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## BY THE NUMBERS

- **Over 90** [Class-specific re-search](#) sessions taught by librarians
- **15,718 books and videos** checked out from the CRC Library
- **1 new drawing robot**
- **Over 6,100 questions answered** by a librarian!

## Finding Happiness at the CRC Library

In November, the Social Responsibility Committee hosted a film called the *Economics of Happiness*, which examined the relationship between economic globalization, environmental and personal costs, and the levels of happiness and stress in our communities. Library staff were inspired by this film to take a closer look at the topic of happiness. In November and December, we displayed a number of books related to happiness which explored the concept from spiritual, psychological, economic and social perspectives. We hoped that students (and faculty/staff) would take a moment to consider their own state of happiness.

In conjunction with the film and display, librarians started collecting responses from students, faculty and staff, who were



prompted by the phrase “I stay happy by...” We received over 60 responses to date which are currently displayed throughout the front of the library. If you have a moment, I encourage you to walk through the library and read them. (Continued on page

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## FIRST DAY PREPS THAT LEAD TO STUDENT SUCCESS!

By Andi Adkins-Pogue

**Am I smart enough? Do I belong in a college classroom? How am I ever going to pass this class?** – These are the questions that will run through many of your students’ minds as they sit in your class on the first day. Evidence shows that faculty-student interactions have a powerful impact on student confidence. (Bickerstaff et al., 2012). There are simple things you can do to build strong relationships from the start. It will help your students succeed:

- Explain what a syllabus is – It’s possible that some of your students have never heard this word, much less know how important that document is in helping them navigate the course.
- Donate your textbook to the library’s reserve collection and include the call # on your syllabus.
- Search the [library catalog](#) for your textbook to make sure information is displaying properly – Did we connect it to the right class and professor? (continued on page 2)

## FIRST DAY PREPS THAT LEAD TO STUDENT SUCCESS (CONTINUED)

Include links (or show one or two on the first day) to videos that introduce students to some CRC basics:

- [Linking their Los Rios Gmail account to their Device](#) (video courtesy of Greg Beyrer)
- [Student Access Card](#)
- [Universal Login](#)
- [Reserve Textbooks](#)
- [eBooks in the Library](#)
- [Who Does What in the Library](#)



And don't forget to promote the [Library](#) and other [support services](#). Strong support leads to student success.

### References

[Bickerstaff, S., Barragan, M., Rucks-Ahidiana, Z., & Columbia University, CCRC. \(2012\). "I Came in Unsure of Everything": Community College Students' Shifts in Confidence. CCRC Working Paper No. 48. Community College Research Center, Columbia University.](#)

## PICK UP A BOOK OVER THE BREAK!

Your to-do list might be long and the calendar full, but nothing refreshes and rejuvenates quite like a good book. Stop by today to grab something to read over the break! Here are a few new titles at the Library:

- [Bob Dylan : American troubadour](#) / Donald Brown New Books: ML420.D98 B77 2014
- [Capturing the light : the birth of photography, a true story of genius and rivalry](#) / Roger Watson and Helen Rappaport. New Books: TR140.D3 W38 2015
- [Oxygen : a four billion year history](#) / Donald Eugene Canfield. New Books: QD181.01 C36 2014
- [Rising strong](#) / Brené Brown. New Books: BF637.S4 B8118 2015
- [The outrage industry : political opinion media and the new incivility](#) / Jeffrey M. Berry and Sarah Sobieraj. New Books: PN1992.6 .B46 2014
- [Only time will tell](#) / Jeffrey Archer. Popular Fiction: PR6051.R285 O55 2011
- [The goldfinch](#) / Donna Tartt. Popular Fiction: PS3570.A657 G65 2013
- [All the light we cannot see : a novel](#) / Anthony Doerr. Popular Fiction: PS3604.034 A77 2014
- [Delicious! : a novel](#) / Ruth Reichl. Popular Fiction: PS3618.E5239 D45 2015
- [Plastic purge : how to use less plastic, eat better, keep toxins out of your body, and help save the sea turtles!](#) / Michael SanClements. New Books: TP1122 .S24 2014

**Don't forget: If you need a book or video to support your discipline, use the [faculty request form](#)!**

## HAPPINESS AT THE LIBRARY (CONTINUED)

As I have read and posted these happiness statements throughout the last few weeks, I've been continuously uplifted by an attitude of gratitude, positivity, and appreciation for "the little things" which I feel emanating from our students and staff.

While you unwind from finals and the stress of grading, I encourage you to consider... how do you stay happy?

Here's to a rejuvenating break!

-Emily Bond

Just a few titles from our Happiness Reading List:

- [True belonging: mindful practices to help you overcome loneliness, connect with others, and cultivate happiness.](#) (Brantley, Jeffrey, and Wendy Millstine.) CRC-Circulating Books: BF637.M4 B728 2011
- [The happiness industry: how the government and big business sold us well-being.](#) (Davies, William.) CRC-Circulating Books: HN25 .D35 2015
- [Happiness: unlocking the mysteries of psychological wealth.](#) (Diener, Ed, and Robert Biswas-Diener.) CRC-Circulating Books: BF575.H27 D54 2008
- [The geography of bliss: one grump's search for the happiest places in the world.](#) (Weiner, Eric.) CRC-Circulating Books: G465 .W435 2009



## STATISTA: NEW STATISTICS DATABASE

By Debra Fleming

**Find statistics and accurate data quickly and easily on LRCCD's new database- Statista.** Statista is a multifaceted statistics portal with statistics, studies and reports from over 18,000 sources and one million statistics. Statista has a number of great features:

- Quick downloads – export as PNG, XLS and PPT to use in D2L or presentations.
- Display statistics in line graph, table format or bar chart even if you don't have Java Script.
- Reading supports – There is a brief reading support beneath every statistic to help you in the subject area and data.
- Detailed source citations which adhere to academic standards.

