

# THINQ TANK

This semester publication presents BCC library faculty and staff work; devoted to assisting students with their education and career needs.

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## COMMUNITY AND OUTREACH

In Fall 2014, we welcomed new Library Department faculty member, Cynthia Tobar. Prof. Tobar is the Archivist and Technology Services Librarian who will guide the development of the BCC archives initiatives. First on her agenda is the reclamation and assessment of the historical materials of the Hall of Fame for Great Americans.

The Library hosted several exhibits this past semester, including themes on Origami, Gabriel Garcia Marquez, and World War I. We hope you enjoyed these inspirational educational efforts developed by the library faculty.

In the Spring 2015 semester, we bid a fond adieu to Instructor Emma Antobam. She set the pace for educational outreach services here in the department. Stepping up, we welcome Linda Yau as Substitute Instructor for Reference and Outreach Services.

Please join the library as we extend outreach via a student government library advisory group; we offer weekly "Writing Across the Curriculum" tutoring sessions, and we move into collaborative teaching efforts with the FYS and Education & Reading departments at BCC.

*We hope you find our news compelling and useful. Please visit, ask, and learn!*

Prof. Michael J. Miller, MLS, MS

**Chief Librarian**

## WHAT'S NEW?

E-books are all the rage. Are you interested in trying out an e-reader for the first time, or maybe just looking to lighten your backpack load while you enjoy a great new novel?

The Bronx Community College Library invites the college community to experience the Amazon **Kindle Fire**. Available for a two week loan. Stop by the New Media Desk at North Hall second floor during the library's normal business hours and ask about this new reading technology available for loan.

There are over **70** titles available for loan at this time under the genres of Leisure Reading and assigned English Literature texts.

Some **leisure titles include**: *Adultery*: a novel-Coelho, Paul; *The Best of Me -Sparks*, Nicholas; *Black Pulp*-Mosley, Walter; *Claire of the Sea Light*-Danticat, Edwidge; *The Complete Gilliam Flynn: Gone Girl, Dark Places, Sharp Objects*-Flynn, Gillian; *Cosby: his life and times*-Whitaker, Mark; *Devil in Silver*, a novel-LaValle, Victor; *Diary of a Stalker*-Parks, Electa Rome; *Girl with the Dragon Tattoo Trilogy Bundle: The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo, The Girl Who Played With Fire, The Girl Who Kicked the Hornet's Nest*-Larsson, Steig AND MANY MORE.

The library is planning to expand the selection of titles and add additional themed sets once the **Kindles** are introduced. If you have any requests for specific titles or suggestions for new categories for our **Kindle** selection, please contact Content Services Librarian, Alex de Laszlo; Alexander.de\_laszlo@bcc.cuny.edu

## STAFF PICKS:

The reference collection at the library holds a wide variety of resources. Are you interested in fashion or just looking for inspiration for your visual design projects? Check out *Textiles* by Mary Schoeser Call number: Reference NK 8806.S 357 2012.

The book features hundreds of large format full color images of textiles throughout history. The book juxtaposes contemporary textile design with ancient tapestries and weavings. The array of textures and materials will inspire any creative mind. Ask your friendly librarian for help locating the book, get creative!



## REAL WORLD

Looking for 24 hour Live tutoring services? Look no further, *Brainfuse* is a new subscription offered by the library. This live online tutoring service is available for all your tutoring needs!

The *Brainfuse* writing lab allows you to upload your papers for feedback! Check out the BCC placement exam prep. To get started with *Brainfuse* go to the library home page and find our Database A-Z list. After clicking on *Brainfuse* create a personalized account in the right hand corner of the screen and get to work.

## CELEBRATE

Last December, for the World War I centennial, BCC participated in remembering this momentous event. Librarians Alex DeLazlo and Emma Antobam collaborated on an exhibit educating students about the war while showcasing new resources on the topic. The exhibit strives to emphasize the relevance of the war in our world today and includes archival images thanks to the help of BCC archivist Cynthia Tobar and the NYU Archives.

Accompanying this exhibit is an educational montage of WWI images compiled by College Office Assistant, Darryl Mundy. The images run along an AV screen and currently streams in Room 216.

## LIBRARY NEWS

Blackboard is widely used for classroom management across the BCC campus; but did you know that the library has its own BlackBoard tab? The Library has a home in Blackboard with direct links to all of our handy library resources. Each of the library links is included in its own module! This will allow Black-

board users to search for the library modules and place them on their home page!

For special assistance with library Blackboard integration please contact Julia Pollack at [julia.pollack01@bcc.cuny.edu](mailto:julia.pollack01@bcc.cuny.edu) or Albert Robinson at [albert.robinson@bcc.cuny.edu](mailto:albert.robinson@bcc.cuny.edu)



*The Hall of Fame, from Robert N. Dennis collection of stereoscopic views*

## FACULTY CORNER

BCC Faculty are part of meaningful dialogue important to the community served. New archivist,

Cynthia Tobar understands the importance of “not losing sight of the community we are serving”. At the Oral History Association’s Annual Meeting in Madison, Wisconsin, Tobar presented on two papers, one discussing Welfare Rights Initiative, a student activist and training organization at Hunter College. The other on oral history interview formats such as group interview and story circles. For Tobar, it is our duty as Librarians and Archivists to not only provide resources for students

but also show students how to tell their own stories.

Ever wonder why historians use archives in their research? Looking at compelling documents, images and media from the past can make your next research paper more meaningful. Students wishing to schedule a one-on-one session, or faculty interested in arranging a workshop for their classes, contact Archivist Cynthia Tobar at [cynthia.tobar@bcc.cuny.edu](mailto:cynthia.tobar@bcc.cuny.edu)

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## DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that our esteemed library colleague and Head of Access Services Prof. Geraldine Hebert was an alumni of BCC? In sharing her memories of what it was like to be a student at BCC during the 1970’s looking to improve her life and the life of her family, Prof. Herbert will be participating as our first narrator for the Archives’ Oral History Project beginning in this Spring 2015. Our aim is to speak directly with individuals related to BCC’s past, whether they were former administrators, faculty or students. The Oral History Initiative Project will continue to grow as we conduct additional video interviews and document BCC’s legacy.



### BOO AT THE LIBRARY!

While looking for a fun and interactive way to advertise the Leisure Collection, Librarians Jesus Sanabria and Emma Antobam put together an October promotion called “Boo at the Library”. 11 titles, all of a scary/spooky nature, were pulled from the Leisure shelf, wrapped and displayed on the 3rd floor. The Librarians dressed up and facilitated the event. Students were asked to pick a scary book at random and open it up! Many were curious and interested to find out what their spooky treasure titles really were!

