Black History Month: Roanoke Healthcare

As we take this month to think about Black History, it is always worth taking the time to see how we got here. Sometimes, history hits pretty close to home. One of Carilion’s affiliates, the Burrell Nursing Center has a rich history that began in 1913 when the African-American doctors in the Roanoke area sought adequate facilities to care for their patients. Burrell Nursing Center has lived multiple lives, starting out as the Medley Hospital (which was only two rented rooms in a flat owned by Samuel Medley), growing and flourishing into an 80-bed hospital, and finally transforming into a nursing center. During it’s lifetime, the Burrell facility was a major player in race equality for African-Americans. It was dedicated to educating African-American nurses, with the Burrell Memorial Training School for Nurses becoming accredited in 1925. Medicare laws and Civil Rights acts brought about a shift in demographic use, resulting in under-utilization of its facilities. After years of service as a hospital, the Burrell transformed once again in 1979 as a home for adults. These days, the Burrell Nursing Center serves all of Roanoke’s population, providing top-of-the-line services to its residents.

To learn more about the rich history of the Burrell Nursing Center, stop by the JCHS Library. A detailed history of the Center (written by our own President, Dr. Bishop) is on display along with the rest of our "Celebrating Black History Month with Library Resources" display.

by Courtney Miller, Distance Librarian
What’s Happening in the Patrick Henry?  

By Katie Allen, Coordinator for Residential Life

The Residence Hall is back in full swing after being quite quiet while students were away for the winter break. The floors emptied out to enjoy a snowball fight the night of the JCHS snow day! I am looking forward to this semester and the upcoming events that our Resident Advisors are planning. We are hosting a Valentine's Dance for JCHS on February 11th at 7pm, in the Patrick Henry Ballroom. Please join us for refreshments, music, games and a photo booth! I look forward to seeing you there!

Don’t forget to use Starfish to schedule all of your appointments!

Let it simplify your life!! Instructions can be found on Blackboard under the JCHS Helpdesk or drop by the LWC or ETC for assistance.

Ahhh Creativity….. What is it?  

What does your professor mean when they say that they want you to be creative in your papers? Clearly, they’re not looking for you to explain hospital-acquired infections as a poem—so where does creativity come into it? Usually they mean you should think critically and carefully about the topic, look for patterns in your sources and new angles on old problems, but they also mean to be creative in your writing. Be specific: ask yourself if things could be made clearer for your reader. Look for strong verbs—the best writers pick vivid, active verbs that describe precisely what they mean. And of course, you can always visit us in the Learning and Writing Center. So be bold—don’t be afraid of using a stronger, more specific word (as long as you’re sure it means what you want)!

By Elliott Freeman, Writing Specialist

Happenings Around Campus!

Nursing Students! Applications are available for three privately funded nursing scholarships. You can access more information @ http://www.carilionclinic.org/education/nursing-scholarships-va

Writing Workshop Series

Tuesdays @noon in room 515
2/11  Punctuation 101
2/18  The Blank Page: Getting Started
2/25  Technical Difficulties  Free Lunch for the first 10 students

Every Other Thursday

12pm-1pm in Room 501
2/13  BYOD (Bring Your Own Device)
2/27  Screen to Screen  Free Lunch for the first 10 students

Zumba! Wednesdays in Room 617 at 12:00pm

Don’t miss the Docs for Morgan Basketball Challenge @ 7:15pm Monday, 2/3/14, at Patrick Henry High School. This fundraiser supports the Morgan Harrington Memorial Scholarship Fund at VTC. President Bishop is playing!! Hope to see you there!

February Writing Tip by Sarah Cox, Learning & Writing Center Coordinator

“I Me Mine”. While the Beatles made this into a famous song, featured on Let It Be, I will use it as a jump-off point about possessives. If I asked you to make the word “child” into a plural possessive, the answer would not be childrens’, but rather children’s, because the word is already plural. Same for man/men’s, woman/women’s, but with other many nouns, you know already that you simply add an S. In this case, where you put the apostrophe determines whether it is a singular or a plural possessive. For instance, dog’s is singular possessive, because the apostrophe encases just dog, not dogs. Ahh … but there’s the rub (to quote someone far older than George Harrison). Consider its and it’s. Which one is possessive? The its have it, because it means it is. And that’s the way it is.