Library Secretary Sarah Bryant was honored for 27 years of service to HCCC at a retirement luncheon on May 16, 2017. Pictured: Sarah Bryant, center. To her left, Grace Patterson, retired HCCC Library Director and Ellen Renaud, Librarian. To her right, Milena Moscoso, Library Associate, and Mei Xie, Librarian.

Kate Bellody received a Rising Star Award at the New Jersey Library Association Annual Conference. The Rising Star Award recognizes new professionals in the library field for innovative and creative work. She also co-presented a session, “Playing in the Part-Time Sandbox: How to Keep Great Part-Time Staff and What to Do if They Leave”

Library staff were recognized at the HCCC STAR Luncheon for service. From left, Oliva Montero, Library Associate (5 years), Sarah Bryant, Library Secretary (Retirement), John DeLooper, Director of Library Technology (5 years), and Lawren Wilkins, Librarian (10 years).

Lotta Sanchez and John DeLooper presented “3D Printed USB Port Covers” at the New Jersey Library Association Annual Conference in Atlantic City, NJ. Lotta’s work creating 3D printed port covers for HCCC’s iMac computers also won the College and University Section’s Honorable Mention Technology Innovation Award.

Carol Van Houten, Dean of Libraries, at her farewell party to celebrate four years at HCCC before moving to Canada.
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Collaborations

- Professor Nancy Booth and Librarian Cynthia Coulter held the 6th annual March is Read-a-Book Month raffle at the North Hudson Campus. Throughout the month, the HCCC community read over 100 books, culminating with an event in the NHC Student Lounge.

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Instruction & Technology

- The HCCC Library has migrated to the Koha Integrated Library System to manage its circulation, patron registration, and library back office operations. Koha, which was developed by a consortium of libraries in New Zealand, is maintained as an open source project. It includes enhancements such as allowing patrons to renew items online, and features greater ability to refine searches. It is fully compliant with the latest standards for storing and maintaining library data.

- Librarians taught over 217 bibliographic instruction sessions across both campuses.

- The Library STEM databases – AAAS Science, Greenfile, Nature, Science Direct, and Science Online were accessed over 9,000 times.

- In February, the Library deployed a charging station at the Main Campus Library. The station is compatible with Apple products, such as iPhones and iPads, as well as many Android phones and tablet computers.

Programming Achievements

- Hosted 83 Makerspace events across both campuses, with 415 total participants.

- Record attendance for NHC Library Makerspace events, with 176 participants.

- The Main Library welcomed the community and families for its third annual Saturday Open Hours in the Makerspace to celebrate New Jersey Makers Day.

- Devlyn Courtier, Library Associate, Technology, and John DeLooper, Director of Library Technology, published the article “Hosting a Super Smash Bros. Tournament at the Hudson County Community College Library” in Library Hi-Tech News (volume 34, issue 1). The article presented a case study about the Super Smash Bros. for Wii U tournaments hosted by the Libraries during the Fall 2015 and Spring 2016 semesters.