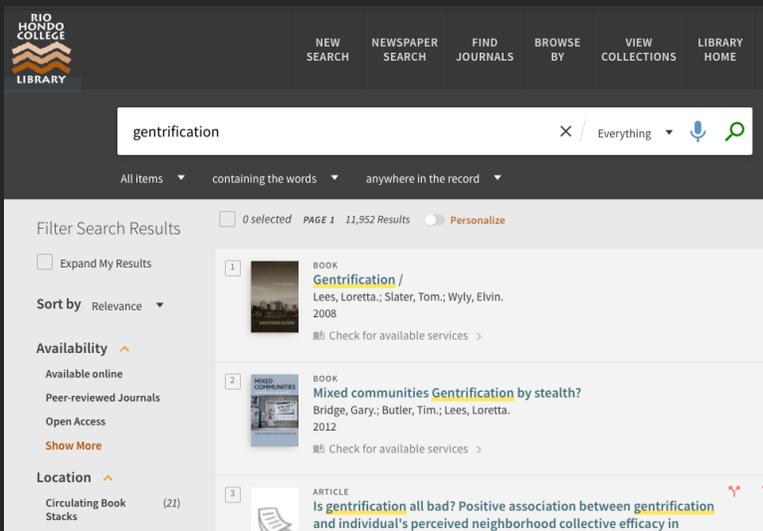
Often branded as OneSearch, the Alma/Primo LSP by Ex Libris offers more than just the prior catalog's ability to search our holdings for books and ebooks; it also provides a discovery service capable of finding items at the article or chapter level across many database and electronic resource subscriptions. From a single interface, we can search nearly our entire available collection of physical and digital materials.

At a time when so many work and learn remotely from home, the importance of electronic resources has increased greatly, and having the means to easily find and access them from anywhere is a boon. So too is the ability for far-flung staff and librarians to manage and maintain the new LSP, thanks to its cloud-based infrastructure and web-based interface.

But it's not just Río Hondo reaping the benefits. The entire California Community Colleges system adopted Alma/Primo this year, following a similar move made several years ago by the California State University system. Not only will students benefit from the LSP change now, but in the future as well since community college students transferring to CSU will already be familiar with their catalogs.

At the Library, we're excited about the opportunities possible with Alma/Primo and will continually seek ways of improving it to better meet Río Hondo's needs. But as good as the new LSP is or could be, it will never entirely replace searching directly in databases themselves with their dedicated interfaces and more powerful search functionality. However, while thorough research will always require going beyond just searching in the new catalog, it's definitely a great place to start.

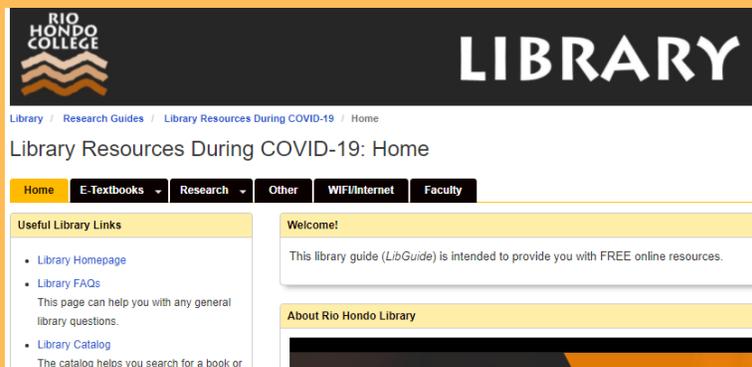
To access the new library catalog, visit the RHC Library homepage (Books & eBooks tab) or go to <http://bit.ly/RioLspRhc>.



COVID-19 LIBGUIDE

In Spring 2020, RHC librarians authored an online library research guide (also known as a *LibGuide*) to connect students, faculty, and staff members with library resources during the COVID-19 pandemic. This *LibGuide* includes a wide variety of links to free e-textbooks, e-books, videos, images, and other online educational resources. In addition, links to RHC Library e-resources (subscription databases and e-books), video tutorials, and a full description of available library services (including remote help via text, chat, zoom, and email) are also provided. This guide is updated regularly, and available 24/7 at <https://libguides.riohondo.edu/libresourcesC19>.

If there are additional resources you would like to see added, please contact librarian Claudia Rivas at crivas@riohondo.edu.



BLACK LIVES MATTER



Image: World Economic Forum (weforum.org)

Because of our values, commitments, and mission—because it is right and necessary—RHC Library stands in solidarity with our African American colleagues, students, friends, and family in this community and beyond ...

