

THE LIBRARY CHECKOUT

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VULTURES
OUTSIDE THE
LIBRARY
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CAMPUS LIBRARY (LRC, 2ND FLOOR)

HOURS

MONDAY–THURSDAY

7 AM to 7 PM

FRIDAY

7 AM to 3 PM

SATURDAY–SUNDAY

CLOSED

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ZOOM WITH A LIBRARIAN**

MONDAY–THURSDAY

9 AM to 9 PM

FRIDAY

7 AM to 3 PM

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DEAR FRIENDS AND COLLEAGUES,

Greetings at the start of the Fall 2022 semester, and “welcome” to issue #8 of *The Library Checkout*—the official newsletter of Río Hondo College Library!

It’s been two-and-a-half years since Río Hondo made the switch to nearly total remote learning in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, way back in March 2020. However, this semester we’re seeing more courses scheduled on campus than at any point since 2020, with even more set to return in person by Spring 2023. Meanwhile, the vast majority of RHC employees are back on campus to serve students in offices, centers, classrooms, and labs, and there has been a thoughtful easing of pandemic-related restrictions at RHC that reflect the state of public health in the Los Angeles area. In short, although the pandemic is still with us, we’re in a far better place than we were two-and-a-half years ago, and continuing to move toward a time when on-campus resources and services at Río Hondo look like they did before COVID-19.

RHC Library is no exception, so allow me to repeat a four-word, all-caps message I wrote in the last issue of this newsletter: **YOUR LIBRARY IS OPEN!**

Indeed, the Library continues to be open nearly as many weekday hours as it was before the pandemic—from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday to Thursday, and 7 a.m. until 3 p.m. on Fridays—and we’ll increase these hours and stay open even later in Spring 2023.

For now, in Fall 2022, students and employees will continue to mask up at RHC Library and we’ll follow public health recommendations to protect ourselves and the most vulnerable members of our community. At the same time, we’re excited to note that with the exception of group study rooms (which we plan to reopen entirely in Spring 2023), *all of the Library’s in-person, pre-pandemic resources and services are back.*

What kinds of in-person resources and services? Well, RHC Library remains the best spot on campus for an air-conditioned, quiet study space with Wi-Fi and power outlets; librarians who help with all sorts of research- and library-related questions at the Reference Desk; computers on which to do homework, get online, and attend remote courses; copying, scanning, and printing documents in the Library’s Copy Center; and of course checking out books and reserve texts at the Circulation Desk.

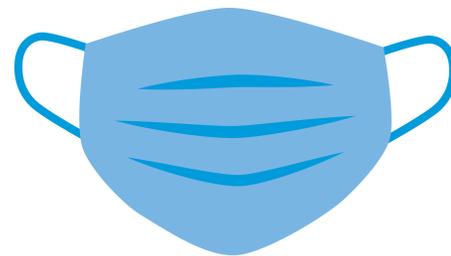
But, as important as it is to be back in person at the Library, we’re also making certain we keep providing some of the most popular and useful resources and services acquired and developed during the switch to remote learning, including a whole lot of electronic resources like e-books and streaming video available 24/7/365; librarians at the ready to offer remote assistance, instructions, orientations, and workshops; and technology equipment like Chromebooks and mobile hotspots available for semester-long checkout. For more information about Library resources and services, check out page 2, and remember that librarians share up-to-date and breaking news about the Library in posts on Facebook and Instagram; as such we encourage everyone to follow us on these platforms: <https://www.facebook.com/riohondolibrary> and <https://www.instagram.com/riohondolibrary>.

And remember: The RHC Library team is dedicated to helping you whenever and wherever you need us—so don’t hesitate to ask! We hope this issue of *The Library Checkout* is helpful, and look forward to connecting with you safely in person or online this semester.

Sincerely,
Mike Garabedian
Dean, Library and Instructional Support

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR FALL 2022

This semester, the Library is open Monday through Thursday, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Fridays, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m., and closed Saturdays and Sundays. Students may come to the Library to access desktop computers and wireless Internet; work in individual and group study spaces (group study rooms remain closed until Spring 2023); borrow books from the circulating and reserve collections; scan copy, and print documents; consult with and ask questions of in-person librarians; and check out technology items (e.g., Chromebooks, hotspots, and calculators). All visitors must wear a mask and adhere to CDC and LACDH guidelines when entering the Library. As always, be sure to check the RHC Library website (<https://www.riohondo.edu/library>) and follow our social media channels (@riohondolibrary) for the most up-to-date information regarding hours and services.



