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## Library Newsletter, Fall 2015

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# VALPO NEWS

Christopher Center Library Services Newsletter

Fall 2015



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## Message from the Dean

by Bradford Lee Eden, Ph.D.  
Dean of Library Services

This fall the Christopher Center Library continues to partner with faculty to integrate information literacy into the curriculum. Some of the space changes in the library are indicated below. I hope you enjoy all of the news and stories about the wonderful things happening in the library. If you have any questions, please let me know via email at [brad.eden@valpo.edu](mailto:brad.eden@valpo.edu) or contact me at 219.464.5099.

**The Library has finished its strategic plan for the coming academic year, and it is available for review at <http://library.valpo.edu/strategicplan15-16.pdf>.**



## Charge It!

Thanks to the Graduating Class of 2014 and a generous donation from a Valpo alumnus, the Christopher Center Library now has charging stations for mobile devices. These stations have been attached to many of the columns on the first and second floors. Look for the new circular column tables and the additional power outlets both above and below the tables.

# Now Available—Browse Virtual Shelf

Ever wanted to view and browse the Christopher Center Library's print book collections virtually, whether they are on the shelf, checked out, in the Reference section, or in the Automated Storage and Retrieval System? Check out the new Browse Virtual Shelf function in the Library's online catalog. Here's how:

- ◆ Search by keyword, title, author, subject, call number, or publisher's number
- ◆ Click on your item of interest
- ◆ Click the Browse Virtual Shelf link

This will take you to a virtual shelf of all print items in the library, no matter where they are located. Now you can "see" the library's print collection from anywhere in the world. This service was implemented using open-source software developed by Harvard University and modified by Wayne State University.

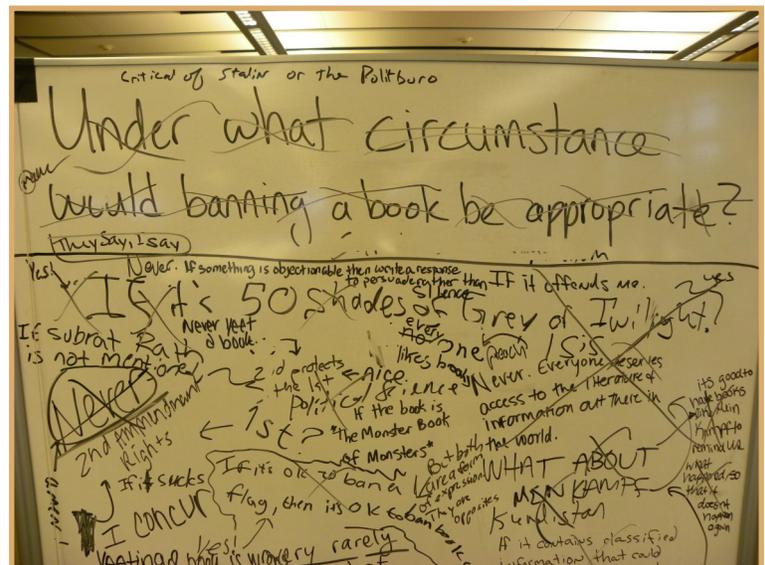


Rachael Muszkiewicz,  
Research Services Librarian

## 2015 Fall Banned Book Readout

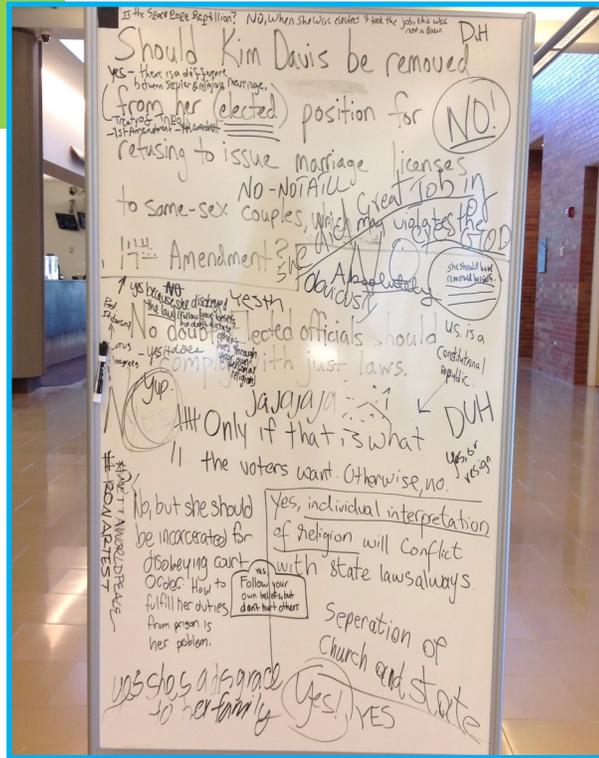
Early every fall semester, the Christopher Center Library features annual displays for National Constitution Day, Banned Books Week, and National Coming Out Day. This year's Banned Books Week display's theme was the legality of banning books and included infographics on the books banned and challenged in the state of Indiana and various books that were challenged. The display cube featured prison bars and books in prison jumpsuits. An interactive element to the display enabled visitors to take their mugshot with a mugshot letter board. They could hold a sign that said that the visitor was arrested for reading banned books.