In an effort to compile information and RHC Library resources related to the Black Lives Matter (BLM) movement, we have published an online research guide (*LibGuide*), available at <https://libguides.riohondo.edu/blacklivesmatter>. In addition to BLM, this guide also contains an assortment of links to articles, video and audio content, and events related to racism and anti-racism, the Black experience, teaching resources for faculty, and even advice about talking to children about racism.

This guide is updated regularly, so if you know of a related article or resource you would like to have added, please contact Librarian Brian Young at byoung@riohondo.edu.

STUDENT ZINES

Introduced in 2019, zine workshops offered by RHC Library have become extremely popular with both students and faculty. Zines (pronounced “zeens”) are hand-crafted, DIY (i.e., do-it-yourself) magazines made with simple materials, but they often contain high-impact meaning and messages. Over time, zines have become recognized as an important platform of expression for traditionally marginalized individuals and/or communities, and provide a voice for those who often go unheard. They can be educational, political, funny, informative, and/or highly personal in nature.

Last year, zine workshops were expanded outside of the Library, and incorporated directly into a variety of classroom projects. We have updated our online zine research guide (*LibGuide*) to feature a number of zines created by RHC students: <https://libguides.riohondo.edu/zines/digitalzines>.

For this semester, we are offering an online, virtual version of our zine workshop in both synchronous and asynchronous forms. To schedule a workshop, or for further information, contact Librarian Claudia Rivas at crivas@riohondo.edu.

READ ACROSS AMERICA



The National Education Association’s Read Across America initiative was observed on March 2, 2020. To celebrate this annual event, RHC Library invited all departments and staff to pose with their favorite reads. The response to this request was AMAZING, and nearly two dozen READ posters were created this year. All posters have been featured on the Library’s social media pages, and can also be viewed on the RHC Library website: <https://www.riohondo.edu/library/read-across-america-2020/>.

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Library Profiles

Sandra Rivera

Library Technician

Tell us about yourself.

My favorite time of year was summers with my grandmother in La Puente. One day, I was exploring in her closet and found a green hard covered copy of Grimm’s Fairy Tales. I read it over and over again. These stories made me fall in love with books and with words. Fortunately, I lived just a few blocks from the Malabar Public Library, in Boyle Heights. Destiny.



How long have you worked at RHC Library? What does your job consist of?

September 16, 2020 will be my 34th year of service to the Library, and the last seven or so years, in acquisitions. Acquisitions is responsible for ordering, receiving, and invoicing all new material, but my day also includes public service at Circulation and printing posters and signs in Sign Production.

What do you like best about working in the Library?

Undoubtedly, what I like best about working at Río Hondo are the people and cracking open boxes of new books. I and the rest of our staff really like it when our co-workers and colleagues visit. At this time, this is not as easy, but please reach out and we’ll do our best to meet your library needs.



Trish Garcia

Part-time Librarian



Tell us about yourself.

I came to librarianship as a second career. My first career was as a mechanical engineer and I last worked for an engineered industrial pump company. One huge issue for women in careers is childcare, which I didn’t really figure out. I left the workforce and did the stay-at-home mom thing with my two children before fate suggested a career as an academic librarian specializing in engineering. I completed my Master’s in Library and

Information Science online from San Jose State University. After two years in a temporary position at UC Riverside’s science library, I am now happy to be at RHC as an adjunct librarian.

How long have you worked at Río Hondo College?

I have been with Río Hondo College since Fall 2015.

What does your job consist of in the Library?

In the “Before Times,” I worked at the Reference Desk helping students, and sometimes faculty, find sources for their research papers and with citations. I also taught visiting classes how to use library resources (especially databases) and workshops that are offered near the end of the semester. When we needed to work from home, the library took the reference desk online and my fellow librarians and I helped students in Chat and Zoom. The last few semesters, I have also taught LIB 101, now called “Research Skills and Information Literacy.” It’s a really cool class that covers how to use library tools to find sources for your research papers, how to evaluate websites, but also gets into other issues in information literacy such as open access publishing, censorship, and misinformation. It is offered as a fully-online class. Some students start the class with no idea the breadth of information they have access to through their library. It’s rewarding to see them learn these things.

What do you like best about working at RHC?

I love my colleagues in the library; they are a caring bunch, and the students are great. (Of course, the best students go to the Library.)

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

For years I have been hooked on the hobby of genealogy. This actually fits quite well as I use lots of library skills in my research. I am active in the area genealogy society, where I have met some great people, and a 3rd cousin once removed! I have been focused on my grandfather’s family for a while and understand my family better. One thing I love about genealogy is seeing how your own ancestors and family story fits into history. Everyone has a family with a story to tell.