



HCCC Libraries Supporting Diversity, Equity & Inclusion

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HCCC Board of Trustees Meeting

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Library Excellence in Access and Diversity Award (LEAD)

- Awarded annually by *Insight into Diversity Magazine*
- Acknowledges academic libraries in their efforts to promote diversity, equity, and inclusion





Library Commitment to DEI

The College Libraries strives to uphold the principles of diversity, equity, and inclusion fostered by Hudson County Community College. We adhere to the College's commitment by working closely with other campus units, building a relevant collection of resources and materials, and providing a welcome environment for all of our users that supports teaching, research, and learning respectful of all perspectives.

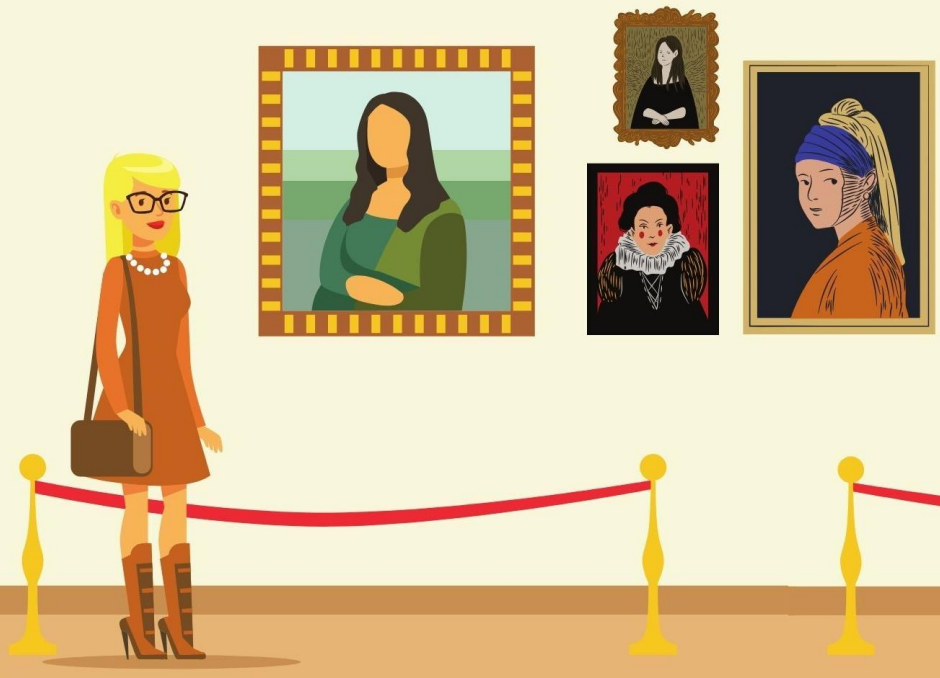


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MUSEUM PASS: **TICKET TO CULTURE**

Receive **free** admission into participating museums! Passes are available at Gabert Library (Journal Square) and North Hudson Library.

Open to students, faculty, and staff.
Reservation is required.
Please see our LibGuide (QR code) for more information.



Ticket to Culture

- Free annual guest passes to five local cultural institutions:
 - El Museo del Barrio
 - Museum of the City of New York
 - Brooklyn Botanic Garden
 - Newark Museum of Art
 - Montclair Art Museum
- Reservations at both Library locations
- Available to HCCC students, faculty & staff

Library as Campus Hub

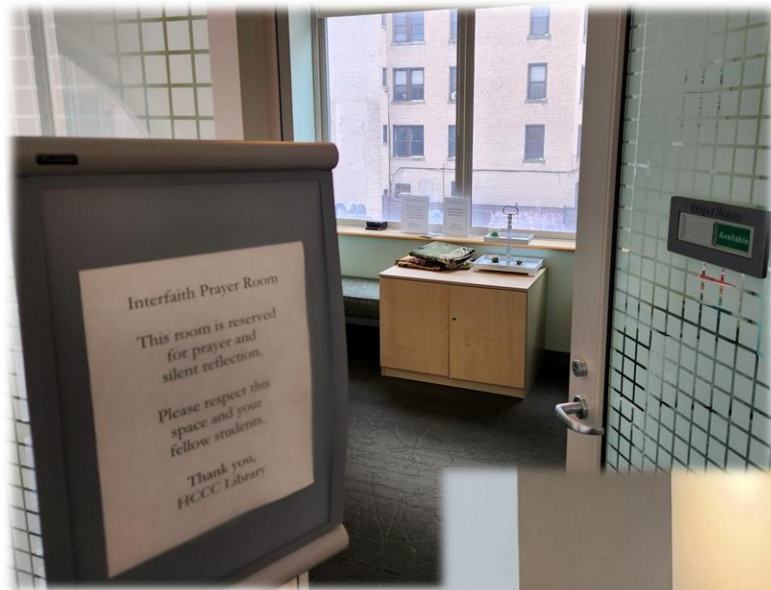
- A natural locus for studying, creating, and meeting at either campus
- Make the library a safe and welcoming space
- Collaboration with other HCCC offices and organizations
- Partnerships with local public libraries
 - Jersey City Free Public Library
 - North Bergen Public Library



