



## Library Technology and Telecommunications Committee Report

Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 29<sup>th</sup> @ 11 AM

Location: ZOOM

### Library

- Campus construction and Library Window Replacement project have made it necessary to relocate Library first floor Entrance to Concourse-Basement level. Please access Library Concourse Entrance from underneath Bridge by Performing Arts Center. Library anticipates project will complete by Fall 2026 – and apologizes for any inconvenience.
- Library's newest database – **JSTOR Scholarly ebooks** – will be available as Trial through June 30<sup>th</sup>. Provides access to 93,000+ scholarly eBooks and contains 90% new and unique titles compared to Library's existing eBook collections. Offers thousands of titles from leading publishers. eBooks include following benefits: ease of use, perfect for remote teaching and learning, cross searchable. More information from your Library Department Liaison.
- **Oxford Handbooks** online now available from CUNY Office of Library Services – featuring content from economics and politics to literature and philosophy. More than 1000 Oxford Handbooks on wide range of subjects across humanities, social sciences, sciences, and law. For more information – please contact Michelle Ehrenpreis. Access this new database via Library A-Z Databases on Library Homepage.
- Lehman faculty are encouraged to take advantage of Open Educational Resources [OER] – which will reduce textbook costs for students and widen access to material. This has resulted in students saving millions of dollars in textbook costs. To apply to participate in next year's Program – please contact Stacy Katz Library.

### Information Technology

- During spring break, the student email was transitioned to a new CUNY student email account in Microsoft Office 365. This is the same secure email that is used by faculty and staff. Students login with their CUNY Login Credentials - same as CUNYfirst and Brightspace and authenticate with the Microsoft Authenticator. Faculty should encourage students to confirm their new Lehman branded email address which is: **firstname.lastnameXX@stu-mail.lehman.cuny.edu**. Kindly report any issues with the new email to the Service Desk via the Service Now link located in the LOGIN section of the Lehman Home Page. Until further notice, mail sent to the previous @lc.cuny.edu email address will still reach students. We hope

that the transition to the new email will provide students with one less login and password to remember and streamline the student email experience.

- A New Proofpoint URL Isolation Platform is now active. The goal of the new platform is to ensure that links sent to the college community are safe and not malicious or phishing for our information. The new platform is transparent to the user.
- And, while we are talking about computer security and safety, please take the CYBERSECURITY course in Brightspace. There is a course for students and faculty/staff. Both courses can be completed in under one hour. Both courses are packed with information to keep us safe online. Everyone must complete the training by the end of May.

### **LMS/Brightspace**

- To support instructors in creating accessible, inclusive learning experiences, two IT Accessibility workshops were offered. We facilitated a workshop on March 30th on Bb ALLY and its capabilities. The workshop provided participants a high-level summary of ALLY and what it can do. The workshop was recorded and will be available on our Accessibility page. We are committed to supporting instructors in creating accessible, inclusive learning experiences for all. Please consider scheduling a Brightspace Office Hour to learn more about making your course accessible using ALLY.
- The second IT Accessibility workshop, VoiceThread, was offered on April 1<sup>st</sup>. The workshop demonstrated all of the basic features of VoiceThread and particular attention was paid to Creating a VoiceThread Assignment in Brightspace. The workshop was recorded and will be available on our Accessibility page.
- On Monday, April 13th, we presented a workshop on Yuja - Lehman's Media Repository. This workshop demonstrated the features available to faculty in Yuja such as screen capture, live broadcasting and analytics. The workshop was recorded and will be available on our IT Workshops page.
- Summer 2026 courses are created and are now posted for faculty in Brightspace. Courses were created on April 1<sup>st</sup>. This is a good time to check out Bb Ally and remediate any accessibility issues your course content might have.
- IT has daily instructor-led workshops both in-person and online. Topics include: Excel, Word, Microsoft CoPilot, and more. Workshops are available for students and faculty and will help you work smarter, not harder. To view the workshop offerings, visit the Lehman Homepage and search for IT Workshops for a complete list and registration.

- Bronx Ed Tech Showcase will be at BCC on May 1st starting at 9:30. The Showcase theme is AI and we will be having demonstrations from Google on Gemini and a Presentation on Microsoft CoPilot. Please consider registering. Google: Bronx Ed Tech Showcase and click the RSVP link to register.
- Tech Fee Proposals-Proposals have been submitted for a Renewal for Voicethread and a Limited Campus license for Perusall
- LinkedIn Learning is available to the CUNY Community. We log in to LinkedIn Learning with our CUNY Credentials. Go to: [lehman.edu/itr/linkedin-learning](https://lehman.edu/itr/linkedin-learning)

### **Center for Teaching and Learning**

- The Center for Teaching and Learning (CTL) is pleased to invite you to participate in the Excellence in Education and Community Conference (EECC'26). This year the conference theme is: Moving The Needle – From Practice to Impact. The in person portion of the conference takes place on Friday. Look for the Registration Link on the Brightspace Homepage