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Research Tips & Tricks

Ever wander, lost and confused, through the library “Stacks” on the 2nd and 3rd floors? Here’s a quick key to the Library of Congress Classification System, used by many large academic libraries in the U.S. Here at Hampshire, A-HN are on the 2nd floor, and H-DZ are on the 3rd floor.

A General Works
B Philosophy, Psychology, & Religion
C Auxiliary Sciences of History (archaeology, archival science, etc.)
D World History, History of Europe, Asia, Africa, Australia, etc.
E & F History of the Americas
G Geography, Anthropology, Recreation
H Social Sciences
J Political Science
K Law
L Education
M Music
N Fine Arts
P Language and Literature (5% is American Literature)
Q Science
R Medicine
S Agriculture
T Technology (POST: Photography is here, under T, long story)
U&V Military & Naval Science
Z Books about Books, Writing Systems, Library Science

INFO BAR

Library Hours
Please check the web page for current library hours: www.hampshire.edu/library/harold-f-johnson-library-hours
Hours change during break periods.
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Unscramble
Where in the library can you find innovative architecture?
Anagram: coldest lonely ice

Riddle
There are stairs all around but rarely for walking, this place echoes like crazy even when only talking.

Please ask the InfoBar staff for answers to riddles and anagrams.

FROM THE ARCHIVES

The Bridge Cafe began as a student project. True or False?
Answer: True. When the Robert Crown Center was built in 1974, the Bridge was merely a cool, glassed-in walkway between the Library and the Crown Cen- ter. In 1977 a student named Olivia Georgia gained permission to use it for her Div III gallery installation in semi-secret, squat-like booths. The Bridge Cafe itself first opened in the fall of 1978, run by a group of eight students who served coffee, tea, and a variety of sweets baked in their mods.

During the course, students will apprentice with one of the following academic programs, and become familiar with resources and consultation practices for their area: Holistic Learning Program (academic self-improvement through learning skills, goal-setting, time management), Library Media Labs (media production), Qualitative Resource Center (quantitative skills), or Research & Technology (library research and academic technology). For more information, contact Alana Kumbier (akumbier@hampshire.edu).


Seeking Knowledge Commons Peer Mentors!

If you’d like to be a peer mentor in the Knowledge Commons for the 2019-2020 academic year, you can apply for a new course, CS 289: Peer Mentoring in the Knowledge Commons (Spring 2019).

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Both Hunter and Butler’s work can be considered part of the complex social, political, philosophical, and cultural genre of Afrofuturism: a genre that explores the intersection of African/African Diaspora cultures and identities with science, technology, and art in envisioning the future. While Afrofuturism has a long history, current examples include Marvel’s Black Panther, or the music (and music videos) of Janelle Monáe.

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GALLERY

Continuing the Common Read Conversation: Octavia Butler, Candace Hunter, and Afrofuturism

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MEDIA SERVICES

Get Started Using the Animation Stand!

Ever wanted to use the animation stand in the Media Labs? (5% in the basement of the library!) Feeling a bit intimidated about getting started? Now there’s an online guide that will walk you through it, step-by-step! Visit http://sites.hampshire.edu/librarymedialabs/ for more information. Don’t forget you can always email Media Labs staff at mediahelp@hampshire.edu for help with your questions or concerns about using any of the lab equipment.