Welcome back after our long, hot summer! The LRC staff have been working all summer with students and faculty engaged in the summer session. In addition, the LRC staff have been working in preparation of your arrival for fall classes. We are excited about the addition of several books to our physical collection and about the addition to our online databases and video streaming resources. Come by the LRC and check out our new holdings. Visit our webpage at lrc.rose.edu and review our services, online databases and online video resources available to faculty, staff, and students from on- and off-campus.

We have had several personnel changes over the summer. Judy Hartsburg retired, and Nikita Earle has graciously stepped up to work in Judy’s absence on a temporary basis. Kristen Keyser moved to Circulation, Ken Stockwell moved to Technical Services, and Allegra Seals is our new LTA, Public Services person. Melissa Huffman is the new Head Librarian, and Chris Meyer is the new Dean.

All of us in the LRC enjoy working together to provide the best and friendliest service on campus to students, faculty, staff, and community members. If you wish to visit or contact me, my office is on the second floor of the LRC in room 206. Melissa Huffman is moving into LRC 118. On behalf of all the staff in the LRC, we hope you have a wonderful semester. Please let one of us know if we can do anything to help.

Sincerely,

Melissa Huffman
Head Librarian, Learning Resources Center

Chris Meyer
Dean, Learning Resources Center
Here we are – August again! A new school year, AND semester are all here!!! A special welcome goes out to all new faculty and staff.

A few important reminders, please... The syllabus template insures the clear presence of a consistent disability statement in all syllabi and classes. The disability statement is listed under “Student Support Services”. As you go over your syllabus in class, please take a minute to make sure that students are aware of this statement; and that they understand accommodations are made through the Disability Services Office (LRC 125).

Everyone employed by RSC has a role in providing accommodations! YOU have responsibilities and serve as an “ambassador” as we meet needs and do the right thing regardless of your role on campus.

While working with DSR I’ve heard some interesting comments from faculty and students. Many of our students with disabilities have “hidden” disabilities (ADHD, learning disabilities, TBI, etc). This means that the person may not appear to have a disability. Documentation has been submitted, reviewed, and approved prior to allowing any accommodation. Please remember as you work with students, it is NOT your responsibility to “wean them off” or challenge a student about an accommodation. If you have questions or concerns, please contact the DSR office (733-7407).

Remember that RSC has an “open door admission policy.” Anyone who meets our admission criteria may enroll; however, all students in your class are to be graded by the same standard. Accommodations are our joint legal responsibility...success is the students’ responsibility. It is important to look at the elements of your curriculum and ask, “What are the essential components?” If it is an essential component of the course, it cannot be altered by an accommodation. Our collective goal is to provide equal access to the learning opportunity for each student without impacting essential components of any course.

Important points to remember as we begin the new academic year:

- The ADAAA law is an anti-discrimination law! We all are responsible to provide equal access for students to all services on campus.
- Adaptive technology for access is located in the LRC Computer Lab. Please refer students who might benefit from these services.
- If you use any videos or video clips in class AND ONLINE, please make sure they are captioned and that you know how to turn on the captioning. Be prepared! U-Tube captioning is not always available nor is it always accurate. Check it out before using.
- Resources and study tools available for any student in your class needs...
Please encourage students to get their Rose State College IDs and to bring IDs with them when they visit the library.

Faculty, staff, and students please update or apply for library accounts in order to check out materials from Circulation on the second floor of the LRC.

Available. This is a free service for students and staff.

Know the emergency evacuation plan for each class locations, especially if you have students with mobility related disabilities.

For more information about services for students with disabilities, to refer students wishing to request accommodations, or if you have questions concerning approved accommodations, please contact Janet Griffith at 733-7407 or come by LRC 125. The welcome mat is always out! Let Disability Services assist as we all make this a great academic year!

Please refer anyone on campus who is having difficulty and might benefit from counseling to Special Services (733-7373) or DSR (733-7407).
Save the Date for Banned Books Week, September 30 – October 6, 2012

Celebrating the Freedom to Read

Everyone appreciates the freedom to read whatever he or she wants. But how do you feel when others try to restrict your rights? Join us to celebrate the freedom to read. The LRC will host a variety of programs in conjunction with Banned Books Week the first week in October. Plan to join your fellow instructors and encourage your students to participate. The week’s highlights:

Monday, Oct 1. Read-out. Everyone is welcome to bring a favorite banned book and join this first impromptu gathering to share excerpts from banned or controversial books. You might get to experience your own favorite instructor read from a banned book. Monday and Tuesday will feature different readers and books. **10:30 am in front of LRC**

Tuesday, Oct 2. Read-out. Everyone is welcome to bring a favorite banned book and join this second impromptu gathering to share excerpts from banned or controversial books. Tuesday will feature different readers and books. **Noon in front of LRC**

Wednesday, Oct 3. Panel debate. Should we or shouldn’t we? Don’t miss this panel of local Rose State College experts who will debate banning materials in libraries. When is censorship appropriate? Panelists: Jeremy Clifton, Dick Frost, Michael Grady, Jim Hochtritt, and John Wood. **2:30-3:30 pm, LRC, Rm 109/110**

Thursday, Oct 4. Presentation by Dr. Marc Blitz, Oklahoma City University Professor of Law, will speak on our constitutional protection for freedom of thought and freedom of expression, including the freedom to read what has been printed. **9:30-10:45 am, LRC, Rm 109/110**

All week. **Banned Book Display.** Come view some books that have been banned or challenged in libraries. **Library Resources Center, 1st floor**

For more detailed information please visit [http://www.rose.edu/banned-books-week](http://www.rose.edu/banned-books-week).
Rose State College Tutoring Services

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Phone: (405) 733-7417

To obtain more information, you may call the tutoring desk or go to:
http://www.rose.edu/tutoring

Rose State Tutoring provides free tutoring in the Learning Resources Center for Rose State students in general education courses only. This includes 0-level skill building courses (e.g. “MATH 0103 (Arithmetic Skills).”

We are looking for tutors! The basic requirement is that the person who wants to tutor must have made an A or B in the course they want to tutor. If you know a student, retired teacher, or other qualified person you think would make a good tutor, please encourage them to contact the tutoring desk at 733-7417.

Classes where tutors are especially needed include:
- Anatomy, Physiology, Chemistry
- English
- Mathematics / Algebra

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Academic Testing Services is located on the first floor at the north end of the Learning Resources Center. We administer make-up tests, advanced standing tests, tests with accommodations and tests for Internet, hybrid and telecourse classes.

For the month of August our hours will be 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. We will be closed on Saturday and Sunday.

Beginning in September, our fall hours will be 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday. Hours may vary during holidays. For current hours, visit http://www.rose.edu/academic-testing-services, then click on the correct month in the list on the upper right side of the page.

Professors, before bringing tests to Testing Services, please label each test with your name, the test number and the course prefix and number. Be sure to fill out an instruction sheet so we can follow your instructions. Instruction sheets are available online and at Testing Services.

Students who come to Academic Testing Services to take a test will need to bring their student ID OR a photo ID and their student ID number. We need to see a photo of the student who is going to take a test and we need their ID number so we can enter them into the computer. We keep a record of every test that is given and the date and time it was given. The student ID has the student’s photo on it and their ID number.

If the student does not have a student ID, he/she must present a photo ID and their student ID number. The student’s ID number can be found at the top of their schedule.

Students will also need to know their professor’s name, the name of the course they are taking a test for and the test number they will need to take. This makes it possible for us to locate the student’s test. There are a few hundred tests on file at Testing Services at any given time.

For questions or for other information, call Karen Mills at 733-7440.