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October brings the beginning of a new academic year for all students.

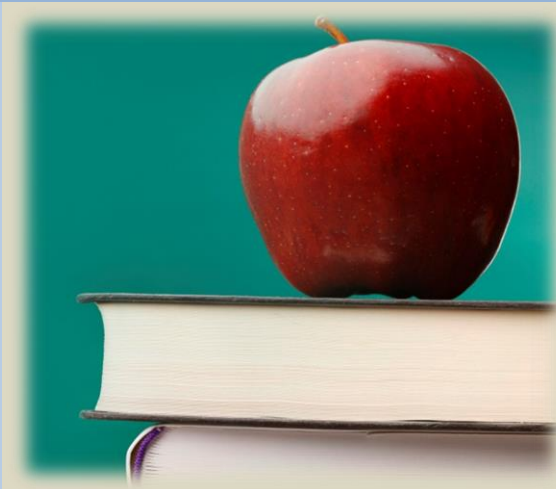
We welcome all returning students to the Junior College as well as the new students as you take the next step of your educational career.

Your experience at the College will differ to what you have been accustomed to so far at secondary level. You must now keep in mind that your academic success depends on how well you take responsibility for your own education, including taking initiative to achieve academic excellence. It is up to you to take advantage of the Library services as often as you need them.

We look forward to meeting you at the Library in the days and months ahead. Please do not hesitate to visit the Library and address any queries regarding your studies and research to a member of staff. We would be more than happy to assist you in your studies throughout your years at the College.

We wish you all the luck and hope for good association with you all.

JC Library Staff



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Survival in the Information Age

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The Digital Revolution is often referred to as the third industrial revolution. It also marks the beginning of the Information Age. This Digital Revolution, which continues to the present day, continues to find a very solid basis in the emergence of new digital technology. Its socio-economic impact is remarkable. The positive aspects as well as the negative effects have been and continue to be the main subject of many studies and discussions. The death of books has been repeatedly predicted in numerous articles published in newspapers and journals. The radical changes have indeed produced some alarming symptoms, but recent data shows that book sales, for instance, are in good health and concerns regarding the decline in library usage have, so far, proved to be unfounded. On the other hand, the undergoing rapid transformations continue to produce an environment of uncertainty.

College and university libraries are often the first to implement changes to the library system. Locally, the Junior College Library is undoubtedly a forerunner in applying the required changes. It is easy to understand that the implementation of a new international digital cataloguing system was a fundamental step in the right direction. In the information age, embracing technology and making use of its positive aspects is essential for survival. It is important to acknowledge the fact that the library has to compete with several other resources to maintain its relevance as a source of knowledge and information. The possibility of having continuously updated information available over the internet is certainly the major strength of the competition. However, one should also recognise the fact that the uncontrolled information available over the internet can be imprecise or even completely incorrect and the available data could be easily manipulated before being presented as fact.

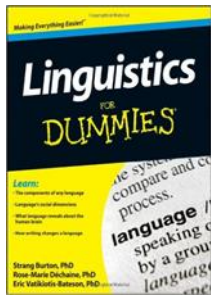
A consistent effort and commitment is necessary in order to add new publications covering a wide range of subjects and interests. Managing the situation requires thorough considerations when carrying out the exercise of determining which publications would be a relevant and useful addition to the collection of books available on the library's shelves. This was being done, is being done and the plan is to carry on with the exercise aimed at improving the status of the Junior College Library and maintaining its relevance.



One Stop Search
through all the Library's
print and online resources

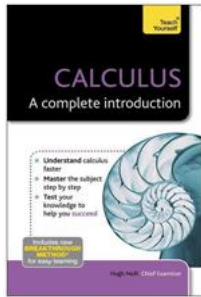
Librarians' Choice

Recommended reading from our bookshelves



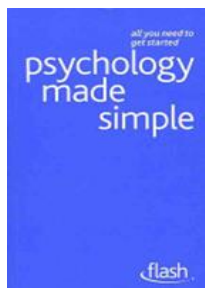
Linguistics for Dummies (2012)

Linguistics is the study of human language. Whether you're currently enrolled in a course or just want to explore the subject, *Linguistics for Dummies* helps you understand some of the primary streams of linguistics, such as what language is for (communication), how language works (pattern formation), what language reveals about the mind (cognition), and how written language shapes society (technology).



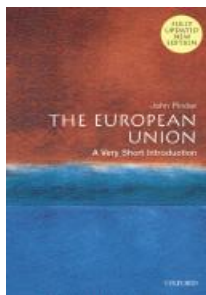
Calculus: A Complete Introduction (2013)

Calculus: A Complete Introduction is the most comprehensive yet easy-to-use introduction to using calculus. Written by a leading expert, this book will help you if you are studying for an important exam or essay, or if you simply want to improve your knowledge. The book covers all areas of calculus, including functions, gradients, rates of change, differentiation, exponential and logarithmic functions and integration. Everything you will need to know is here in one book. Each chapter includes not only an explanation of the knowledge and skills you need, but also worked examples and test questions.



