Graduating? Take Advantage of BC Libraries' Alumni Services

Graduates of Boston College are welcomed back to use the resources of the Libraries onsite. Below are some of the privileges offered.

Borrowing privileges
Alumni have borrowing privileges at all the Boston College Libraries except the Law Library and the ERC. The loan period for alumni borrowers is 28 days with two renewals permitted. Alumni borrower card applications are available at the O'Neill Library Circulation Desk. You will be asked for a second form of identification to qualify for borrowing privileges. Cards are issued for one year, are for personal use only, and are non-transferable.

Access to the O'Neill Library
The Boston College Libraries (excluding the Law Library) are open to the public. During exam periods, at the end of the Fall and Spring semesters, access to the O'Neill Library is limited. During these two periods entrance to the building is limited to Boston College students, faculty and staff after 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, and all day Saturday and Sunday. From 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, the library remains open to non-Boston College users. If you have a BC guest borrower card issued to you as an alumni, you will be able to enter the building at any time during restricted access.

For more information go to http://www.bc.edu/libraries/services/alumni/

Info Button - What Is It?

You've seen this icon on the Online Databases page and in MetaQuest but what is it? The Info Button provides relevant information about the database, including description, date coverage, whether the database has full text or if it is restricted to the BC community. Clicking the Info Button also displays the categories for the database and gives an option to find other databases in those categories in MetaQuest. You'll find available tutorials or guides for the database, any limits on simultaneous users and other technical information listed there as well. In MetaQuest, the Info Button may also include search hints.

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Ready Reference on the Web

Sometimes you need to find some information quickly without consulting an index or database. You may need a style manual, expert product reviews on the Internet, currency exchange rates, an online dictionary, or even weather information for U.S. or foreign cities. At your disposal are a variety of Ready Reference websites put together by the Boston College Libraries. Here is an index of Reference Sources available online:

Almanacs • Career Information • Consumer Information • Conversion Tools • Currency Exchange Rates • Dates & Times • Dictionaries • Geographic Data & Maps • Government Resources; Tax & Voter Information • Historical Documents & Resources • Internet Searching Aids • News, Weather, & Sports • Phone Books, Area & Zip Codes • Publishing: Print & Electronic • Quotations • Science Reference Sources • Universities & Colleges • Writer's Resources

To access these links visit http://www.bc.edu/libraries/resources/readyref/

Educational Resource Center (ERC)

The Educational Resource Center (ERC) in Campion Hall serves the specialized resource needs of the Lynch School of Education students and faculty. The collections include children's books, fiction and non-fiction, curriculum and instructional materials, print and non-print, educational and psychological tests, educational software intended for elementary and secondary school instruction. These materials are unique to the needs of the Lynch School of Education and do not duplicate materials found in the O'Neill Library.

The ERC's collections include children's books, both fiction and nonfiction, curriculum and instructional materials, both print and nonprint, educational and psychological tests, and educational software aimed primarily for use at the elementary and secondary school levels. The ERC also has instructional manipulatives, the majority of them in math, science, and early childhood.

Learn more about the ERC at http://www.bc.edu/libraries/centers/erc/

Document Services in O'Neill Library

Library users can make photocopies themselves by using the self-service photocopiers located in the libraries on campus with the purchase of a Copicard or with coins on selected machines. You may also use the services of this office for photocopying, printing on paper and transparencies, and for sending and receiving faxes. In addition, the Document Services Center, in O'Neill Library, offers an alternative to using the self-service copiers. A variety of Staffed Services are available for a fee such as: color copying, scanning, FAX services, and something called Locate and Copy.

The Document Services Center staff will retrieve books and journals from the O'Neill Library shelves and photocopy or scan the requested material (within the limits of the U.S. Copyright Law), Monday thru Friday, when the Document Services Center is staffed. The requested material can be picked up at the Document Services Center, sent via campus mail, or sent to an individual e-mail account. Payment can be made by cash, by check, or by department charge. This service is available when classes are in session, and is currently limited to current Boston College faculty members, staff and students. The cost is $.20 per page.

For more services see http://www.bc.edu/libraries/services/document/

Full-text Access to Dissertations

The Library continues to expand its repertoire and back-file of electronic resources. One resource is the ProQuest Digital Dissertations Database, which includes indexing of citations and abstracts to more than 2 million dissertations and masters theses in all fields produced in North American colleges and universities from 1861 to the present, and from around the world since 1988, including more than 3900 from Boston College. The more significant news, however, is the access to the full text of dissertations published since 1997, over 450,000 titles! Twenty-four pages previews are also available 1997+. Searching is powerful and flexible. It is possible to search by keyword, author, title, school, and advisor and perform searches such as keyword "Wordsworth" and school "Boston College." The interface is simple to use and makes viewing the preview pages and retrieving the full-text a simple process.