There was also a lively discussion on the white board, which asked the question: Under what circumstance would banning a book be appropriate?



## National Coming Out Day

The National Coming Out Day display featured infographics that detailed continuing challenges the LGBTQ and community faces. The whiteboard question asked, "Should Kim Davis be removed from her elected position for refusing to issue marriage licenses to same-sex couples?" Library visitors had an animated debate while still remaining civil and respectful.



Jon Bull,  
Electronic Services Librarian

## The Christopher Center celebrated Open Access Week and Begins Work on a New Project to Feature Valpo Authors

October 19-25, 2015 was Open Access Week, an international celebration and awareness campaign of freely available resources, both licensed and in the public domain. The Christopher Center hosted several events throughout the week, bringing attention to this issue, including a Public Domain Film Showing on October 19. In addition to these events, the Christopher Center began work on a new project to highlight

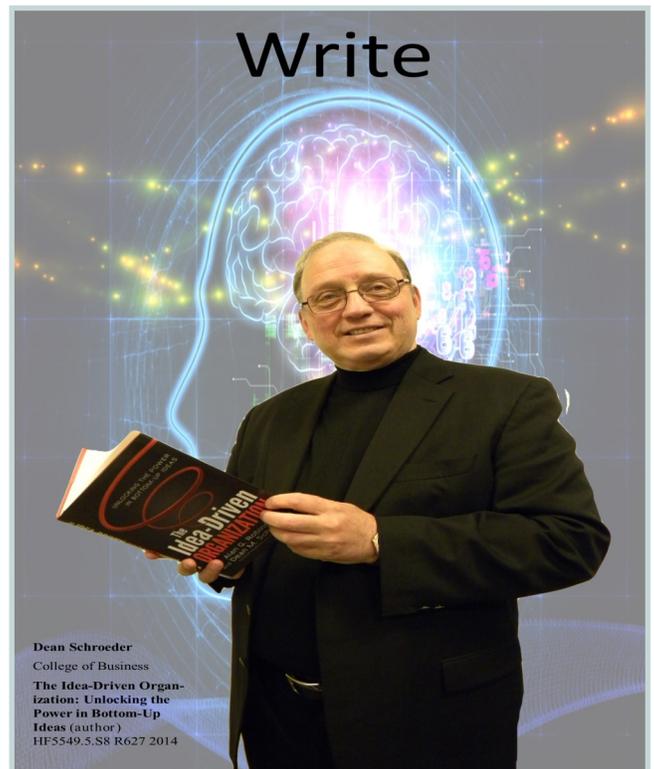
Valpo book authors and editors called Write Posters.

The Christopher Center's lobby hosted an exhibit about Open Access Week. Hundreds of students, staff, faculty, and community members passed through the display throughout the week, being educated about Open Access advocacy and Open Education initiatives like Open Textbooks.

Students were also asked if tax-funded research journal articles should be available for free to taxpayers and whether they prefer print or electronic textbooks. The responses were many and overwhelmingly in favor of wider access and of print textbooks.

Like last year's Silent Film Festival, Christopher Center faculty and staff also handed out free popcorn as part of the celebration of freely available research made possible by the Open Access movement. In addition to the popcorn, the Christopher Center hosted a public viewing of the first *Night of the Living Dead*, a public domain film. In all, the Christopher Center librarians and staff handed out over 180 bags of popcorn and had discussions about Open Access and Open Education with dozens of students, staff, and faculty. With more than 250 interactions, Open Access Week was another success and librarians and staff hope it can spur a broader conversation about the use of Open Access materials in academia and society.