Decorating for Holidays and Celebrations

Thematic Book Displays





Prayer & Meditation Room



Study Breaks



Lactation Pod

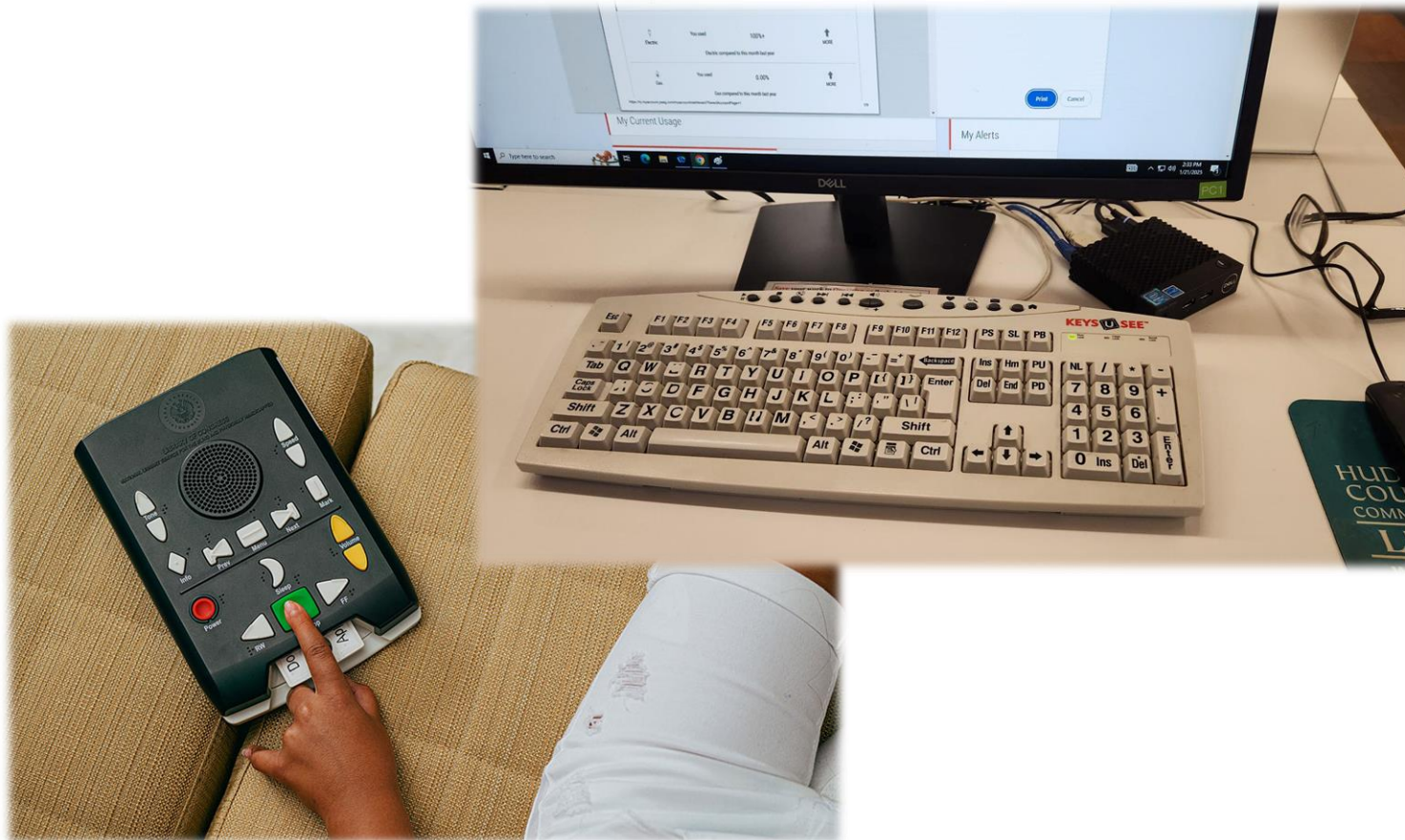


Collections and Resources

- Diversity of book collection
- Important databases
 - *Black Life in America*
 - *Hispanic Life in America*
 - *Asian Life in America*
 - *Ethnic Diversity Source*



Assistive Technology



- Compliance with ADA
- Opportunities via the NJ State Library Talking Book and Braille Center
- Consulting with Danielle Lopez, Director of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion for Accessibility Services



Thank you!