**MASKS ARE REQUIRED
IN THE LIBRARY**

LIBRARY SERVICES FOR STUDENTS

Get Help from a Librarian

Friendly librarians work in person at the Reference Desk to help with all your library-related needs. This includes assistance with finding resources (like books, e-books, and articles), research consultations, citation help, and more! Librarians are also available online through text, chat, email, or Zoom. So, whether you are on or off-campus, librarians are here for you! Visit the RHC Library website at www.riohondo.edu/library (and page 1 of this newsletter!) for information about this semester's on-campus/online reference hours, and how to connect with a librarian.

Library Resources

RHC students are able to borrow books from our extensive circulating book collection, and check out reserve textbooks (for up to two hours, in-library use only, or scan sections of reserve books in the Copy Center to read later). The Library provides a safe, quiet, and comfortable environment, with access to individual and group study spaces, nearly all of which have power outlets. Library patrons also have access to desktop computers, with the ability to print, scan, or copy documents. If you're taking a remote course via Zoom, the Library is an ideal place to work, with headphones available for check out and free Wi-Fi. Group study rooms are closed, but will be available again in Spring 2023.

RHC Library provides access to hundreds of thousands of online, electronic resources—including e-books, scholarly and popular articles, streaming video and audio, images, 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, contact a librarian today.

Technology Checkout

Chromebooks, mobile hotspots, and graphing calculators are now available for checkout. Currently registered RHC students, faculty, or staff must first fill out a Technology Reservation Form at <https://www.riohondo.edu/library/technology-request>. Once submitted, you will be placed on a waiting list and contacted when your item is ready for pickup. For questions regarding technology items, call the Library Circulation Desk at (562) 908-3416.

LIBRARY SERVICES FOR FACULTY

Library Instruction

Through library orientations, librarians work directly with professors to teach information literacy and help students find resources for their assignments. Instruction sessions can be scheduled to take place either in-person (typically within library classrooms); "live" via Zoom for remote courses; or in some cases, with asynchronous, librarian-created videos. To request library instruction, please 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.) or more specialized topics (such as using specific databases, narrowing a research topic, evaluating online sources, citation styles, etc.). Whatever your needs, we can design an orientation that will be beneficial to you and your students.

Division Liaison Librarians

Liaison librarians serve as a primary library contact, and provide specialized information, instruction, and resources to their respective academic divisions. In addition, librarians also take purchase requests and recommendations for library materials, can work with you on extended projects, and offer one-on-one research consultations for your students. Visit <https://www.riohondo.edu/library/about/division-liaisons> to learn more about and connect with your liaison librarian.

NEW! Streaming Video

Is there a film or video that you would like your class to be able to watch? The Library is now taking title requests through both the *Kanopy* and *Swank* video streaming platforms. To view or request a title, start by accessing *Kanopy* or *Swank* through the Library's A-Z Database page at <https://libguides.riohondo.edu/az.php>. Simply search for the film or video you are looking for, and if we don't already have it in our collection, a "request access" email can be generated (which goes directly to your liaison librarian). Streaming video titles can be shown on campus in the classroom or accessed from home, making streaming a convenient option for both students and faculty instructors alike.

Research Guides (LibGuides) and Video Tutorials

Librarians can create an online research guide (*LibGuide*) for your specific course, subject area, and/or assignment. *LibGuides* can easily be shared on your *Canvas* page or syllabus, and give your students easy and direct access to a variety of resources. Librarians also have the ability to create and embed tutorials and quizzes directly into *LibGuides* to promote assessment and active learning. New video tutorials are being produced on a regular basis and added throughout the semester to the RHC Library YouTube page: <https://tinyurl.com/rhclibraryyoutube>.

Librarians and ENGL 101 Instructors Work “Better Together”

Librarians' "Better Together" Spring 2022 FLEX Day presentation provided details about the research project several RHC librarians completed in 2021. Here is an overview of the project:

"Better Together" was initially conceived and undertaken by librarians Judy Sevilla Marzona, now retired, and Claudia Rivas. After Judy retired, librarian Trish Garcia joined Claudia to complete the work. The goal of the project was to determine whether library instruction in ENGL 101 courses was effective in increasing student success. To make this determination, the two librarians created a rubric and evaluated students' final research papers, examining 124 papers written by students who received library instruction and 148 papers from students who did not receive instruction.

Using the rubric, the librarians' findings showed that students who received library instruction were more successful in their research papers than those who did not receive library instruction. The study indicated that students who received library instruction performed 55% better on their works cited page, 15% better in selecting appropriate sources, 24% better in the use of credible sources, 13% better in having in-text citations appear in Works Cited pages, and 21% better in having a works cited page match with in-text citations.

