

LIBRARY NEWS

FALL 06 ISSUE

WELCOME BACK!

New Locations for CDs, DVDs, Newspapers, and Popular Collection

Look for DVDS, CDs, and other popular material in new browser-friendly locations.

DVDs, CDs, and the Popular Collection are now located on the first floor of University Center, behind the public computer terminals.

New media cases and new labels help users to locate audio-visual items more effectively.

Look for many brand new titles. The library has recent popular movies on DVD as well as documentaries, clas-



New cases make CD browsing much easier.

sics, and other course-relevant films. **Check them out for a week!**

Daily newspapers, which include *USA Today*, *Pittsburgh*

Post Gazette, *Pittsburgh Tribune Review*, and *The New York Times*, are now out of the first floor vault and located on the back wall by the print journals and magazines. This vault has been converted into a reading area, which is the perfect setting for leisure reading and skimming through

our latest issues of *People*, *Time*, *Newsweek*, *Sports Illustrated*, *Rolling Stone*, *The Economist*, and many more print periodicals.

NEW THIS FALL: IM THE ANSWER

Get help from a Point Park librarian on Instant Messenger (I.M.)

Students can use I.M. through Yahoo Messenger or AIM to communicate with Point Park Librarians. This service is available during usual library business

hours. The library's easy-to-remember I.M. name is **pointlibim**.

Along with instant messenger, students also have the options of email and phone to get library help without being in the library.

Email:

library@pointpark.edu

Phone:

412-392-3171

I.M. the Answer:

Pointlibim

UPCOMING EVENTS

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR: November 28 - December 5, 2006

HALLOWEEN COSTUME CONTEST: October 30th and 31st, 2006

Also, keep an eye out for ongoing library workshops and roving reference

NEW TITLES

Best seller titles in fiction and non-fiction are added to our Popular Collection every month.

Some recently-added titles include:

- Nora Robert's *Angel's Fall*
- Fannie Flagg's *Can't Wait to Get to Heaven*
- Lillian Jackson Braun's *The Cat that Dropped a Bombshell*
- Pearl Cleage's *Baby Brother's Blues*
- Stephen King's *Cell*
- Jasper Fforde's *The Fourth Bear*
- *Bob Knight: the Unauthorized Biography*
- *Big Coal: the Dirty Secret Behind America's Energy Future*

New DVD titles include:

- Jarhead
- Hotel Rwanda
- Firewall
- Brokeback Mountain
- Good Night and Good Luck
- Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire
- The Chronicles of Narnia
- The Producers
- Transamerica

For more titles click on the *New Books, DVDs, Plays and More* link in Pointcat--The Online Catalog



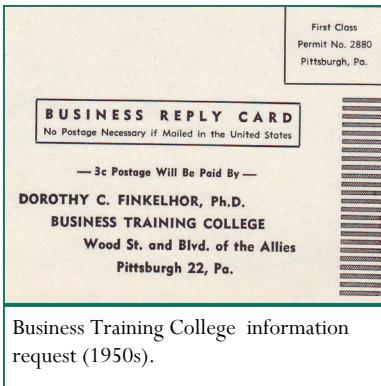
Publicity photograph (1950s) for Business Training College (BTC). BTC was Point Park's predecessor institution.

UNIVERSITY ARCHIVES ESTABLISHED

In Spring 06, the Point Park University Library began collecting university documents to be maintained in the newly established university archives. The primary responsibilities of the archives are to appraise, collect, organize, describe, preserve and make accessible university records of enduring historical value. Such records will include textual material as well as images and

other media.

The University Archives will be located in the library. Once documents are processed and organized, they will be open to the Point Park Community for use. Keep an eye out this fall for more information about the University Archives, its mission, and collection policy. Also, watch for future displays of interesting university documents.



Business Training College information request (1950s).

LIBRARY REMINDERS

Go to www.pointpark.edu to get to the **Library** link

To access databases and online books from off-campus computers, use the off-campus links and sign on with your Point Park email username and password

There are 30,000+ ebooks available through the library. Access them through [Pointcat-the Online Catalog](#) or through Ebrary in [Online Resources and Databases](#).

[One Search](#) searches it all! Use One Search to search most of the library's databases and the online catalog at the same time.

Order books from other academic libraries through [EZ-Borrow](#).

FACULTY: DONATE PERSONAL AND EXTRA COPIES OF YOUR TEXTBOOKS

The library is seeking donations of faculty copies of textbooks. Ease the skyrocketing costs of textbooks that many college students face by donating your personal or extra copies to the library. Faculty may also consult with library staff about using course reserves to provide required readings to their students.

LIBRARY INSTRUCTION

Library instruction helps faculty prepare students for upcoming assignments.

Librarians will come into classes to instruct students about library resources relevant to upcoming assignments. Request an instruction session by filling out the form at :

www.pointpark.edu —> **Library** —> **Library Instruction**

Library instruction helps students to find the best resources for their assignments and helps them become more proficient in information literacy skills.

TURNING TECHNOLOGY TO ASSESS STUDENT LIBRARY SKILLS

The library is incorporating response cards and interactive PowerPoint slide software through Turning Technology to assess students' library skill competency.

Initially, a live, interactive library skills quiz will be given to a sample of group of University Experience students during their library orientation sessions this fall. Use of the product will grow to include other opportunities of library assessment throughout the academic year.

Through Turning Technology, assessment is immediate and automatic, and the library will be better able to document students' information literacy and library skill competency levels throughout their years at Point Park University.

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M-Th: 8:30am -10:00pm

Fri: 8:30am-5:00pm

Sat: 8:30am-6:30pm

Sun:1:00pm-9:00pm