

UCC LIBRARIES: NEWS YOU CAN USE

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Survey Winners: @ Your UCC Libraries!

by Andrea MacRitchie and
Heather Craven

Students, faculty and staff members across all three campuses participated in an online survey of Library services in February and March. The UCC Libraries will use the responses to ensure that the Libraries continue to meet the needs of the UCC community. The survey was conducted through the Association of Research Libraries' LibQUAL program, which uses data from academic library surveys to identify best practices. UCC participated along with nine other New Jersey academic libraries.

As a "thank you" to participants, the UCC Libraries offered prizes to randomly drawn student survey takers.

The first prize, an iPod Nano, was awarded to Kaitlin Mooney.

Anthony Acosta and Judith Casado won second prizes of 2GB flash drives, and several participants won runner-up prizes of books: *The Pact – Three Young Men Make a Promise and Fulfill a Dream* and two Oprah Book Club selections: *Love in the Time of Cholera* and *The Pillars of the Earth*.

Survey results will be analyzed and shared with the college community in the coming months. Many thanks to all who

participated in helping to keep UCC Libraries tops in service!



NJKI Update

by Andrea MacRitchie

I would like to thank everyone for their advocacy for New Jersey Knowledge Initiative. Unfortunately the program has ended.

What does this mean for UCC? We will fund some of the databases from now until the end of the fiscal year (through our VALE consortium).

At UCC we are going to continue the following NJKI databases through the end of June 2008 so should see no interruption in the following:

Biomedical Reference
CINAHL
Medline
Nursing & Allied Health
Wiley Interscience

We are unable to continue:

Business Source Premier
Nature
Ovid
Ref USA

See the email statement below from the State Library, sent by Kathleen Peiffer, Associate State Librarian for Library Development on behalf of the NJKI Task Force:

“... We regret to report that despite numerous visits to legislators, the Governor's office and other state agencies, no bridge funding has been forthcoming to support the database costs through the remainder

of this fiscal year. However, the Governor's budget for FY09 does currently call for a \$2 million allotment for NJKI to start July 1, 2008. Your advocacy will continue to be critical throughout the upcoming budget process. The task force will reconvene in the near future to determine the specifics of the next NJKI program. Other funding sources will also continue to be explored to enhance this initiative.”

New library faculty and staff: Rae Wong and Brinda Patel

Rae Wong recently joined the UCC Libraries faculty as Head of Acquisitions. Rae comes to Union County College from the Chang Science Library at Rutgers University. Previous positions have included work in academic and special library settings at Temple University, and AT&T Information Research Center. Rae holds degrees from Drexel University (M.L.S.);

Temple University (B.A.: History); Community College of Philadelphia (A.A.S.: Library Technology).

Brinda Patel, our newest staff member, is a Circulation Assistant at the Plainfield Campus Library. Brinda is no stranger to the UCC Libraries having worked previously at the MacKay Library in Cranford. Brinda also has public library experience (Rahway). She has a degree from Kean University (B.S.: Sociology), and is also a candidate for an Associate in Arts in Liberal Arts from Union County College.



Did you know:

The UCC Libraries now offer access to over 60 databases, many made available through our participation in the VALE consortium and the New Jersey State Library.