Through an additional informal survey, the librarians also discovered that approximately 80% of students were only attending one library instruction session for research assistance and never returning or following up for additional help. The survey also showed that approximately 26% of students use the Library's research databases and 20% used the Library's Computer Commons to complete their papers.

RHC professors are encouraged to schedule library instruction session to help students with any and all research-related assignments. However, even if students are *not* working on a research-related assignment for a given course, they are still likely to benefit from a librarian-led orientation or instruction. Librarians have observed that an instructor who makes time for a deliberate library orientation or instruction—especially *at* the Library—reinforces to their students (many of whom are unaware of library services and resources prior to this sort of instruction) that the Library is a valuable academic support center, and the place students can go for help with research and resources.

INCREASED SUPPORT FOR BLACK- AND MINORITY-OWNED BOOKSTORES



In the Spring 2022 issue of *The Library Checkout*, we let you know about a new initiative—the brainchild of Library and Media Technician Sandra Rivera—by which librarians and staff will work with local, Black- and minority-owned bookstores to acquire new titles for the collection here (“RHC Library Supports Black and Minority-Owned Businesses”). To help fund the initiative, a percentage of the Library’s annual acquisitions budget is now being set aside specifically to work with the folks at these local stores, mainly to acquire anti-racist, culturally relevant books for the Library in subjects as diverse as art, politics, history, biography, literature, and children’s literature.

In last time’s article, we highlighted the first Black-owned bookstore with which RHC Library is working—Malik Books, in Baldwin Hills. Now we are pleased to report that as of July, the Library is now working with two other minority-owned stores—Lil Libros, an online children’s bookstore founded by Latina mothers, and the Black- and Latina-owned MiJa Books in Lakewood—to help with the initiative. And the Library is continuing to seek to do business with even more Black and minority-owned bookstores: so if you have suggestions (and/or if you have suggestions for anti-racist, culturally relevant books you want to see at the Library), let us know!

Meanwhile, to find out more about Malik Books, Lil Libros, and MiJa Books, check out malikbooks.com, lillibros.com, and mijabooks.com.

RECOMMENDED READS

In the last edition of *The Library Checkout*, RHC librarians recommended some recently-published books they enjoyed. For this issue, we opened up submissions to the entire Library team, and asked for recommendations regardless of publication date. Each of the “recommended reads” below are currently in the Library’s collection (in either physical or e-book formats) and available for check-out now!

***The Forgotten First: Kenny Washington, Woody Strode, Marion Motley, Bill Willis, and the Breaking of the NFL Color Barrier* by Keyshawn Johnson & Bob Glauber (GV939.A1 J63 2021)**

The story of four Black players who, in 1946, permanently broke the color barrier for professional football just one year before Jackie Robinson broke the color barrier for Major League Baseball. Two of the four players grew up and went to school locally, signing with the Los Angeles Rams in the spring of '46. (Rudy Martinez)

***On Juneteenth* by Annette Gordon-Reed (E185.93.T4 G67 2021)**

This book presents a historian’s point of view on the history of Juneteenth. Beginning with its origins in Texas, *On Juneteenth* details the adversity that African Americans have faced throughout history, from the Reconstruction era to Jim Crow and beyond. (Gabriel Beeler)

***Giovanni’s Room* by James Baldwin (PS3552.A45G5 1956)**

Baldwin was one of our greatest writers of fiction and nonfiction. An outspoken civil rights leader and African-American intellectual, he was also a gay man at a time when homosexuality was a crime in most places in the U.S. Written in 1956, this novel is about a young American man in Paris and his relationship with the titular character, and was one of the very first to represent same-sex desire and LGBTQ folks in complex, empathetic ways. And Baldwin’s prose is so pretty that it borders on poetry. (Mike Garabedian)