Later this semester, the Christopher Center will also unveil something familiar but new. In an effort to further spotlight Valpo authors and editors, the Christopher Center will create the first Write Posters of Valpo authors and editors who published a book during the 2014 calendar year. These posters will be similar to the popular Read Posters with new posters created each year, reflecting the authors and editors for the previous calendar year.



## Announcements By Staff Writers

### New Library Resources

The library now subscribes to the Association for Computing Machinery (ACM) Digital Library, thanks to the newly created Cyber Security graduate program's request and funding. This resource had been on the library's wish list for years, but the purchase became possible when the Cyber Security program directors, along with the library liaison to that department, wrote it into the program proposal. When the program was approved, the funding to support ACM Digital Library was also approved. In the six months Valpo has subscribed, the database has already been proven indispensable to Computing and Information Sciences faculty and students.

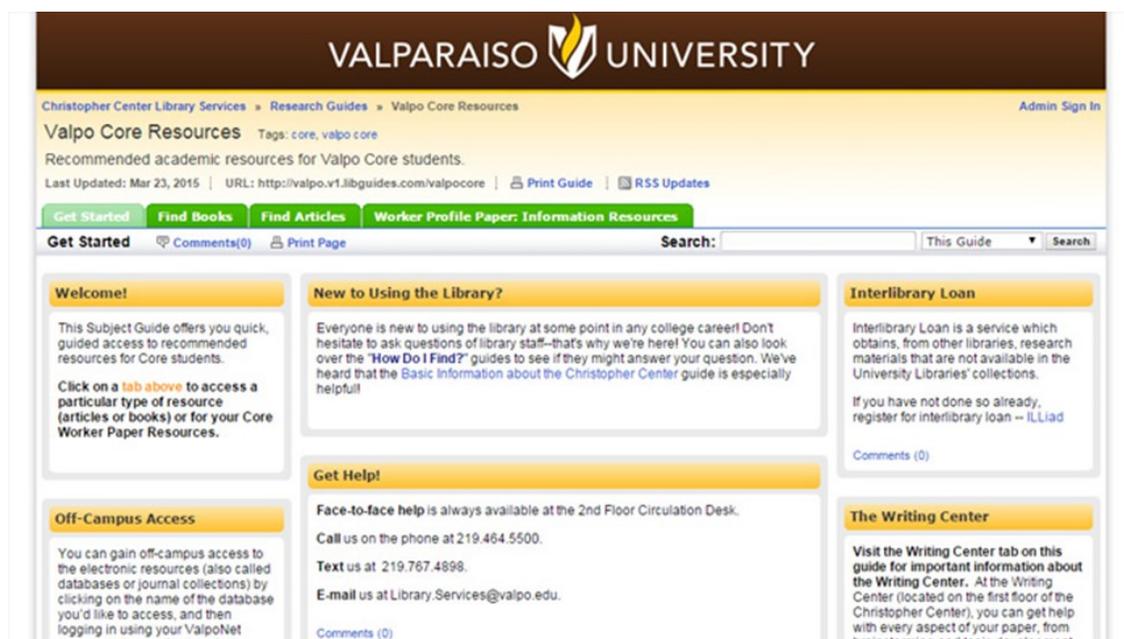
**EconLit** is another new database addition. Technically, it's a reinstatement since we had per-search access to the database until 2010. At that time, the vendor stopped offering EconLit on a per-search basis, and we went without access for five years. After many requests for reinstatement, the library and the economics department were able to leverage journal subscription cancellations in order to start a new subscription to EconLit.

