



**South Piedmont
COMMUNITY COLLEGE**
Horne and Carpenter
Libraries



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Information Gateway

Minerva Mims Joins Staff At Polkton's Horne Library

SPCC students and staff in Polkton have a new librarian at their service. Minerva Mims began working at Horne Library in January.

Minerva was born in Brooklyn, N.Y., raised in Charlotte, and earned a master's degree in library science and a law degree from North Carolina Central University in May 2011. She was a dual-degree graduate student, earning both degrees in four years. She earned her bachelor's degree in political science in 2007 from Winston Salem



Minerva Mims

State University.

Before coming to South Piedmont, she worked at Synergy Legal Professionals. She said she's "looking forward to the experience" her

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With Apologies to Harper's Magazine...

Harper's Index, which appears in every edition of Harper's Magazine, is an interesting source of eclectic information. Below, we've borrowed some facts from Harper's Index...and added some of our own. See if you can tell the difference...

*Most-frequently checked out DVD at Horne and Carpenter libraries during last 12 months: Crash
Number of checkouts: 93*

Estimated number of flash drives left in computers in Carpenter Library every week: 12

Number of those flash drives that don't get claimed: 1

Percentage of all Americans who consider themselves in the top 1 percent of all U.S. earners: 13

Average number of pots of coffee brewed at Carpenter Library weekly: 13

Total number of books in SPCC's libraries: 25,000 (estimate)

Percentage of former NFL players who experience financial distress within five years of retirement: 86

*Number of study rooms at Horne Library: 2
At Carpenter Library: 1*

Number of "quiet" computer tables at Carpenter Library: 11

Percentage of workers with only a high school diploma who received employer-based health insurance in 1979: 70

Percentage of workers with a bachelor's degree or higher who receive it today: 66

Vendor Showcase Scheduled March 9



Book vendors will be showcasing many of their most popular titles March 9 at SPCC's 3rd Annual Vendor Showcase. The showcase, scheduled from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Carpenter Library, will cover all subjects and provide an opportunity for instructors to request books they'd like to see added to the shelves at Horne and Carpenter libraries. Stop by and see what's available!

Upcoming Dates to Remember

March 6 — Student break. Faculty workday.

March 9 — Vendor Showcase, 9 a.m. to noon at Carpenter Library.

March 7 — Classes resume.

March 17 — Happy St. Patrick's Day!

April 6 — Good Friday. College closed.

April 9-13 — Spring break.

April 16 — Classes resume.



New Books Add Controversy to the Stacks

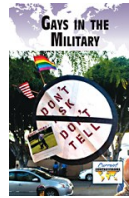
We've added controversial books to SPCC's library shelves — but not in the way you might think. We've added more than two dozen titles from the following series of books: *Current Issues*, *Opposing Viewpoints* and *Current Controversies*. These series are popular resources for papers — or for arguing your point of view.

Our newest titles include:

- *Unemployment*;



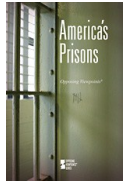
- *Teens and Privacy*;
- *Standardized Testing*;
- *Social Security*;
- *Should Religious Symbols be Allowed on Public Land?*;
- *Reforming Wall Street*;
- *Privacy*;
- *Pollution*;
- *Offshore Drilling*;
- *Middle Class*;
- *Media Bias*;
- *Jobs in America*;
- *Health care*;
- *The Global Financial Crisis*;



- *Gays in the Military*;
- *Forensic Technology*;
- *The Federal Budget*;
- *Fair Trade*;
- *Factory Farming*;
- *The Energy Crisis*;
- *The Elderly*;
- *Does the World Hate the U.S.?*;
- *Does the Two-Party System Still Work?*;
- *Disaster Response*;



- *Censorship*;
- *Celebrity Culture*;
- *Capitalism*;
- *The Banking Crisis*;
- *America's Prisons*;
- *American Housing Crisis*; and
- *The Achievement Gap*.



Check them out and see what kind of controversies you can stir up!

SPCC Adds Digital and eBook Titles

Through an arrangement with the publisher Marshall Cavendish, SPCC has added some new titles to its virtual shelves. A selection of e-books and digital books can be accessed off campus with a log-in and password available at Horne and Carpenter libraries.

The digital selection includes the popular *World and Its People* series, which includes information about geography, culture and social studies for different countries and regions. It is available at www.marshallcavendishdigital.com.



The e-books at www.marshallcavendishbooks.com contain titles from the *Superchef* and *Cultures of the World* series. Log-in and check them out from home!

New Librarian

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new position at SPCC will provide. "Being a new graduate, I'm excited to use the things I learned in school in real life."

In her free time, she enjoys reading, shopping and spending time with her friends and family –

"especially my son, Aiden," she said. "Aiden is 19 months and is the apple of my eye! He's awesome!"

She describes herself as "a die-hard New England Patriots fan." And, when she gets a little more time, she hopes to start making ceramics again – a hobby she started in high school.

Grammar Checkup: More...and Less

You have enough to worry about without adding "more" to your list.

But it's important to know when to use "more than" and when to use "over."

For example, it's incorrect to say, "Over 50 people flew in the airplane during the airshow" when what you mean is, "More than 50 people flew in the airplane during the airshow."

Use "over" when referring to location: "The plane flew over 50 people during the airshow."

Use "more than" when talking about numerical values: "Carpenter Library had more than 9,000 visitors in

January."

The same is true for "under," which should be replaced with "less than" or "fewer" except when referring to location, as in "The submarine moved under 50 surfers."

If you are quantifying something that is countable, you should use "fewer." For example: "Fewer than 10,000 students visited Horne Library in February."

If you are quantifying something that is not measured numerically, you should use "less." For example: "His cup was less than half-full."

And this should, more or less, cover the topic of more and less.