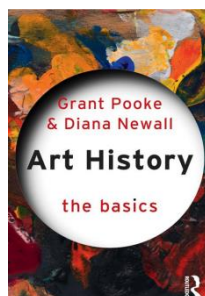
Psychology Made Simple (2011)

The books in this bite-sized new series contain no complicated techniques or tricky materials, making them ideal for the busy, the time-pressured or the merely curious. *Psychology* is a short, simple and to-the-point guide to psychology. In just 96 pages, the reader will get an overview of all the main functions of the brain, from memory and perception to learning and development. Ideal for the busy, the time-pressured or the merely curious, *Psychology* is a quick, no-effort way to break into this fascinating topic.



The European Union: A Very Short Introduction (2007)

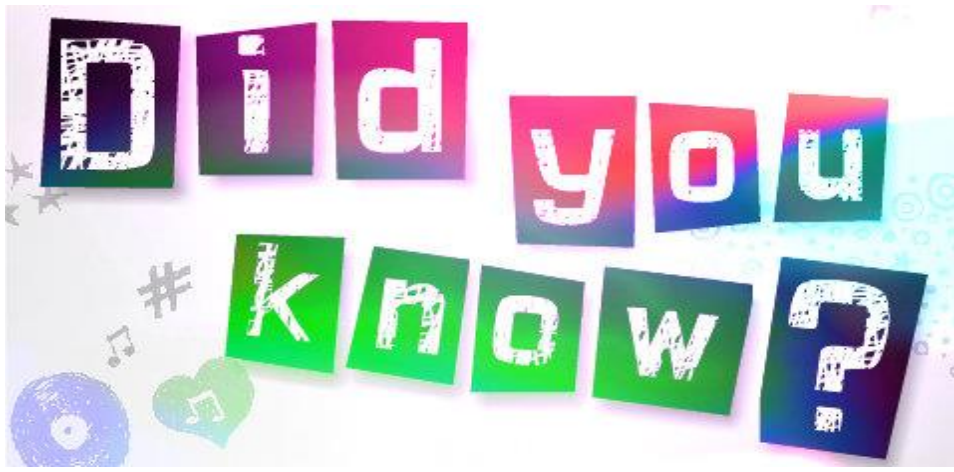
This Very Short Introduction explains the European Union in plain English. Fully updated for 2007 to include controversial and current topics such as the Euro currency, the EU's enlargement, and its role in ongoing world affairs. This accessible guide shows how and why the EU has developed from 1950 up to recent times. Covering a range of topics from the Union's early history and the ongoing interplay between 'eurosceptics' and federalists, to the single market, agriculture, and the environment, the authors examine the successes and failures of the EU, and explain the choices that lie ahead in the 21st century.



Art History: The Basics (2010)

Art History: The Basics is a concise and accessible introduction for the general reader and the undergraduate approaching the history of art for the first time at college or university.

Each chapter introduces key ideas, issues and debates in art history, including information on relevant websites and image archives. Fully illustrated with an international range of artistic examples, *Art History: The Basics* also includes helpful subject summaries, further ideas for reading in each chapter, and a useful glossary for easy reference.



“Keep Calm and Carry On” was a motivational poster invented by the British government in 1939 several months before the beginning of the Second World War, intended to raise the confidence of the British public in the aftermath of widely predicted mass air attacks on major cities.

Three slogans were selected and printed in fine type against a single bold color backdrop topped with the only image in the series, the crown of King George VI.

“Keep Calm and Carry On” was one of three posters designed and printed. The first slogan printed was “Your Courage, Your Cheerfulness, Your Resolution Will Bring Us Victory,” the second “Freedom Is In Peril Defend It With All Your Might,” and the third “Keep Calm and Carry On.” Production on all three began in August of 1939. War was seen as inevitable by then, and the nascent Ministry wanted to have posters printed and ready for wide distribution when the other shoe dropped.

A million “Your Courage” posters, 6,000,000 “Freedom Is in Peril” posters and 2.5 million “Keep Calm” posters were printed between 23 August 1939 and 3 September 1939, but only the first two were ever distributed and posted everywhere from shop windows to outdoor advertising billboards. The “Keep Calm” poster was not sanctioned for immediate public display. It was instead decided that copies of the poster should remain in “cold storage” for use after serious air raids or a top potential panic-inducing event like a German invasion of Britain. The worst case scenario didn’t happen, so “Keep Calm” never actually made it to the streets.

The poster was hardly ever publicly displayed and was little known until a copy was rediscovered in 2000. Stuart Manley, co-owner with his wife Mary of Barter Books Ltd. in Alnwick, Northumberland, was sorting through a box of used books bought at auction when he uncovered one of the original “Keep Calm and Carry On” posters. The couple framed it and hung it up by the cash register; it attracted so much interest, that Manley began to produce and sell copies of it. It has since been re-issued by a number of private companies, and has been used as the decorative theme for a range of products.

Source: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Keep_Calm_and_Carry_On



This picture is the original Keep Calm and Carry On Poster from WWII

Research Tip



Keywords are the foundation of any successful research. It is important to make a list of the words that will help you find the information you need about your research topic. They are called “key words” because they can “unlock” the doors that will lead you to useful information.

