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Oposing Viewpoints
by Ken Bradshaw

Over the years, the library has tried to keep its holdings up to date for a series of books called Oposing Viewpoints. This has been a valuable series for several reasons. It is a large series, covering many topics that are in the news regularly. It includes, for any given topic, a general introduction, a collection of essays and articles reflecting the various points of view on the topic, and a collection of citations for further reading. So you can check out one book and get several different sources for your research paper within that one physical volume. What could be better?

Now, the library has added a subscription to the **online** version of this series. It's called **Gale Oposing Viewpoints in Context**. This way, users can access the whole series and

know that it has the most current information on a given topic. Using "bullying" as an example of a recent hot topic, the entry includes a general overview, a collection of 52 viewpoint entries, 30 articles from academic journals, 209 articles from magazines, 12 reference sources, 6 videos, 2,632 news articles, and more. Again, they are selected to include opposing viewpoints instead of just one. Here is the link to this database: <http://ic.galegroup.com/ic/ovic/?userGroupName=kctcspcc> Or just choose "Gale databases" from our main research database menu under Find Articles, and this one will be on the list. Don't be content to find just one point of view on your topic - look here and find several.

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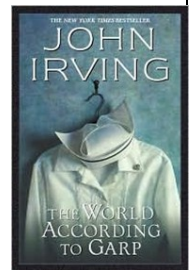
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Book Review
by Sam Evens

The World According to Garp: This novel has been awarded and added to the list of the New York Times Bestsellers. The book is based off the life of the illegitimate child of Jenny fields – a feminist leader. Their lives are surrounded by sexual extremities and assassinations. While this novel is ridden with insanity and sorrow, the author

seamlessly weaves in humor. This book was written by John Irving and has been published in 30 languages, and in more than 40 countries.

The book is housed in the stacks, and its call number is PS 3559 .R8 W67 2000.



Library Orientations by Carol Driver

Visit our website: <http://www.westkentucky.kctcs.edu/Academics/Library.aspx>

The library hosts a variety of orientations to help familiarize students with available resources and services, including RDG 020/030, ENC 091, ENG 101, and ENG 102. While the content of the individual orientations varies, the goal for each is the same: to provide a strong basis for the research needs of the students of West Kentucky Community and Technical College.

RDG 30/CMS 185 orientation highlights the elements of a citation, how to narrow a broad topic, and the importance of using quality Internet sources. ENC 091 provides an introduction to library terms, the KCTCS library catalog, citation elements, and using Internet sources. The orientation for ENG 101 is offered entirely online and provides the student with a tour of the library, an understanding of basic library terms, and how to use the library catalog and EBSCOhost, one of the library's online databases. ENG 102 further explores some of the database offerings while

providing exercises to practice what has been learned in previous orientations.

New this semester is the online orientation for nursing students. This presentation will allow LPN students who have classes in Murray to complete their required orientation without travelling to Paducah, and will assist the busy RN students with completing the orientation at a time that is convenient for them.

If your class has a research component, the library orientation team (Carol Driver, Amy Sullivan, Anita Weathers, and Sam Evens) would be happy to have your class come for a walk-around tour of the library, conduct an introduction to library databases in the library lab, or present a required course orientation.

To schedule any of these, call Carol Driver at 534-3170, who will be happy to arrange a time for your class to visit.

Get Your Library Card

Did you know your campus ID card functions as your library card? If you already have your campus ID, be sure to stop by the Matheson Library circulation desk to activate it in our system so that you can check out materials. If you have not had your ID made, you can do this at the Business Office located on the first floor of the Anderson Technical Building. They process IDs on Mondays and Tuesdays from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Your student ID can also be used to obtain [discounts](#) at several local restaurants and businesses. Faculty and staff can access their discount list through [the Point](#).

The library is still in the process of transitioning everyone to using their campus ID cards as their library cards.

However, if you have not had an opportunity to get an ID, **you are still able to check out materials at the library!** Just present a photo ID at the circulation desk and you can obtain a library card. If you have a library card that you acquired during a previous semester, we can renew it and make it active so that you can continue to check out materials. If you decide later to get your campus ID, we can activate that as your library card so that you only have to carry one multipurpose card.

Whatever route you choose, just remember, you do need a library card to check out materials. We hope to see you at the library soon!

Check Out Our Equipment!

Attention faculty and staff! Did you know that the library has several types of equipment that you can check out? Besides our laptops, we have DVD players, CD players, a video camera, and a digital camera if you need them for a class, event, or trip. And don't forget our new easy-to-tote netbooks (mini laptops), already very popular with staff members. If you are in need of any of this equipment, give Christen Green a call to see what's available at ext. 43503, or email her at christen.green@kctcs.edu.

Also, please let us know if you have any suggestions for future equipment purchases. Call Amy Sullivan at ext. 43171, or email her at amy.sullivan@kctcs.edu

Contest Winners

Congratulations to our November and December contest winners: Lauren Hagen, Emily Okerson, Brandi Bennett, Katarina Brindle, Ruby Rodgers, Brooke Ridings, Sanci Teague, Mary Cochrum, Melanie Maynard, Candice Rives, Nancy Robins, Mary Jackson, Justin Dunn, and Christa Edmonds. All of our winners got to pick one free book from our giveaway stash. Thank you for participating. Be watching for our next contest, coming soon!

Spring 2012 Regular Library Hours

Mon. – Thurs. 7:30 a.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Fri. 7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Sat. (Jan 21 – April 28) Noon – 4 p.m.
Sunday Closed

Spring 2012 Special Semester Hours

March 19-23- 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
In-between Semesters:
May 5-June 4 – 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Closed Saturday and Sunday

Spring 2012 Semester Closures

Jan. 14-16 - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
February 18-20 - President's Day
March 24 - Spring Break
April 6-7 (Closing Noon on Good Friday)
April 28 – Saturday Schedule Ends