### Web Site Updates

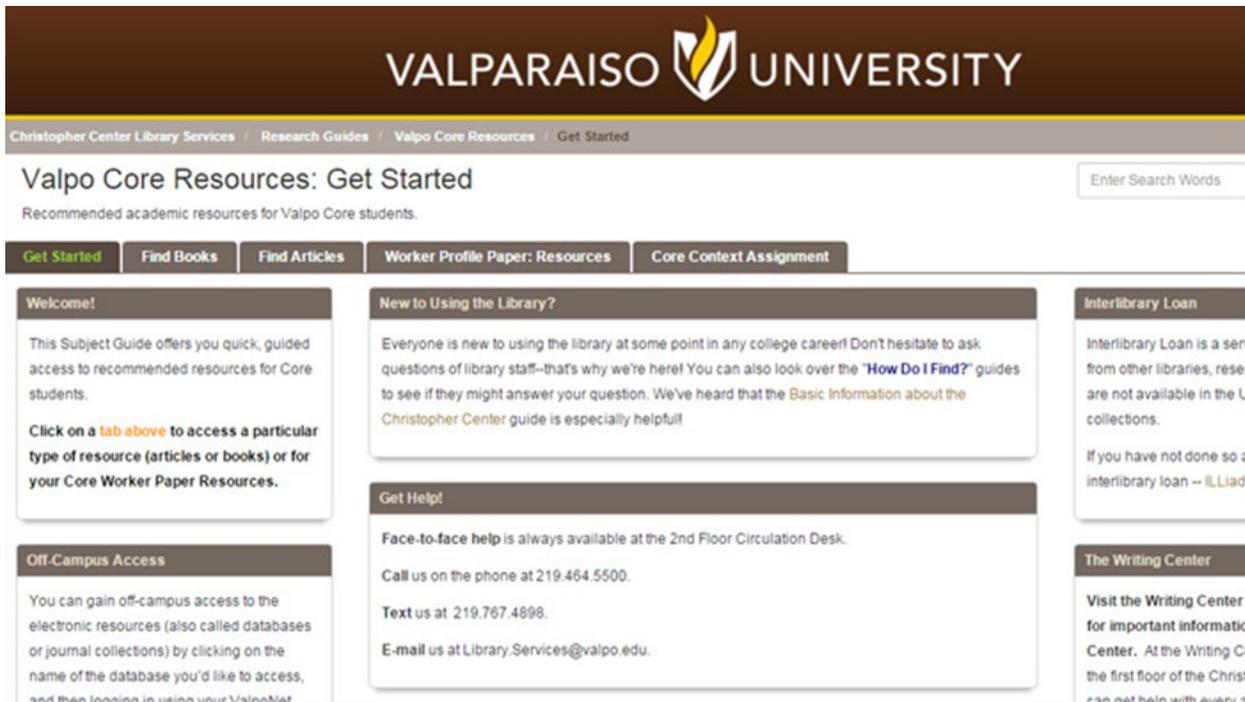
Over the summer, two major web site projects were completed. The Web Team worked with librarians to prepare a migration to an updated version of LibGuides, also known as Subject & Library Guides. This was a four-month process that included planning, training, design, clean-up, and implementation.

Here are before and after photos of the transformation:

Before:



After:



The other major web project was a switch to an updated [library catalog](#) interface. Gone is the tabbed layout; it has been replaced with an easier to read format that fits on one screen.

## Archives & Special Collections presents ArchivesSpace



by Madeline Sheldon,  
Library Fellow

The Valparaiso University Archives & Special Collections' patrons will soon be able to access the repository's records through the open source platform, ArchivesSpace, by visiting <http://archives.valpo.edu/>. Our staff is currently adding content to our ArchivesSpace website, which will go live in 2016.

the archival community and modeled after Archivists' Toolkit and Archon (also archival management systems), ArchivesSpace is a hybrid application that incorporates the best of both platforms, relying on Archivists' Toolkit's standardized, in-depth organizational structure and employing Archon's user-friendly interface.

### What is ArchivesSpace?

ArchivesSpace is an archival management system that helps repositories intake, organize, catalog, and make accessible the records of their institution. Developed by



