

# Library Bookmarks

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Online books are now available at Richard Bland College Library. Through **netLibrary**, the RBC Library has access to over 15,000 titles as part of the library's electronic resources made available to our campus community. The collection is a representative sampling of books in all academic areas.

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## Information Literacy

An information literate person is able to define their information needs, can access that information effectively, can critically evaluate the information and then use the information for a stated purpose.

The Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL) has developed and approved five standards and a list of performance indi-

cators and outcomes for each standard. For more information go to the ACRL Web site at [www.ala.org/acrl/infolit.html](http://www.ala.org/acrl/infolit.html). In addition take a look at the **TILT** link on the library home page. This is a self-paced interactive tutorial consisting of three modules. Each module takes about 30 minutes to complete.

## Parks Duffey Paints RBC



Richard Bland  
College Campus by  
Parks Duffey

The Friends of the Richard Bland College Library have commissioned Parks Duffey to do a painting of the RBC campus.

Throughout the summer, Mr. Duffey has come to the RBC campus, talked with staff and faculty, and sketched the buildings and landscape in order to produce a wonderful oil painting that captures the charm and beauty of our college. As you view this canvas you will see some familiar faces and you will be reminded of events that have become part of RBC history.

The original painting will be in the library. Prints of the painting will be available for purchase. The first 200 prints, signed by Mr. Duffey, are

\$65.00 each. The rest of the prints will sell for \$35.00 each.

Mr. Duffey is a native of Richmond, but has traveled extensively and has lived in many other areas. He is now a resident of Petersburg.

Among the other Virginia Colleges that Parks has painted are Virginia Commonwealth University, University of Virginia, Virginia Tech, The College of William & Mary, Virginia Military Institute, and the University of Richmond.

**Order your print now and watch for an announcement of the unveiling of the original.**

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## Your Records

Would you like to be able to check your circulation record to see what you have checked out and to see when those items are due? And would you like to be able to do this from home or from your office? Well, now you can. Just go the **"Your Records"** link on the library home page. After you click on this link you will see a page with instructions for viewing your circulation record. You must have a library account in order to do this. The number on your library keytag is your access number. If you are not able to view

your records, check with the library staff. We may have to modify some information on your library record. We will be happy to do this.

If you would like to renew your books from home go to the **"Electronic Request Forms"** link on the home page. This will take you to a form. Just fill in the required information. We will renew your items or e-mail you if there is a problem.

## Reader's @ RBC



Dr. McNeer  
Readers @ RBC

Richard Bland College Library has produced its very own READ posters. The motto on our posters is "Readers @ RBC." Dr. McNeer, Dr. Whittaker, Dr. McCartan, and Dr. Cherry are just a few of the famous people whose faces you will find on these posters. Library staff hopes that these posters will help students to become familiar with staff and administration and to see these important people as readers.

In addition to the Readers @ RBC posters, you will also find other displays in the library.

During the summer students have researched important events in RBC history by going through issues of *The Poor Richard* and *The Bon Homme Richard*. Many "firsts," and "photos from the past," have been incorporated into displays that will be of interest to students and faculty.

## VIVA Steering Committee and SCHEV/LAC Meetings Held at Richard Bland College Library

The staff of Richard Bland College Library hosted the VIVA Steering Committee and the SCHEV/LAC (State Council of Higher Education Library Advisory Committee) meetings on June 7th and 8th. These committees meet jointly four times each year rotating among the academic libraries within the Commonwealth.

VIVA's Steering Committee is the primary committee of VIVA. VIVA's mission is "to provide, in an equitable, cooperative and cost effective manner, enhanced access to library and information resources for the higher education community." The Steering Committee reports to the Library Advisory Council of SCHEV.

SCHEV is Virginia's statewide higher education coordinating board. It's mission is "to promote the development and operation of an educationally and economically sound, vigorous, progressive and coordinated system of higher education." The LAC (Library Advisory Committee) of SCHEV is composed of public institutional representatives throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia. Currently 23 library directors serve on the LAC committee. The LAC members discuss common goals and concerns and work cooperatively to ensure that all libraries provide the necessary materials and services to assist in the educational development of Virginia's college students.

The Friends of Richard Bland College Library hosted a reception at Dr. LeAnn Binger's home and a dinner at the Country Club of Petersburg. Dr. Virginia Cherry, Director of Media Services for Richard Bland College Library, currently serves as secretary to LAC.

## ACCESS, ACCESS, ACCESS

Libraries provide access—access to books, eBooks, journals, online databases and the World Wide Web. Access to books and to eBooks is provided through LION, our online catalog. Access to online databases and full text journals is provided primarily through VIVA. Through VIVA we have access to 165 databases and 4000 full text journals and newspapers. VIVA provides online full text to journals from major publishers like Cambridge University Press, Oxford University Press, John Hopkins University Press,

and on and on the list goes.

Our students will have access to these exact same databases when they transfer to any other public institution in Virginia. We can give them a real boost if we teach them how to be efficient users of these VIVA resources while they are at Richard Bland College.

Link to VIVA from the button on the library home page or look for the new direct links to selected VIVA resources on the library home page.

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## VIVA VIGNETTES

Last year, the library staff started a regular feature in the *Bon Homme Richard* called *VIVA Vignettes*. We plan to continue this. Each *VIVA Vignette* features a particular VIVA database. Information on what is available through a particular resource is featured along with tips on how to best search and utilize that particular database.

In addition to these vignettes, watch for e-mails "from the reference desk." These e-mails will

provide information on new journals that become available, changes in services provided, upgrades, and even some ideas for integration of these products into classroom assignments.

In order to make the databases more accessible to our students direct links are available from the library home page to the Health and Wellness Resource Center, the Business and Company Resource Center and InfoTrac OneFile.



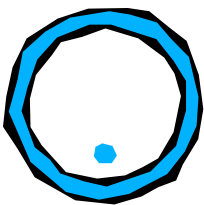
The Virtual Library of Virginia

*“Ultimately, information literate people are those who have learned how to learn. They know how to learn. They know how to learn because they know how knowledge is organized, how to find information and how to use information in such a way that others can learn from them. They are people prepared for lifelong learning because they can always find the information needed for any decision or task at hand.”*

American Library Association  
*Presidential Committee on Information Literacy*  
*Final Report, 1989*

\*All other quotes are from the American Library Association,  
Library Advocacy Now! Action Pack 2001

## How Do I Know It's True?



Have you ever looked at a Web site and wondered where the information came from? There doesn't seem to be any indication about who wrote it or where they got their facts and figures or even an e-mail address if you wanted to contact someone. You should require that kind of information if you are looking at a site that you want to use for a research topic.

Librarians use five basic criteria when they choose books to add to a library collection. These same criteria can be used for Web site evaluation. They are Authority, Accuracy, Currency, Objectivity, and Coverage. Because Web sites are online, Technical Aspects are an important additional consideration. Is the site easy to navigate; does it load in a reasonable length of time; are graphics and videos appropriate to the site content; when was the site last updated?

These are a few of the questions that one should ask.

The RBC Library Web site has added a page that will help you to evaluate the validity and trustworthiness of a Web site. From the home page choose the link to **“Evaluating Web Sites.”** Here you will find specific ways to apply the selection criteria.

At the end of the “Evaluating Web Sites” page there is a checklist for students and faculty. Feel free to print this off and use it as a guide when you check the validity of a site.

Also be sure to check out the Web sites that have been chosen for inclusion in the **“Subject Guides”** and the **“Web Sites A-Z”** available from the library home page. These have been chosen because they pass the evaluation process.