

TJACE Helps Community Find Careers

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Thomas Jefferson Adult Career Education (TJACE) @PVCC is a great resource for helping adults get a GED or high school diploma. The TJACE program is for adults who have not finished high school but want to continue their education. Programs for people at all levels of education can get help at TJACE.

The TJACE has offices in Albemarle, Charlottesville, Fluvanna, Greene, and Louisa. TJACE has many programs available for those seeking help and will help you find your area of interest. From professional cooking to web technologies, there is a program for all who apply. The TJACE not only helps students from here but also abroad, helping our foreign-born citizens with classes taught

in Spanish.

TJACE has free programs and some that do need to be paid for. The National External Diploma Program (NEDP) for those students who want to have a high school diploma instead of a GED costs \$50. A GED is a general educational development test in which you can receive help from TJACE. TJACE provides an opportunity for adults to get a GED or diploma that suits the person.

TJACE also has a program to help people with their future careers.

A volunteer said, "I always walk away feeling that I just helped someone achieve something that she could not have achieved on his or her own." This is the goal of the TJACE: helping a community of people in continuing their education.



Interlibrary Loan Broadens Research Horizons

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Our interlibrary loan system connects PVCC students to more works than could possibly be contained within the walls of a single library. This free service gives students access to libraries across the world.

The interlibrary loan system is a reciprocal service which allows libraries to borrow works between themselves. This could be a fantastic resource for any student who has found the perfect book that our library does not have. The item will either be shared in an online format (such as with an article) or physically. As explained by Crystal Newell, the director of library services at PVCC, students will most likely be borrowing the item from one of the college's sister schools here in Virginia. However, so long as there is no monetary fee attached to accessing the work, then it would be possible to gain access to a work from farther away than just Virginia. If students plan to use the system for something with a time limit, it is important not to wait until the last second, as it

can take some time for the item to arrive. According to the interlibrary loan webpage, books can take between 2-4 days to ship. Items that are being shared electronically will be available as soon as the request has been processed.

Although the librarians are always available to help with a request, it is something that students are capable of doing on their own. From the PVCC homepage, go to Student Services and then from there to the Library page. From there go to the Interlibrary Loan Request page. This page gives step-by-step instructions for submitting a request.

This page also has a section detailing the rules around the use of this system; there are some limitations. One important thing to note is that the request has to be for academic work. If students want to submit a non-academic request, it would need to be done through the Jefferson Madison Regional Library.

The interlibrary loan system means that the exploration of a topic can range as far as a student wants to take it. As Newell said, "It basically opens up all libraries...to PVCC students."