## How will ArchivesSpace affect me?

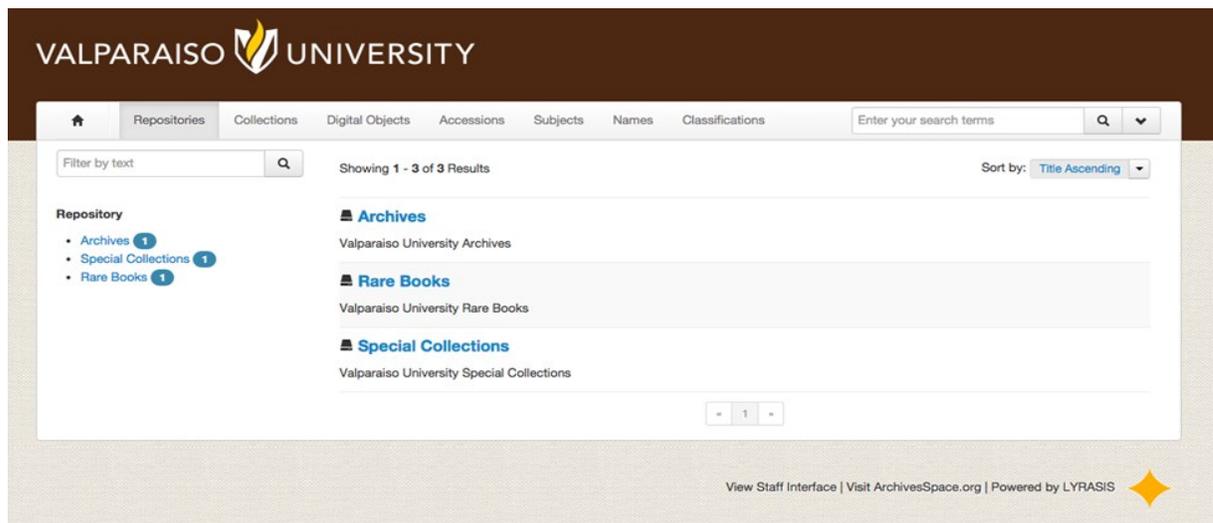
Currently, inventories of our materials (record groups, rare books, special and digital collections) exist independently from one another on our homepage.

## Christopher Center Library Services

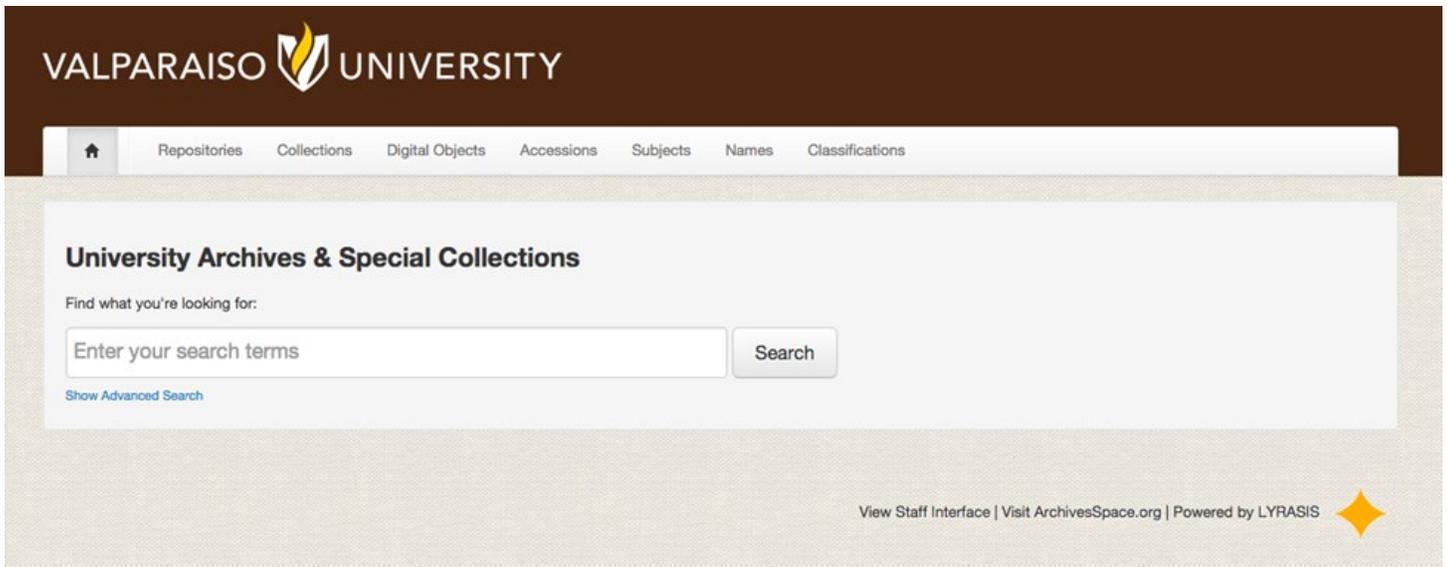
### Valparaiso University Archives & Special Collections

