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# WHAT'S NEW?

## REMINDER: Library Site is now on the Hub [hub.nichols.edu]



Also linked in CANVAS courses (left side menu: 'Library Resources')

OUR RESOURCES CAN HELP YOU: FIND QUALITY INFORMATION WITH LESS FRUSTRATION CITE YOUR SOURCES GET BETTER GRADES SAVE YOU \$! (w/textbooks on reserve)

## Aaannnd, there's always research assistance available [https://nichols.edu/library1on1]



## Some Numbers From Fall 2019

Website Pageviews: 1,881 Times Textbooks Borrowed: 1,372 Times Devices Borrowed: 250 Items Borrowed from Other Libraries: 117

## New Databases (From Commonwealth of Massachusetts)

Opposing Viewpoints covers timely issues, from capital punishment to immigration to marijuana.

*Career Transitions* provides guidance and essential activities for job seekers and those investigating career options. Includes a practice interview component!

HeritageQuest Online collection of genealogical and historical sources-with coverage dating back to the 1700s

*Science Database* 7.3 million full text articles from over 1,600 sources, including charts, diagrams, graphs, tables, photos, and other graphical elements so vital to scientific and engineering literature.

**Research Companion** helps students do more effective scholarly research and supports educators as they teach the core information literacy principles of finding, evaluating, and using information.



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# Library Grant Proposal

Soon after a group of SGA representatives visited with Library Director Jim Douglas last semester to talk about improving the library facility a fantastic grant opportunity to do just that presented itself. Talk about serendipity!

The College is applying this semester for a major grant for funding to renovate the Library with new rugs, furniture, painting and more. We're looking at a substantial reconfiguring and look for the Library! We believe we have an excellent chance --keep your fingers crossed! We should hear whether we won this grant before the end of the semester and if we are successful work would begin this summer.

Special thanks to Susan Veshi, Associate VP for Advancement & College Communications, Bob LaVigne, Vice President for Operations, and Justin Dolan, Assistant Director Campus Services, for their work on this grant proposal.

## **NEW! VIDEO GAME COLLECTION**

#### Check These Out! Titles for XBOX & PS4

The Library has begun a new collection – video games! Thanks to funding from SGA we have *NBA 2k20* and *Call of Duty: Modern Warfare* for <u>both</u> PlayStation4 | Xbox One. We have also added: *Ori and the Blind Forest : Definitive Edition* (Xbox One), *Shadow of the Tomb Raider: Definitive Edition* (Xbox One and PS4), *Horizon Zero Dawn:* Complete Edition (PS4), and *Journey: Collector's Edition* (PS4)

## To Borrow (Up to 7 Days) See Circulation Desk

**Help Build the Collection!** We would love suggestions for other titles! Is there a video game you think we should have? Use the 'Suggest a Purchase' link/form in the 'For Student' page on our website!

#### **NEW ART: MARION A. KOLBE**



Marion A. Kolbe [1911-1998] was a student of the technique of Hans Hoffman, an influential figure in postwar American Art, who played a pivotal role in the Abstract Expressionist Movement.

Hoffman taught his "push-pull" theory that had begun developing in the first decades of the 20th century. It revolved around the idea that contrasting colors, side by side, caused the perception of color change and movement by one color receding and the other color coming forward. This expression of movement was to invoke the perception of action and the energy of spirit. Color field painting became the next step in Abstract Expressionism and Kolbe's brilliant colors reflect her interest as a colorist.

These samples of Ms. Kolbe's work, on the Main and Upper floors, are on loan to the Library courtesy of her son, Dr. Bruce Kolbe.



## April 8- SPRING BOOK SWAP TO CELEBRATE NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

Gather up a couple of books from home, residence hall, or office and head over to the Library's spring book swap on Wednesday, April 8. Stop by the main reading room anytime between 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m. to drop off and pick up a book. You don't have to give one to get one (or two, or three...) Share your favorites and discover new ones! ALSO: We will be offering a great number of art-related books!

## SPOTLIGHT ON: CARLY WILSON, Circulation and STARDesk Assistant



Carly, a General Business major, writes: I have been working at the library for 4 years. While working here I have had many great experiences, one of them being getting the opportunity to be the Team Leader my junior year giving me a different outlook and learning more about my leadership style. [Book recommendation: *Into the Water* by Paula Hawkiins]

What I will miss the most is the people I work with, as everyone here is great and friendly!