

# Feature

## Library staff members dedicated to education

by Mary Prath  
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Clackamas Community College has an excellent library staff. The team consists of eight members, all of which are vital to the functioning of the library.

Valerie McQuaid, head of the department was featured in an article April 29, so she will not be included in this article.

Don Vorderstrasse, reference periodical librarian, began his college days intending to be a pharmacist. "College tends to send you where you need to go," explained Vorderstrasse, on his career change. "If you do well in a class, you go that way," continued Vorderstrasse.

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Being a reference periodical librarian "is a learning experience everyday," said Vorderstrasse about his job.

"I know a lot about a variety of subjects because of the classes I took," said Vorderstrasse when asked how he felt about the three years he studied pharmaceuticals. When a student comes up and asks him a question about zoology or sociology he is familiar with those subjects and more.

Vorderstrasse gives tours of the library to students. "I tailor tours to the classes," said Vorderstrasse. He also is teaching a class this term to help students understand how to use the library more effectively. "It is a unique course; it is a team teaching thing, two people teach how to cope with college, and I teach library skills," explained Vorderstrasse.

It is obvious that Vorderstrasse, who has been at CCC for 16 years enjoys his job. "When people start asking me questions I get involved and before ya know it it's a quarter to three, and it's almost time to go home," said Vorderstrasse.

Vorderstrasse is married with two children. His son graduated from Lewis and Clark, and his

daughter from Willamette University.

Phyllis Potts, the assistant to the librarian began her library career because she wanted to help people who wanted it. "I guess I'm a frustrated teacher. There's little confrontation in the library. I was a teacher for junior high and there are so many kids who don't want to be there. I'd rather help someone who wants help," stated Potts. Potts' job duties are to assist Valerie, the Librarian; work at the desk, checking books in or out; public relations, if CCC has an art show, like this week, write something up for the "Today" bulletin; and to decorate the bulletin boards and cubes.

Potts went to college for five years for a teaching certificate. She worked as a high school teacher in California, then as a junior high teacher in Oregon; she then worked for a year giving tours at the McLoughlin House. Potts found out about the job as assistant to the library through an ad in the paper. She has worked at CCC for a year and a half.

"I like working in the library, working with people. I get a kick out of helping people find what they need," said Potts.

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Potts is married with three children. Her oldest will be graduating from Pacific Lutheran this year, the middle child is in his first year of college and the youngest will be starting college in the fall.

Joanne Scott, cataloging assistant, needed to go back to work, so she took a class on library aide here at CCC. The class was an 80 hour class that was very intense. Scott then moved to Grants Pass where she worked for the county school system, came back here to work for West Linn school district, and then a friend told her of the job here at the college. "I've worked here 13 years," said Scott.

Scott's job duties are to work on the search computer for



Library staff left to right—Jim Edgington, Claudia O'Driscoll, Phyllis Potts, Don Vorderstrasse, JoAnne Scott, Mary Pat Moty, and not pictured Elizabeth Elligboe.

bibliographic description cards for the card catalog. Scott edits the data to produce the cards that go in the card catalog. "It's a lot of detail work.

"The computer can borrow from at least seven other countries," said Scott with excitement in her eyes. The ICC is the computer that is used to order books from other libraries.

"I've been going to school since I started here, 13 years ago. I'm going to get a BA in history of arts and crafts," explained Scott, when asked about goals.

Scott is married with two grown girls. Her husband works at Tech., her oldest daughter works at Good Samaritan Hospital, and has a degree in art; and the other girl is a professional musician who teaches music. She also tutors reading here on campus.

Jim Edgington, circulation supervisor, has a degree in music. He has been at CCC for eight years. Edgington is in charge of circulation, checking books in and out, taking care of reference books, cleaning records off after students bring them back, shelving books correctly, keeping the copy machine going, and watering the plants. Edgington is also responsible for training students for work-study positions in the library.

Edgington is married, with two children, a boy six months and a girl five years old. "He is

a good daddy," said Potts, when describing him in his absence. "A day like today is difficult, because he isn't here," added Potts.

Claudia O'Driscoll, in charge of the inter-library loans computer in the library, got into this career because "I like the academic atmosphere," explained O'Driscoll.

Her job duties are to interchange books and magazines from other libraries. When a student wants a book, but the library doesn't have it she gets it from another library for them. "It's easy, all they have to do is fill out a form," continued O'Driscoll. She is also responsible for keeping track of the magazine subscriptions. The library has "290 (subscriptions); it was 500, but budget cuts have brought it down," said O'Driscoll.

O'Driscoll has a BA in English literature and is taking classes in pottery. She has some of her work in galleries around

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O'Driscoll has worked at CCC for five years, "I enjoy working here, it's a pretty campus," stated O'Driscoll.

O'Driscoll is married with two

grown children, and two grandchildren who live in Oregon. Her husband works at The Health Sciences University in Portland.

Mary Pat Moty, acquisitions coordinator, began her career in library science because "I've always liked books, and working with people," explained Moty.

Moty has a BA of Art and a masters in Library Science. Moty's job duties are to buy all the books, and supplies for the library, and bookkeeping. "If it has anything to do with money, I do it," explained Moty. She also taught the Effective Learning class.

Moty had a picture of the President and his wife on her office wall. When asked if she was a fan she replied, "oh yeah," she went on to add, "there are eight staff members here (in the library), one republican and seven others," she said with a laugh.

Moty, who has three children, has worked in the library for three years; she will be moving up to Cataloger in July.

Elizabeth Elligboe, bibliographic searcher and evening circulation coordinator, began her career in library science because "I like the book world, it keeps me up on what's going on."

Elligboe has many job duties, working in the library from 4:30 to 9, which includes checking out books and answering questions. She also gathers information necessary to order a requested book. "I use several tools, including books in tools, catalogs, and I find other sneaky ways," said Elligboe with a grin.

Elligboe lives in Portland, but was born in Africa; her parents were missionaries. Elligboe came to the United States when she was eight years old. "I have lived in 30 different places," said Elligboe. She has been in Oregon for 15 years. She likes to travel, enjoys music and dancing. Elligboe has been at CCC for three years.

Clackamas Community College is fortunate to have such educated, helpful, and dedicated staff members working in the library.

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