Check out the example statistics on [Energy](#) from Statista.

You have the option to look up statistics by [Industry](#), [Topics](#), [Countries](#), [Digital Markets](#) and [Infographics](#). It has market data for 50 digital economies worldwide. Plus their bibliography gives you more in depth information.

It has a good overview of issues and the various display setting allows you to customize your information. **Try it today and see!**

**Industries** - Statista offers comprehensive reports on over 3,000 Industries including forecasts and dossiers, and it provides a revenue forecast for 2015 to 2020 for over 400 industries

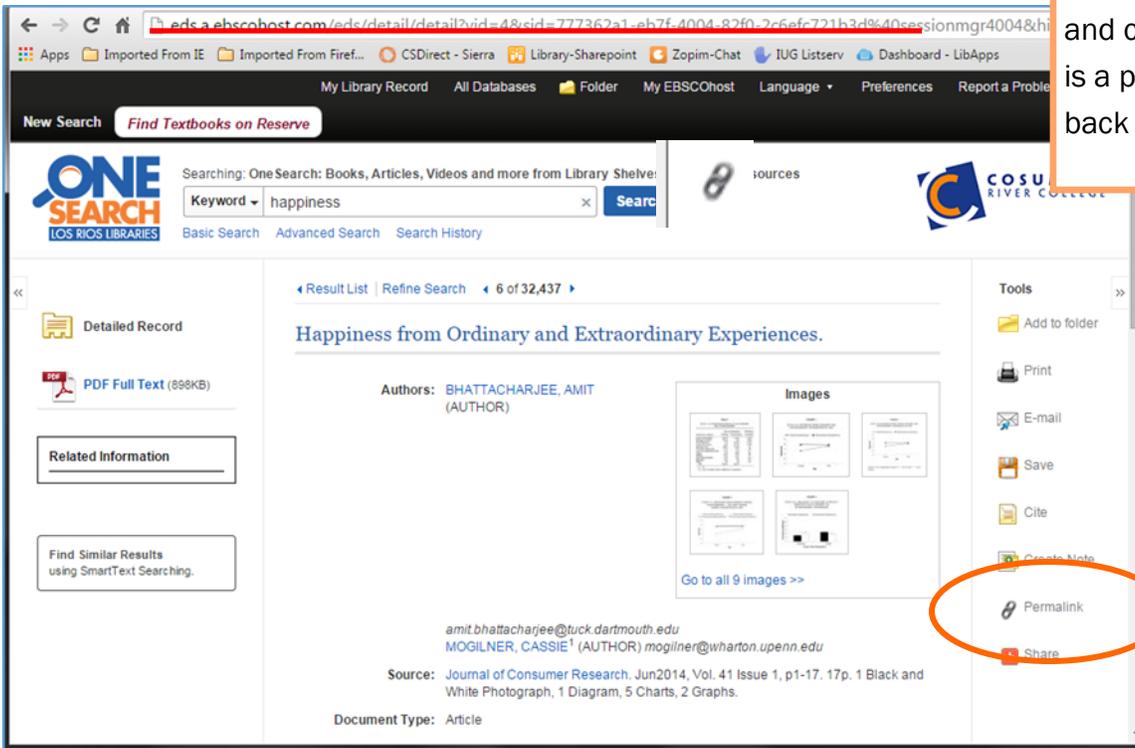
**TECH CORNER: FOUND IT- SAVE IT!**

**Q:** I found a great article/book on the library website. Can I easily link back to it in my D2L course?

**A:** Yes! When you find a source using the library research databases, it's important to be able to get back to it. To do this you need to copy the right link. Below you will find screen shots and quick instructions to find the Permalink for a resource from the library.

First, find the source you want and click on the title. This gives you a Record for the source. On the right side there is a menu of things you can do with the article. Choose the **Permalink** button. This provides a permanent link to the article in the database. If you have the fulltext of an eBook or article open, the permalink will look like this

**DON'T:** Copy the URL in the browser screen.  
**DO:** Click the Permalink and copy that URL. This is a permanent link back to the article.



**MEET YOUR LIBRARY STAFF... LAURIE POWNALL**

Laurie Pownall is the library's cataloging LMTA, which means that she processes all of the books and media added to the library collection (lots of work!). Laurie has been a valuable member of the CRC Library team since 2005, and before that she was a student worker as she worked her way through college. Laurie brings her crafting flair,

attention to detail, and creativity to library projects, and she is cheerful and friendly as she helps students check books out at the Circulation desk.

Laurie is one of the Library's A.C.E.S. coordinators and she is C-CERT trained. She is currently serving as the Past President for the Classified Senate.

As you drop off your spring textbooks for the Reserve collection, make sure you stop by and say Hi to Laurie!

