Got Any Spare Books? Consider Donating to the Free Lending Library in the BSC Student Lounge

4/4/14

The Center for Teaching and Learning has established a bookshelf in the Student Lounge on the lower level of the Brandt Student Center. Please consider donating books and magazines that will encourage our students to read more. You can bring donations to the CTL in the Library room 322.

Thanks to the BSC Staff and Physical Plant for helping to make this possible!
SUpr Summit—Last Call
Shenandoah University projects & research Summit

Ferrari Room, BSC, April 23, 2014
Please encourage your students to register for this wonderful opportunity to display and talk about their projects, research, presentations, or demonstrations. Open to all undergraduates and graduate students. Deadline extended to 4/7, 5pm.

For more information and registration, please visit our webpage.

Thanks to Mark Chan for leading this initiative to support and celebrate student achievement!

New in Google:
Check out the new Add-ons!

To find these, login to Google (easiest through Chrome) and go to your Google
Drive and open any Google Doc (or create a new one.) Alternatively, from email, you can get to Google Drive by clicking this icon and choosing Drive:

Inside the Document, choose Add-ons and then Get add-ons... to see a list. These may be of interest:

- Pro Writing Aid (note that not all features are free)
- Track Changes
- Kaienza (voice notes for Google Docs. May be useful for giving feedback.)
- Mind Map
- Easy Bib (like Zotero)
- Open Clip Art
- VexTab for music notation

Have fun exploring!

New to Research and Publishing?  
**Faculty Development Committee Forming**  

Are you junior faculty just getting started with research and publishing? Or perhaps you are more senior and would enjoy spending some time mentoring others? We are forming a group with the idea that we'd meet monthly to share ideas, experiences, and offer peer support. If you are interested, please send email to Anne Marchant with days/times that are good to meet. We can use Zoom to bring in folks via web-conference. (If you haven’t used Zoom, you’ll love it! It’s really easy and the quality is quite good.) Thanks to Anne Schempp, for offering this suggestion.
Blackboard Layout to change 4/14

Check out the SU online Portal on the Blackboard login page

In order to make Blackboard easier and faster to navigate, tabs in Blackboard are being reorganized and many items are being moved to the SU Online portal (drop-down menu) on the login page. Note that once you click on the menu, you can type the first letter of the item you are looking for to get there even faster! Thanks to IC for implementing these improvements!

Updates/News from IC

Switch to 1SU

1SU is the new wireless network that will replace 3SU as our campus-wide network. 1SU features even better security and is compatible with OS X Mavericks. Everyone will need to switch from 3SU to 1SU by FRIDAY APRIL 18, 2014.

Everyone will need to switch from 3SU to 1SU on any device that utilizes the
how to switch from 3SU to 1SU visit the Help Desk 1SU Site

If you have any questions regarding the new 1SU Wireless Network, please contact the Help Desk at helpdesk@su.edu or 540-665-5555.

Thanks to Alissa Cornell for this news.

WEAVE Workshops: Closing the Assessment Loop
Assessment Week will be here before you know it!

Information about entering appropriate findings in WEAVE will be provided. All programs are required to maintain their WEAVE site by entering findings in May that align with specific learning objectives.

**Session 1:** Thursday, 4/10/14 from 3-4pm in Smith Library, room 318
[Click HERE to register]

**Session 2:** Wednesday, 4/30/14 from 3-4pm in Smith Library, room 318
[Click HERE to register]

To learn more or schedule a training session, please contact Terri Masiello at tmasiell@su.edu.
Software Requests

If you would like to submit a request for a software purchase for consideration by the Faculty Senate Information and Technology Committee, please complete this form.

Apps of the Month

101 Apps for the Office is a link to a Prezi with tips on many free online apps. It's well worth browsing! (See especially Gliffy (flow charts and diagrams), Zamzar (file format converter), and PdfZen (pdf editor).

Thanks to Abdullah Alluhidan for sharing this link!

Teaching and Learning

Blended Learning in the Liberal Arts, Conference at Bryn Mawr 5/21-5/22
Registration is open through 5/15. ($75). For details see the webpage.

Writing in the Disciplines

Our very active Writing in the Disciplines Committee is inviting new members to join. These are *fun* meetings with a lot of free flowing ideas to help students read and write better. We meet monthly on Fridays 3-4 and can bring folks in remotely via Zoom. The next meeting is 4/25, 3-4 in Smith 318. If interested, email Anne Marchant to get on the email list.

Tech Tip

Need captioning for a video?
If you upload a video to YouTube, you can then use its auto-captioning function to create a caption file. It won’t be perfect, but it will do the heavy lifting. You can then make corrections
the video on YouTube, you can delete it and just keep the caption file. (This tip courtesy Steve Taylor at Vassar via the NITLE-IT listserve.) If you are not concerned about privacy, you might also consider this crowd sourcing/grid computing alternative: http://amara.org. (Courtesy Ya-Yin Ko, Ryerson University, also via the NITLE-IT listserve.)