Meet Heather Mitchell-Botts, Instruction Librarian

Heather comes to UC Clermont from ECPI University’s campus in Raleigh, North Carolina where she served as Campus Librarian for the past five years. Her experience in teaching and public services is extensive – at ECPI she did everything from teach information literacy classes to create online guides/tutorials to collection development. Prior to her work at ECPI, Heather was a Graduate Assistant working with government documents at the University of South Carolina’s Thomas Cooper Library.

Heather’s role at the Clermont College Library will focus primarily on instruction. She’ll serve as instruction coordinator for our library, developing formal information literacy instruction programming and planning to support students both in person and online. Heather will also focus on the development of online tools in support of information literacy and serve as librarian liaison to the English, Languages & Fine Arts and Business, Law & Technology departments.

Heather is a passionate teacher and brings a great deal of professionalism and positivity to everything she touches. Please join us in welcoming Heather Mitchell-Botts to Clermont College.

Liaison Areas, Realigned

In order to collaborate most effectively with our faculty partners, the library has realigned liaison contacts with the five academic departments. Previously, faculty from a given department would have to reach out to two or three library staff in order to schedule information literacy instruction, create a research-oriented online guide, engage an embedded librarian, or recommend library items for purchase. Now, each academic department will have a single point of contact for the library.

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In addition to simplifying communications, we hope this new arrangement will lead to stronger relationships between librarians and faculty, as well as better student outcomes for library instruction and collections utilization.

Faculty-Staff Development @ Your Library

We promised more faculty-staff development opportunities from the library this year, and we delivered on that promise! 2017-18 saw four faculty-staff workshops from the library, including topics SimplyAnalytics, Scholar@UC, open textbooks, and APA Style Central. We also facilitated a faculty panel on using the UC Common Read in class with Clermont professors Jill Gomez, Phoebe Reeves, and Greg Sojka.

This year, librarians Heather Mitchell-Botts, Natalie Winland, and Katie Foran-Mulcahy are planning to deliver additional instructive classes for faculty and staff.
Looking Ahead at Instruction

This year, the library will have a renewed focus on all things library instruction. We hope that the combination of our newly hired library faculty member and our realigned departmental liaisons will lead to additional opportunities for faculty partnership and more meaningful student instruction.

A few of the specific things to watch for in the coming year include:

- **Outreach from your liaison librarian** to discuss how we can best support your students with their research needs
- New library **assessments**, including pre- and post-tests and faculty surveys to **measure our impact**
- **Updates to library instruction policies** to better align with existing pedagogical best practices for library instruction
- Additional online videos, tutorials, and learning objects that you can **embed into your courses to provide on-the-spot library help** to students when they need it most

If you are interested in learning more about library instruction best practices, scheduling a session for your class, or embedding a librarian in Blackboard, [check our instruction page](#) and reach out to your library liaison.

For general inquiries about our library instruction program, please contact Instruction Librarian [Heather Mitchell-Botts](#).

Game-Changing Technology Collaboration Spaces, Coming Soon!

Thanks to the continued generosity of our donors, the Clermont College Library is excited to announce that construction on **two new technology-enabled student collaboration spaces** is set to begin in December 2018.

Made possible by a generous gift from the Elberfeld family, the rooms will feature wall monitors for student collaboration, floor-to-ceiling dry erase boards, and easy access to electric for charging mobile devices. These spaces will also be glass-enclosed to increase their visibility and let in plenty of light. Our spring student survey has indicated a demand for these kinds of campus spaces for many years, and we’re so grateful to finally be able to provide them on the library's first floor.

Many thanks to Mr. and Mrs. David and Amy Elberfeld for their continued support of Clermont College students. We know that these rooms will be well-utilized and well-loved by students – for many, many years to come.
New Popular Reading and Movie Collection Partnership with CCPL

In collaboration with our partners at the Clermont County Public Library, we’re incredibly proud to debut a Popular Reading and Movie Collection on our library's 1st floor.

Curated by Public Services Manager Natalie Winland and Clermont County Public Library Director Chris Wick, the collection is intended to appeal to students’ non-academic interests and pursuits. Our annual spring student survey indicated that more than 80% of respondents thought our library should offer access to non-academic materials such as popular fiction, graphic novels, self-improvement books, and feature films. Partnering with our public library colleagues helped us to make that happen at zero cost to the college.

