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In March, Carolyn (Cary) Morse joined the library staff as Coordinator of Library Serials and Electronic Resources. In addition to monitoring the usage of the library’s databases and ebooks, Cary teaches information literacy classes and provides individualized reference consultations. Cary previously served as a Circulation and Reference Librarian at Pine Manor College. Cary holds the M.S. in Library and Information Science from Simmons College, the M.A. in International and Comparative Education from George Washington University and the B.S. in Languages from Georgetown University. She is fluent in Spanish and an advanced speaker of Portuguese. In her first career, she managed international educational exchange programs between the U.S. and Latin America. During lunch breaks Cary can be found walking on the Quinsig fields and in adjacent neighborhoods!

Mary Ann Rogers serves as a Part-time Reference Librarian, working on Saturdays at the Alden Library and on Thursday evenings at the Downtown Library. Mary Ann also works as a part-time librarian at Southern New Hampshire University and is enrolled in the university’s master’s program in public history. Mary Ann is a Rhode Island native and graduated from Rhode Island College with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Communications. Her Masters of Library Studies degree is from the University of Rhode Island. Mary Ann is an avid landscape and nature photographer as well as a talented singer and guitarist.

In September, the library welcomed Glenda Franco, a QCC alumna, as the new Part-Time Library Assistant. Glenda works at the Alden Library circulation desk on Monday and Tuesday nights as well as all day on Saturday. Glenda completed two QCC Associates Degrees: one in Criminal Justice and the other in Computer Systems Engineering. She interned at the Worcester District Attorney’s Office and volunteered at the library of the Assabet Valley Regional Technical High School. Glenda plans to continue her education in the areas of computer programing and web design. In her spare time Glenda enjoys reading, creative writing and listening to music in a broad array of genres.

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Librarian Tiger Swan has redesigned the article database section of our website in an effort to make it more user friendly. No more scrolling through a long list of unfamiliar database titles! Now the article database hyperlink on the library home page will take you directly to a list of databases by subject. Simply click on your subject and you will see the article databases that are most relevant to your teaching and research.

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**Databases by Subject Area**

| General: Multi-subject coverage. Includes reference materials and newspapers. Good for general studies, humanities, and sciences. |
| Biology, Chemistry & Science: BIO, BTT, CHM, PHY, SCI |
| Business & Finance: BSL, BUS, ECO, EMT, FIN, HRM, LOG, MGT, MRK |
| Education: ECE, EDU |
| Engineering & Technology: BTT, CIS, CSC, CST, EET, ERG, EUT, IMO |
| English & Speech Communication: ASL, ENG, ESL, SPH, THA |
| Healthcare: ALH, CHC, DAS, DHY, EMT, MSS, NUR, OTA, PHA, PNP, RCP, RDT, SUR |
| History & Political Science: HST, PSC |
| Psychology & Sociology: ANT, PSY, SOC, SOS |
| Public & Social Services: CRJ, FSC, HUS |

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**Book Review: Native American Family History**


In this memoir and family history, Denise Low uses the life of her Lenape grandfather, Frank Bruner (1889-1963), to document the fortunes of her Lenape people, also known as the Delaware.

Low chronicles how the forced transition from the Middle Atlantic region to the Indian Territory (later Oklahoma) stressed Delaware lifeways and family relations but also toughened her ancestors. Frank Bruner withstood Ku Klux Clan terrorism and other threats but finally relocated his brood to Kansas City, where he encouraged his family to “pass” in white, mainstream Missouri society.

Low does not shrink from describing the substance abuse and other dysfunctions that afflicted her family as it made its way in a majority-white society. She rose to become a Poet Laureate of Kansas and a Dean at Haskell Indian Nations University.

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**PsycInfo Database**

Due to budget constraints, the library no longer subscribes to the _PsycInfo_ database. _PsycInfo_ provided citations and abstracts only and was a convenient way to identify scholarly articles whose full text is contained in other databases.

QCC patrons still have access to these other databases which include _ScienceDirect_ and _Psychology and Behavioral Sciences Collection_. These two databases are key resources for students and faculty in the behavioral sciences. In the 2016-17 academic year, _Psychology and Behavioral Sciences Collection_ was the fourth most-searched database at QCC. In addition, many folks think of _ScienceDirect_ as focused on the hard or natural sciences, it is a key information source for the behavioral sciences as well. Last year, QCC’s top five journals in _ScienceDirect_, as measured by full-text downloads, included the following titles: _Personality and Individual Differences_ and _Computers and Human Behavior_.

In the absence of _PsycInfo_, librarians are incorporating new online search strategies into library instruction and reference consultations. The _Psy 101 research guide_, recently redesigned by Librarian Denise Cross, leads students through the discovery of primary and secondary sources within the _Psychology and Behavioral Sciences Collection_ database. The library website contains a complete list of _article databases relevant to the behavioral sciences_.

Please note that QCC budget constraints also resulted in the cancellation of the _CQ Researcher_ database. Finally, the State of Massachusetts cut its funding of several databases including _Business Insights_ and _Nursing Resource Center_. Please feel free to contact QCC librarians who can suggest alternative databases and search strategies. We’re available on the 3rd floor of the HLC; at reference@qcc.mass.edu; at 508 854-4366 or via the _chat button on the library home page_.

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