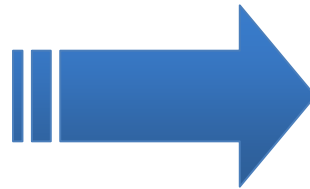# From Library Desk to Classroom Desk: An Embedded Librarian Pilot Program

You may be able to see through it,
BUT THIS IS STILL A WALL

Do not underestimate the messages our physical spaces send to patrons.

Breaking down the walls:
SOCIAL MEDIA

CROSSETT-COPIA
the library blog

You are all weirdos

Looking around at my circle of friends.

05/5/14

Crossett Library
Posted by Jared Della Rocca [?] · May 4 ·

"A classic is a book that has never finished saying what it has to say." Italo Calvino

What book would you recommend as a "classic?"

Like · Comment · Share

👍 Sharon Gutman likes this.

Write a comment...

Sharon Gutman I recommend Nativity: A Nava Kalmansohn Novel, written by Sharon (Weissman) Gutman Lightner, a graduate of Bennington and a worker (part-time) in the Crossett Library. Regards to Mrs.Schumacher!
Unlike · Reply · 👍 2 · May 4 at 2:50pm · Edited

Sharon Gutman P.S. Cynthia Ozick said of it that "D.H. Lawrence (I'm thinking of Sons and Lovers) would envy it."
Like · May 4 at 2:55pm

Write a reply...

Tumblr:
Librarian Blogging as Human

Facebook:
Librarian in Conversation

Breaking down the walls:
SOCIAL MEDIA

India K @heartbread · 20 Feb 2013
it would be a bday miracle for me if @CrossettLibrary tweeted @ me!!!11 plz do it crossett i luv ur library s0 much!
Expand   Reply   Retweet   Favorite   ··· More

Crossett Library @CrossettLibrary · 20 Feb 2013
@heartbread OMG, now I know what @Justin_Bieber feels like!!! When is your birthday so we can queue up this tweet?
Expand   Reply   Delete   Favorite   ··· More

India K @heartbread · 20 Feb 2013
.@CrossettLibrary haha it's today! plz make my dream come true! i beliebe in you
Hide conversation   Reply   Retweet   Favorite   ··· More
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Twitter:
Connecting with Students, Faculty, and Alumni

Breaking down the walls:
GETTING OUT OF THE LIBRARY

- If you ever want to find students, go where the french fries are.

- Student Center

- 6 pm

- Two-year, popular campus event

TRIVIA NIGHT

- new questions!
- new prizes!!
- same **adorable** baby!!!

- Wednesday nights
- Student Center
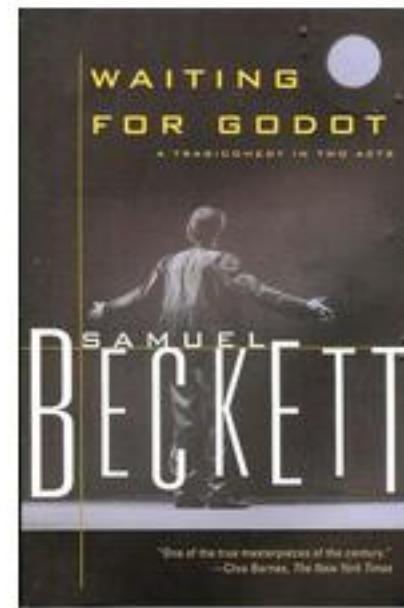- 6:00 pm - **FREE**

JOIN US

Forget Walls,
OPEN DOORS EARLY

Every Bennington applicant recommends a book. So I read and reviewed every recommended book by an incoming student.
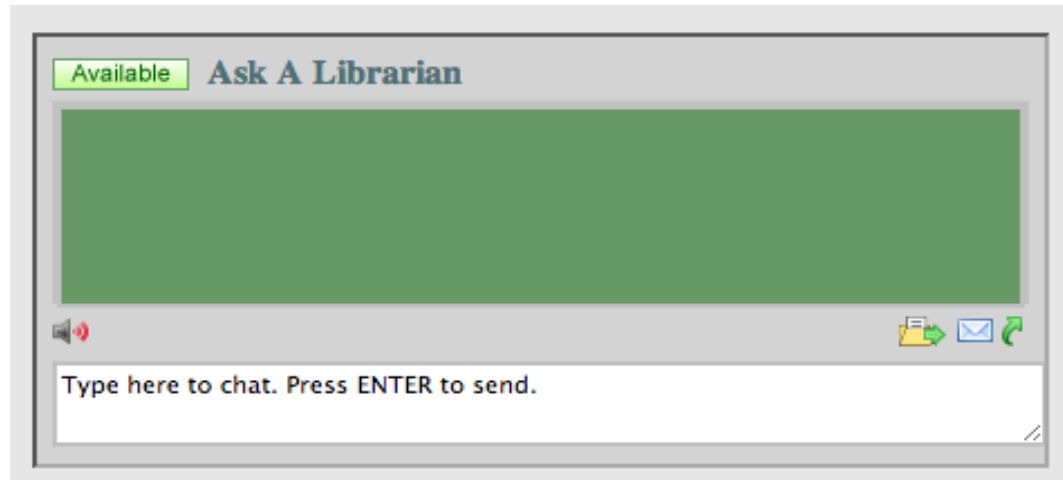
Breaking down the walls:
REFERENCE COMING TO YOU

Reference chat,
if that's your thing

Available   **Ask A Librarian**

Type here to chat. Press ENTER to send.

Students study and research
everywhere from couches to
lunch tables— I went there too,
with credentials.

JARED DELLA ROCCA
Mobile Librarian

WHEN YOU GUT THE WALLS,
YOU FIND THE CENTER

I didn't just want to be where the students were, I wanted to reach them where they were doing their most critical research work.

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Author: Briee Della Rocca

EMBEDDED LIBRARIANS:
The Familiar Models

1960s: Medical Libraries
1990s: Academic Libraries

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scrubs-my-therapeutic-month-review

EXPANDING THE MODEL:
The Full Embed

•Attend every class

•Do all the readings

•Provide reference and research support in class, as it happens.

•Provide reference and research support online and throughout the channels

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EXPANDING THE MODEL:
Class Time, Individual Research Support

- Met with students individually to help them frame their queries

- Provided individual research guidance and source assistance

- Provide more focused or broad based reference work

EXPANDING THE PROGRAM

Term	Year	Class
Fall	2013	Solving the Impossible
Fall	2013	Culture of Information
Fall	2013	Fundamentals of Advancement of Public Action
Fall	2013	Culture of Information

CLASSIFYING THE COURSES

Course Level	Class Size	Projects	Project Length	Teaching Style
2000	Large	Individual	Two weeks	Lecture
4000	**Small**	**Individual**	**Two-four weeks**	**Discussion**
Mixed	*Small*	*Group*	*Term long*	*Mixed*

TYPES OF COURSES

Intro Course, Lecture Style

TYPES OF COURSES

Upper Level, Discussion Based

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Group Project-Based

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WHAT DOES SUCCESS LOOK LIKE?

- Increased research queries

- Invitations to repeat the program

- Expansion to new faculty

WHAT TO EXPECT

- How do I find articles on the IPCC?

- What journals are best for foreign policy?

- How do I set up news alerts?

- I'm interested in violence against transgenders in public restrooms.

- I'm trying to find more information about the building of a new border patrol station on Native American ground.

KNOW YOUR LIMITATIONS

- Time spent in class

- Time spent researching

- Reading load

- Subject Matter

CHANGING FACE
OF LIBRARIANS

In the Library

In the Classroom