Interested in popular reading materials and DVDs? Stop by and check out our mini public library collections next to the magazines on the 1st floor. Plus, if you had something in mind that you don’t see on our shelves, we can order popular materials on your behalf from participating public libraries via SearchOhio – just ask at the info desk.

Affordable Textbook Initiatives

Did you know...

- Two-thirds of students skipped buying or renting some of their required textbooks due to cost (from a Student PIRGS report)
- The cost of textbooks is rising at a rate of four times inflation (from the Consumer Price Index)
- The College Board estimated that the average undergraduate should budget $1,220-$1,420 for textbooks and course materials in 2017-18

Open educational resources (OERs) represent one way that faculty can impact students’ educational spending without comprising pedagogy. OERs can run the gamut from published, refereed (and free) textbooks to articles in open-access e-journals to UC Libraries subscription resources like journals, books, or videos from sources like Kanopy, Films on Demand, or Lynda.com.

If you’re interested in learning more about open textbooks, consider attending our fall open textbook workshop on Thursday, September 20 at 12:30pm. Facilitators Katie Foran-Mulcahy, Heather Mitchell-Botts, and Mark Konecny (UC Press) will share information about open textbook adoption and how to locate open textbooks for use in your courses.

The library also continues to support textbook affordability by making available course texts for 2-hour checkout. Check our site for more info on textbook reserves or direct inquiries to Public Services Manager Natalie Winland.
Building Engagement with Library Programs

Our library has played host to many campus events and programs this past year, including poetry readings with Richard Hague and Matthew Guenette, the 2nd annual Literature Essay Contest Awards, and a book discussion of 2017-18 UC Common Read *Look Me in the Eye: My Life with Asperger's* by John Elder Robison. We also facilitated the 7th annual Haiku Contest and Pi Day giveaways with Clermont mathematics faculty. These programs, in addition to several micro-programs – including watercolor painting, origami, board games, a raffle, and a 2nd floor selfie contest – saw participation from nearly 900 students in the 2017-18 school year.

In the coming year, look for more poetry reading collabs, student giveaways, book discussions, student art displays, and student-centered micro-programs. Thanks to Technical Services Manager Penny McGinnis for her continued efforts with program planning at our library.

Data Snapshot

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STAFF HIGHLIGHTS, 2017-18

Katie Foran-Mulcahy, Library Director
- Professional highlights: Presented at Two Year College Association Midwest Conference 2017 and College Composition and Communication Midwest Summer Conference 2017; Facilitated Open Textbook Workshop for faculty with UC Press, January 2018.
- Favorite book read this year: *Evicted: Profit and Poverty in the American City* by Matthew Desmond
- Pictured: Katie posing with Fiona the hippo at the Cincinnati Zoo.

Heather Mitchell-Botts, Instruction Librarian
- Professional highlights: Joined Clermont College Library faculty in July 2018; Attended OhioLINK Affordable Learning Summit in August 2018.
- Favorite book read this year: *11/22/63: A Novel* by Stephen King
- Pictured: Heather and family – her daughter’s first paddleboat ride!

Penny McGinnis, Technical Services Manager
- Professional highlights: Organized UC Common Read book discussion of *Look Me In the Eye*; served as judge for the Batavia Blooms event organized by Bibby Terry’s ENGL 2089.
- Favorite book read this year: *Hello Lighthouse* by Sophie Blackall
- Pictured: Penny looking for lake glass on the shore of Lake Erie.

Natalie Winland, Public Services Manager
- Professional highlights: Academic Library Association of Ohio Support Staff Interest Group (SSIG) Co-Chair, 2016-18; hosted library staff from all over the state at the SSIG workshop at UC Clermont in March 2018; Facilitated faculty-staff workshop on APA Style Central, April 2018.
- Pictured: Natalie with husband Tim on an Ohio riverboat cruise.

Student Assistant Highlights
- Returning student assistants: Chris Hartman, Levi Pertuset, and Katherine Schoolfield. Katherine was also awarded the Clermont College Library Student Assistant of the Year Award in 2017.
- Graduating student assistants: Amy Waugh graduated with an Associate of Arts degree and a Writing Certificate in spring 2018. Tina Fellinger graduated with an Associate of Science degree and a Deaf Studies Certificate in summer 2018. Both are continuing their degrees in Clifton this fall.
- New student assistants: Cindy Dickinson and Alex Murray.