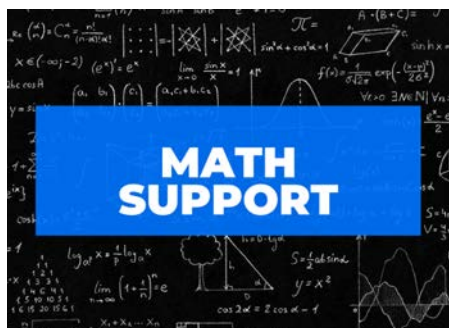


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### Inside the Issue



## HOW WE ARE PROVIDING VIRTUAL SUPPORT

*by Amanda Williams, Director of the Learning Commons*

The Learning and Library Services teams have been busy updating our web page, what we refer to as a LibGuide. This platform allows us to customize and organize content for our faculty and staff. While virtual, our KCKCC staff and faculty will offer the following services: Live Chat, Zoom tutoring sessions, Online Writing Consultations and phone support. Within each Blackboard course there are also direct links to our departments.





## CLASSES ARE STILL IN SESSION AND SO IS THE WRITING CENTER

*by Carrie Dimino, Writing Center & Digital Access Studio Coordinator*

The Writing Center is still here!

What do we usually do in the Writing Center? Tutors assist students with writing papers, organizing speeches, and forming ideas for assignments that have writing or speaking elements.

Tutors brainstorm with students to create their own ideas, choose topics, research and outline, understand thesis statements, and develop their own writing process and academic voices. Writing Center tutors can instruct students on formatting styles like MLA and APA and show students how to avoid plagiarism.

Students often come to the Writing Center in person to go over a paper with a tutor. This is called face-to-face tutoring. Tutors focus on things like argumentation, grammar, and style. Often a tutor's main role is to help students find and develop their own voices. When students are unable to visit the Writing Center in person, tutors offer that same guidance through email. This service remains our standard service even as the college conducts its classes online.

Starting Monday, March 30, the Writing Center will also offer one-one online Zoom sessions, as well as live chat. Zoom sessions are live video chat sessions (like Facetime or Skype); live chat works like instant messaging.

Email, Zoom video chat, and live messaging chat are developed and delivered by Writing Center adjunct faculty tutors, who also teach courses at KCKCC.

We are here to serve your needs for the remainder of the semester in a simple, accessible, virtual capacity.

## MATH & SCIENCE TUTORING

*by Learning Services*

When students and faculty return, they will discover that the walk-in-services of the Math & Science Center have been transformed into a virtual STEM space.

Students will have several options to receive support. The primary method will be through Zoom tutoring sessions. These sessions will be conducted by our KCKCC Professional and Faculty Tutors. Times have been scheduled for specific subjects as well as virtual walk-in times.

Live Chat will be another option that will enable students to ask questions in real-time. Helpful websites and materials to benefit student learning are all housed on the Math & Science LibGuide, the hub of virtual tutoring.

The tutoring team continues to develop a finals preparation series and are exploring the addition of virtual study groups. This is a unique opportunity for the tutors to demonstrate their expertise and connect with students in an online environment.



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## THE LIBRARY IS OPEN...24/7

by Penny Mahon, Media Librarian

The library has many materials to help you with your class assignments. Online library resources can be accessed from our library page. We have streaming feature films, documentaries, and educational videos, periodical (magazine, journal, and newspaper) databases, electronic books, and music.

Databases include general interest databases, some geared specifically to college students, subject specific databases, primary source databases, pro and con databases, and more. Music includes classical, folk, and jazz. All of these can be found by looking either under databases or online video and music databases on our library page. Detailed descriptions of these databases are listed as well, which include the main subjects covered in each database.

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Visit [www.kckcc.edu](http://www.kckcc.edu) and select Quick Links, then chose Library. This will give you direct access to the catalog and Live Chat. The Library can be reached at 913.288.7650 between 8 a.m. & 4 p.m. Monday-Friday.

## GET IN CONTACT WITH THE WRITING CENTER

How to get in contact with a Writing Center tutor:

Call: 913-288-7920

Go to the Writing Center LibGuide: [https://kckcc.libguides.com/Learning\\_Commons/WritingCenter](https://kckcc.libguides.com/Learning_Commons/WritingCenter)

Chat: Chat is accessible via the green button on the right side of the screen

Zoom: Click the Zoom Tab

Email: Send your paper, project, or question to [writingcenter@kckcc.edu](mailto:writingcenter@kckcc.edu)

Services are available 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Monday-Friday. Papers can be emailed at any time and will be responded to with 24 hours.



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