<b>DIRECTORY</b>	<b>Regular Hours</b>
Digital Collections	<b>Monday:</b> 8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Special Collections	<b>Tuesday:</b> 8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Valpo 150th Celebration Web Site	<b>Wednesday:</b> 8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Moellering Library: A Look Back	<b>Friday:</b> 8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Research Policy	<b>Other hours by appointment</b>
Photograph and Digital Image Requests	
Mission Statement and Collection Policy	<b>Contact Information</b>
Collection Inventory	Special Collections Librarian Judy Miller
Archives & Special Collections' Facebook Page	Phone: (219) 464-5808
	<a href="mailto:University.Archives@valpo.edu">University.Archives@valpo.edu</a>
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By using ArchivesSpace's organizational structure, Valparaiso University Archives & Special Collections can easily process, catalog, and preserve our archival, special collections and rare books material in a way that meets the Society of American Archivists<sup>1</sup> national standards interface.



By implementing ArchivesSpace, patrons will have the capability to search for all of our materials within one central location, as opposed to searching through several web pages for our content.



***Valpo Launches Online Archive of Award-Winning Student Newspaper:***  
***<http://www.valpo.edu/news/2015/10/05/valpo-launches-online-archive-of-award-winning-student-newspaper/>***

## Research Services Report

By Research Services Staff Writers

As we begin another academic year, we share a few quick peeks into the teaching that library faculty are doing with students and faculty in our classrooms, in the library, and across campus.

### Introductory Course within Discipline: Professional Role in Nursing

The accelerated nursing student cohort that started their coursework this past summer were introduced to the scholarly discourse within their new profession by library faculty in Nursing 201: Professional Role in Nursing. Students discussed elements of peer-reviewed nursing journals, the role of the editorial board, evaluation of subject expertise and authority, and ways to critically appraise and evaluate primary research articles. Taking the time to browse through print journals provided students a hands-on experience with scholarship within their new field. Later in the session students used CINAHL, the key database for nursing, to electronically search and access nursing

scholarship. This introductory session prepared new nursing students to access the evidence needed to lead a class discussion and support their master student presenter assignment.

### Capstone Class: Political Science & International Relations

During the Spring 2015 semester, the Christopher Center supported the learning of students enrolled in Professor Amy Atchison's POL 493, the department's senior seminar. Early in the semester, the subject librarian visited the students' classroom to demonstrate how to use one of the key databases for political sciences, PAIS, to search and access the scholarly literature. A week later the students visited the library for an hour-long workshop, wherein they learned about Joseph Bizup's classification system for how sources are used in research writing. The students then worked with a scholarly article to diagram the sources cited in it, labeling each source as either Background, Argument, Evidence, or Methodology, which gave them a deep-

er understanding of the range of purposes that information has in their own writing. Following this session, each student was required to meet individually with the political science librarian at least once in a research consultation, as they worked to narrow their research questions, gather their sources, and write their literature reviews.

### Academic Freedom and International Graduate Student Orientation

During this past summer, library faculty developed curriculum for the international graduate student orientation offered August 13-18. Two, three-hour sessions gave library faculty a chance to introduce information literacy concepts and skills that will be reinforced later in the semester within LS 690: Graduate Academic Success. Topics included: the information cycle, appraisal and assessment of information sources and how to access a broad range of sources. While information literacy was the core of the program, we also took the opportunity to discuss the concept of academic freedom in the United States. We told students that they are free to research any topic, even those that might be considered controversial, and that we respect and protect the privacy of our users; this means that we do not track sources used or searched conducted. We also told them that US government sources can be trusted.

Many students throughout the day mentioned that they were surprised to hear that we protect their right to locate and access unfiltered information. "I can't do this in my country," said one student. "This is good."