Having good key words enables you to find the kind of information you need faster. Failing to identify good key words, can result in a lot of wasted and a failure to find the right information.

Good key words are the important words or short phrases that specifically describe your topic and closely related topics.

How to take care of books



What do you do to take care of the books in your library? Some of the most avid

collectors refuse to read the books in their collection; so the books remain in mint condition. Others buy two copies of a book; they read one, and leave the other untouched. But, many readers must read their books, but they still want to protect and care for the volumes. Here are some tips to remember if you want your books to remain in good condition.

Avoid Writing

You may have been told to write in the margins of your books, or even to underline or highlight words, phrases, and paragraphs. But, if you plan to keep the book or even sell it--don't write in the book. The ink permanently damages your book. Use a notebook to take notes on pages/passages; or use Post-It notes. If you are required to write in your book, use a pencil, and erase the markings.

Avoid Food and Drink

Food and liquids are hazards to your books. The best practice is to avoid eating or drinking while you read. If you need to read while you eat, make sure your fingers are clean and dry as you hold the book. Also, keep the book well away from the food and drink. Check the table for moisture, crumbs, and stickiness before you put your book down.

Take Care

When you handle your book, hold it with care. When you read the book, don't fold down the corners of the pages (use a bookmark instead). Don't fold the cover of the book back. Don't break the binding; and don't place your book with the book open, face-down. Use a book cover/dust cover to keep your books in the best condition.

Shelve It

If you want to take care of your books, keep your books on a shelf when you're not reading them. Each book should be shelved in an upright, vertical position. Each book should have plenty of headroom, so you won't bump the binding when you shelf the book. If you don't have enough room on your shelves, store books in boxes and in a vertical position.

Avoid Heat and Moisture

When you install your bookshelves, make sure they are in a dry place, out of direct light, and away from heat. If you shelve your books in a moist place (basement or bathroom), mold and mildew can grow on your books. Sunlight can damage the bindings of your books. Too much heat can cause the books to dry out and the pages to crumble.

Avoid Bugs, Pets, and Other Critters

Bugs and mice can eat books. Dogs can chew books and cats can scratch the bindings of books. You can avoid many of these issues by keeping the books in a clean area and also by using dust covers. If possible, it's always a good idea to keep the door of your library closed. Avoid using spray or powders near your books.

Keep Out-of-Kid's Reach

It is important to encourage kids to read, and it is also important for children to see you reading. But, kids can also tear pages and contribute to the overall destruction of some of your most prized volumes. Depending on the ages of the children in your life, you may teach them to handle books with care. If they are of ages where that's not possible: keep the door of your library shut, shelve books out-of-easy-reach, and/or purchase enclosed shelving units that lock. Again, the idea is not to discourage reading, but just to protect books.

By Esther Lombardi

Classic Literature Expert

http://classiclitt.about.com/od/bookcollecting/ht/aa_carebooks.htm.

New books at the Library

- The Puzzle of Ethics by Peter Vardy & Paul Groch.
- The Fall of Arthur by J.R.R. Tolkien
- The Slight Edge by Jeff Olson
- Good vibrations: The Physics of Music by Barry Parker
- A Mind for Numbers: How to excel at Math and science (even if you flunked algebra) by Barbara Oakley.
- Music and Mathematics : from Pythagoras to Fractals edited by John Fauvel ..et al.
- The Power of Visual Storytelling by Trevor Johnson and Hugh Neill

Understand Art History by Grant Pooke & Graham Whitham

- Spitfire Girl by Jackie Moggridge.
- Thank you, Jeeves by P.G. Wodehouse.

... and many more

Useful links



A complete database of encyclopedias, atlases, thesauruses and other reference material

<http://www.infoplease.com/>

One of the Internet's preeminent publisher of literature, reference and verse providing students, researchers and the intellectually curious with unlimited access to books and information on the web, free of charge.

<http://www.bartleby.com/>

An unbelievably helpful site that takes a shot at solving difficult math problems

<https://www.mathway.com/>

With tips, tools and advice for going green, this site is great for students just looking at getting involved in environmental causes.

<http://dothegreenthing.com/>

Giving readers access to tens of thousands of books, this site is great for readers who happen to be students.

<http://chestofbooks.com/>

News from the Library



Book Club Meetings

Book Club Meetings will once again be held regularly in the Library. Dates and times will be communicated later on.

Book Clubs are open to all. Those who are interested in joining are kindly requested to contact the Junior College Library Staff.

6 BOOK CHALLENGE

The Six Book Challenge which will run from October till March, invites you to pick six reads and record them in a diary to get a certificate. Please contact the Library staff for more information.

Facebook

Visit our Facebook page to keep up-to-date with any news, events and research tips from the Library.



Exhibitions in the Library

The Library will once again be providing space for art exhibits which reflect the diverse talent of our art students at the Junior College. The Library can display up to EIGHT different artworks for a period of two months. For more details, please contact the Library staff.

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