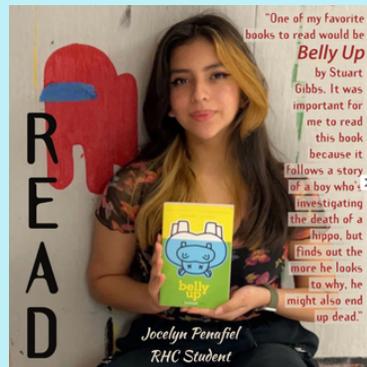
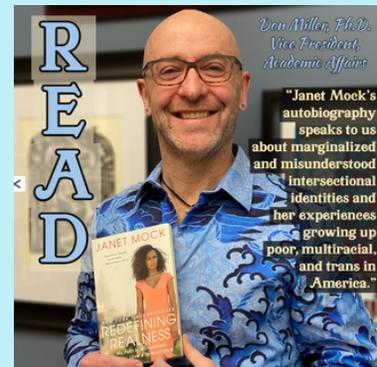
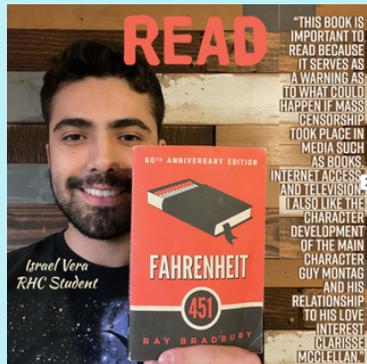
***Maus I: A Survivor’s Tale: My Father Bleeds History & Maus II: A Survivor’s Tale: And Here My Troubles Began* by Art Spiegelman (PN6727.S6 M37 1986)**

Maus I and *II* are two graphic novels about a father’s experience in Nazi-controlled Poland and concentration camps, as well as how this past trauma has impacted his relationship with his son. An artistic and accessible look into history, and another example of how books that are challenged or banned are an attempt to silence history and reality. (Trish Garcia)

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READ ACROSS AMERICA 2022

Sponsored by the National Education Association, this year's Read Across America event (which took place on March 2, 2022) had another extraordinary response from RHC students, faculty and staff. Since 2019, RHC Librarian Claudia Rivas has called for volunteers to pose with their favorite books and share their thoughts about the importance of reading. Over the years, Claudia has designed dozens of READ posters, which have been shared on the Library's social media pages and website. This past year's batch of READ posters can be viewed at https://www.riohondo.edu/library/read-across_america-2022. Next year's RAA event will take place on March 2, 2023; please contact Claudia (crivas@riohondo.edu) if you have any questions or would like to submit a "selfie" with your favorite book!



Library Profiles:

Laurie Yount

Library Clerk



Tell us about yourself.

I grew up in Hacienda Heights riding dirt bikes out in the desert with my dad and siblings. During high school, I met my future husband and we even attended a winter formal dance at Río Hondo in the Putnam Center. It was later torn down to make space for the current Library. We have two daughters, and I am so excited to become a grandma in September.

How long have you worked at RHC Library?

I started working here in the Library in June 1989. I have now been here 33 years, 22 part-time and 11 full-time. When I first started, I worked in the basement of the old library building in the evening helping instructors check out films and projectors. We even repaired some films using a splicing machine. During that time we also had vinyl albums that could be checked out.

What does your job consist of?

My job title is Library Clerk, and my main responsibility is customer service at the Circulation Desk. This involves checking out Chromebooks, hotspots, and graphing calculators as well as books and reserve materials. I also process the books with book covers after they have been received and cataloged.

What do you like best about working in the library?

The people who I meet and interact with are my favorite part of my job. I have always enjoyed the students, staff, and faculty and getting to know them. It's like an extended family.



Lawrence Mak

Part-time Librarian

Tell us about yourself.

A librarian and an avid reader of mysteries, crime fiction, and political and military history. Also enjoy sports, food, and travelling—visited three continents so far, planning on more in the future.

How long have you worked at RHC Library?

Since 2019.

What does your job consist of?

Helping students with their academic research and with utilizing library resources. On occasion, teaching library orientation courses during in-person class visits.

What do you like best about working at RHC?

Great collegial atmosphere and top-notch library.

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

Big fan of Liverpool FC. YNWA.

RECOMMENDED READS

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Women of Will: The Remarkable Evolution of Shakespeare's Female Characters by Tina Packer (PR2991.P16 2015).

Written by a foremost Shakespeare expert, this text looks at Shakespeare's character arcs in his female characters from play to play. The women began as shrews or sweet things and, in the end, become equal in character and spirit to male characters; this text provides examples and analyzes why these evolutions came about. (Claudia Rivas)

Atomic Habits: An Easy & Proven Way to Build Good Habits & Break Bad Ones by James Clear (e-book).

As indicated in the title, this book provides some great tips on how to form good habits, break bad ones, and master the tiny ("atomic") behaviors that lead to remarkable results. (Brian Young)

City of Industry: Genealogies of Power in Southern California by Victor Valle (HV8148.C58V35 2009 & e-book).

This is a muckraking account by a former L.A. Times reporter on the development of this business-friendly San Gabriel Valley city. A detailed examination of the "noir-ish" machinations of big-city politics and commerce. (Rudy Martinez)

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