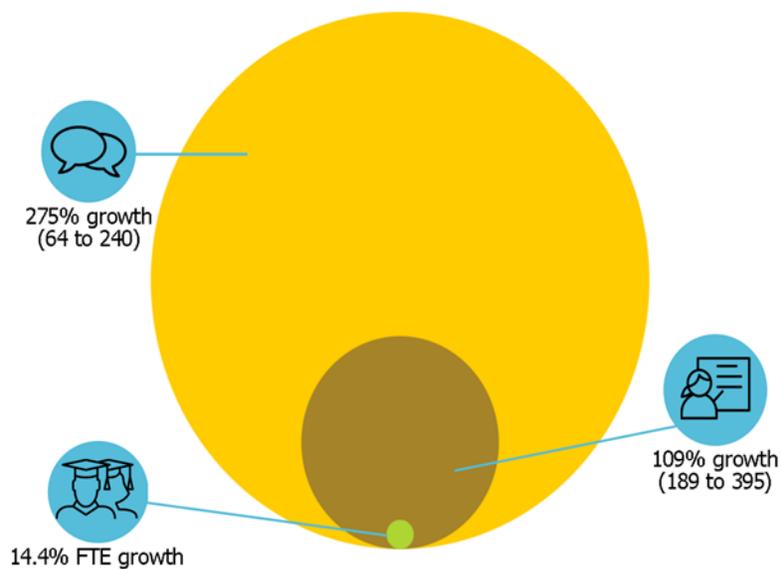
Part of what makes Valpo distinctive for students is the close relationship they can establish with their classroom faculty. That holds true for librarians as well. Every Valpo college, department, or program has a subject librarian who works closely with students and faculty to meet library service and resource needs. Subject librarians can provide instruction services, create online research guides, develop library resource collections to support

teaching and research, and assist with assignment and course development.

Faculty can request support for classes or make an appointment with their subject librarian to discuss ideas and needs: <http://libguides.valpo.edu/informationliteracy/>.

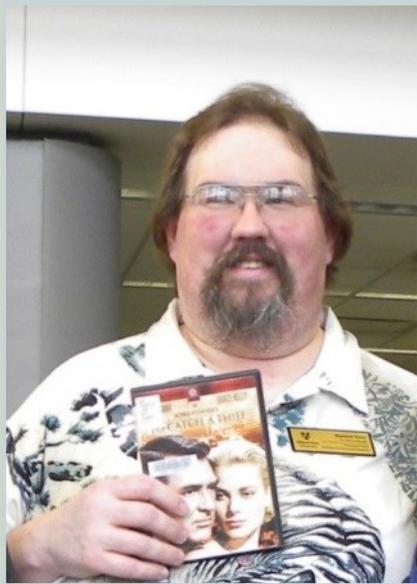
## Information Literacy Program Growth, FY10 - FY15

The Christopher Center librarians have led the charge to grow their Information Literacy Program significantly in recent years. The chart below illustrates the growth in their teaching and research consultations from FY10 to FY15, as compared to the growth in FTE undergraduate enrollment.



AS THE LIBRARY WORKS TO IMPLEMENT ITS INFORMATION LITERACY PROGRAM OBJECTIVES, LOOK FOR THESE NUMBERS TO GROW.

- CONSULTATIONS
- UNDERGRADUATE ENROLLMENT
- INSTRUCTION SESSIONS



## Staff Profile: Shannon Howe

Circulation Manager Shannon Howe began working at the Moellering Library in August 2001 and was an integral part of the move to the Christopher Center in 2004. He was involved in the Periodical Barcoding Project in which items were coded for storage in the state-of-the-art Automated Storage and Retrieval System. Among his many responsibilities, Shannon is in charge of Course Reserves and maintaining the library accounts of graduating seniors.

Shannon was born in Valparaiso, Indiana where he still lives with his wife, Amy, and their three children. In his spare time, Shannon enjoys attending Comic-cons and The Renaissance Fair of which he participates in authentic costume. He is a diehard Pittsburgh Steelers fan and dreams of the day they will, again, win the Superbowl.

# 3D Visbox Opportunities



**Our new Visbox Coordinator Shwan Mustafa is ready to assist you, your class, and/or organization.**

The Library's 3D Visbox continues to provide opportunities for students and faculty to experiment in visualization constructs, as well as play with Oculus Rift technology now being explored by Facebook.

**Would you like the library to host a gaming night for your organization or class with snacks and drinks included? Or, maybe you just want a Visbox tour? Contact the following library staff for assistance: Shwan Mustafa ([Shwan.Mustafa@valpo.edu](mailto:Shwan.Mustafa@valpo.edu)) or Detra Becker ([Detra.Becker@valpo.edu](mailto:Detra.Becker@valpo.edu) or 219.464.5364)**

## **Fall 2015**

*Week of November 16th: International Study Abroad display in the library's lobby.*

*Week of December 7th: Student stress buster activities*