Sophomore Victoria Lepore Speaks About Life at RC

Victoria, you’re from up north, right? What’s the biggest difference between people up there and people down here?
Yep, I’m from New Hampshire. People are friendlier down here. I’ve had random people start up conversations on the side of the road, in the grocery store. That just doesn’t happen in New England.

Tell us about an epiphany or revealing moment that you’ve experienced right here on this campus.
An epiphany or a revealing moment? Hmmm... that’s a tough one. Use the writing center at the library. Your professors love when you use resources available to you. I’ve gone a couple of times because I have problems writing thesis statements. I brought my assignment and together, we came up with some great ideas. I got good grades on the papers, too!

Was that a plug for the library?
Uhhmmm...I guess so...although I didn’t mean for it to be! I guess if I had to point to something about Fintel Library that could make a difference in the college careers of the 600 or so freshmen that are here this year, I’d say to just ask questions! Getting help isn’t a bad thing. If you can’t find something or you need help on a paper, there are people in the library that can help.

What’s the best movie ever? One that guys and girls will dig?
I’m not really sure. There are plenty of movies that I have heard both men and women praise. The most recent is The Dark Knight.

Rumor has it that you’ve found the partner you’ll be spending the rest of your life with. What do the wedding plans look like?
Yes, I’m engaged. There are no real plans yet but we have a bunch of ideas. I have to have a discussion with our families before any real plans take place. It’ll be in New Hampshire — probably just our families and a few friends. I have a couple of years to plan since it won’t be until I finish here at Roanoke College, which should be 2010.

Some of Fintel’s Latest DVD Arrivals

- 21
- The Bank Job
- The Bucket List
- The Counterfeiters
- The Covenant
- Definitely, Maybe
- First Saturday in May
- Grand Canyon
- Heroes (Season 1)
- I’m Not There
- The Messenger
- Mrs. Palfrey at the Claremont
- P.S. I Love You
- Persepolis
- The Tracey Fragments
Out with the old, in with the new. General OneFile has been replaced by Ebsco Academic Search Complete. Change is often difficult but this is a change with several advantages for the researcher. That’s you!

Academic Search Complete has more than 5,500 full text periodicals including more than 4,600 peer-reviewed, scholarly journals. That’s more than General OneFile. There are images included. The interface is the same for 30+ additional resources in specific subject areas. So once you are familiar with Academic Search Complete, you will know how to search in these additional resources.

Just like the old resource, articles may be printed or emailed. Subjects included are animal science, anthropology, area studies, astronomy, biology, chemistry, engineering, multicultural studies, food science & technology, general science, geography, geology, law, materials science, mathematics, music, pharmaceutical sciences, physics, psychology, religion & theology, women’s studies, zoology, and many other fields. Publications included range from Acute Pain to Language and Computers to Zygon: a journal of religion and science. There is something in all topic areas.

Academic Search Complete is an excellent first resource to consult for most topics.

Because we have access to 30+ resources from Ebsco, it is possible to search across two, three, or all of the resources at the same time. Many topics are interdisciplinary by nature such as assisted suicide (legal, medical, social perspectives) or global warming (political, technological, legal perspectives). The Ebsco interface allows you to select resources from which to draw.

To conduct this type of search, select Academic Search Complete from the Library homepage. Then select Choose Databases located just under the blue banner near the top center of the screen. A database is a large collection of journals and periodicals collected into one resource so a researcher can consult one tool instead of looking at each individual journal or periodical. To learn more about what is included in each database, move your cursor over the magnifying glass and a description bubble will appear. Or you may select Detailed View in the upper left of the window. Select the database desired.

For example, to search for assisted suicide, you might choose Medline, Legal Collection, and Humanities International Complete. To search for global warming, you could select Academic Search Complete, Environment Complete, Newspaper Source Plus, and Legal Collection.

Fintel Library belongs to a consortium of Virginia college and university libraries. This consortium, called VIVA, negotiates with vendors such as Ebsco to provide resources for students enrolled in Virginia colleges and universities. Because of the large discounts given VIVA, Fintel Library can offer you many more resources than if Roanoke College negotiated alone.
Belonging to “Club Fintel”, as the library is endearingly called by some students at RC, has many benefits. If you’re an RC student, then you’re already a member. Be sure to take advantage of each and every service and resource that Fintel has to offer.

- **Reference appointments** with a reference librarian who will help you develop a search strategy and locate relevant resources for research papers and projects. Free!
- **Interlibrary loan service**. A service whereby we’ll ask other libraries to loan us materials that you need to strengthen your papers and projects. Free!
- **Same day courier service** for materials you might need from Hollins University. Free!
- **Journals** (magazines). You have access to over 700 titles in print and more than 18,000 electronic titles, many of which are full text. Free!
- Home to **peer tutoring**, offered by the Center for Learning and Teaching, every Sunday through Thursday evening. Free!
- Plenty of (individual and group) **study areas**. Including headphone viewing areas for watching class-related DVDs and videos.
- Oh, yeah...we have books, too!

**Club Fintel - The Benefits of Membership**

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**Say Wha’?!!**

Every group of people has their own jargon — and librarians are no exception to this rule. Here’s your key to breaking down library ‘slanguage’.

- **abstract** ▪ A summary of the content of a work. Books, articles, and dissertations are frequently abstracted.
- **bibliography** ▪ A list of writings relating to a particular subject, author, or time period. If the citations on the bibliography also include abstracts of the items, then it is called an 'annotated bibliography'.
- **call number** ▪ The location code or address assigned to each individual item in a library's collection.
- **citation** ▪ Publication information about a book, article, etc. A citation provides complete information about the item such as author, title, date of publication, page numbers, etc.
- **database** ▪ An electronic collection of organized information. Some databases contain the full text of articles. Some of the better known ones you have access to through the library include JSTOR, Academic Search Complete, OmniFile, etc.
- **government document** ▪ Information originating from a local, state, federal, or international governmental body. The majority of these publications are issued by the Government Printing Office (GPO).
- **interlibrary loan** ▪ Cooperative system between libraries that allows a library to borrow / lend items from other libraries. Free to students, staff, and faculty!
- **microfiche / microfilm** ▪ 4" by 6" sheets of film upon which printed information is reproduced (fiche) or reels of 35mm film upon which printed information is reproduced (film). Both can be viewed on special reader / printers available on the ground floor.
- **periodical** ▪ The generic name for magazines, journals or newspapers (can also be called "serials"). The Library subscribes to thousands of periodical titles. Some periodicals can be checked out, but most do not leave the library. Periodicals are purchased by the Library in various formats – some are electronic journal subscriptions, while others are printed/bound subscriptions.
- **referred / scholarly** ▪ Terms used to describe information written by specialists aimed at other specialists in a particular field.
- **reserves & e-reserves** ▪ Materials that can be checked out for a limited period of time; most reserve items must be kept in the library while in use. The print-based reserve materials are located at the lending services desk. E-reserves are the electronic equivalence of print reserves and they can be accessed from the library’s webpage or Blackboard at any time and from any location.
- **stacks** ▪ Bookshelves. Found on all four floors of Fintel Library.
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