

# BC awarded federal grant for digital literacy

Brevard College Library was recently awarded a \$6,524 grant to promote digital literacy using contemporary technology. The federal Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) funds from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) were awarded by the State Library of North Carolina, a division of the Department of Cultural Resources.

These federal funds are investments to help libraries deliver relevant and up-to-date services for their communities. At Brevard College Library, the LSTA grant has allowed the library to replace out-of-date computers and provide a networked high-speed duplex laser printer to serve students, faculty and staff, and local residents.

Upon learning that the Brevard College Library received the federal grant, Director, Mike McCabe said, "The federal LSTA funds

will support equal access to the library's extensive e-resources, including databases, journals, e-books, art images, and online music and videos from NC LIVE and the Appalachian College Association."

Brevard College received one of the 162 grants for 2010-2011 awarded to North Carolina libraries; funding for all projects totaled \$4,923,671. The LSTA grant program administered by the State Library funds projects across the state that help libraries deliver learning opportunities for a lifetime, support libraries in their mission to provide cost-effective access to the Internet and to information expertise, and make library resources more accessible to all users.

The Institute of Museum and Library Services is the primary source of federal support for the nation's 122,000 libraries and 17,500 museums.

The Institute's mission is to create strong libraries and museums that connect people to information and ideas. Through the LSTA Grants to States program, IMLS provides funds to State Library agencies using a population-based formula. State libraries may use the appropriation to support statewide initiatives and services; they may also distribute the funds through subgrants to public, academics, school, special, and research libraries.

To learn more about the Institute, please visit [www.imls.gov](http://www.imls.gov). For more information about North Carolina's LSTA program visit the State Library of North Carolina's LSTA web page at <http://statelibrary.ncdcr.gov/lsta/lsta.htm>, or contact the State Library's Federal Programs Consultant at (919) 807-7400 or locally contact Mike McCabe, Director of the Library: [mmccabe@brevard.edu](mailto:mmccabe@brevard.edu), 884-8248.

# Debate Society to host practice LSAT in November

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The Debate Society is planning to hold a practice LSAT exam on the first Saturday in November of this semester. Much like the practice LSAT exam held last April, it will be administered by faculty under actual testing conditions.

Fourteen students showed up to take the April exam, and all expressed appreciation for the opportunity to have added help in preparing for the rigorous demands of the actual LSAT exam. According to Debate club representative Park Baker, "I had no idea what type of stuff to expect on the LSAT. Taking the practice exam really helped me become aware of the type of problems that are on it. They aren't what you have in classes everyday here or in general read and use in everyday life and students should take

advantage of this great opportunity."

The Law School Admissions Test, or LSAT, is a grueling 5 hour exam that every potential applicant for an ABA-approved Law School must take prior to beginning the admissions process. The exam is administered four times a year and is designed to assess verbal reasoning and logical skills.

The reasoning behind the exam is that it puts all applicants on a level playing field no matter what school they have attended or major they have had. The LSAT score is one of the single most determining factors in whether an applicant is admitted to law school or not.

The LSAT exam has a total of six sections in the areas of logical reasoning, analytical reasoning and reading comprehension, consisting of four scored sections, an experimental section that is not scored, and a writing section that is also not scored but is forwarded on to each of the

applicant's law school choices. Raw scores are converted to a scaled score ranging from 120 to 180, with a median score of about 151 being the lowest desired acceptable score by most institutions.

The cost of taking the LSAT is \$136, and it must be registered for through the LSAC.org website several months prior to the desired date to ensure you get the desired testing center.

Last semester, the Brevard College Debate Society/Young Politician's Club of America began a Pre-Law advisement and LSAT preparation service to help students interested in pursuing law school.

Along with the practice LSAT services, books were purchased for students to check out, including the Official Guide to all ABA-Law Schools and The Official LSAT Super Prep Manual. These books are available to be signed out from club advisor Dr. Ralph Hamlet's office in McClarty-Goodson.

There is also a Symbolic Logic class offered by Dr. Mel Bringle at Brevard College. Students who had taken the class and the LSAT practice exam expressed both were very helpful to them, as well as the many classes offered in the Brevard College Pre-Law Curriculum. Some of those courses include topics like Constitutional Law, Argumentation and Debate, First Amendment Freedoms and American Government.

For more information on the Pre-Law program at Brevard College, a student may speak with Dr. Ralph Hamlett.

For more information on the LSAT exam resources offered, or to inquire about the upcoming practice exam, please email the Debate Society/YPA at [fortunab@brevard.edu](mailto:fortunab@brevard.edu).



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