Welcome to the Library Newsletter!

The Library staff and I are excited to present this first issue of our newsletter. We hope you will find its content informative and helpful as you teach and learn.

The central mission of the Library is to provide quality information resources and services that meet the curriculum needs of our students. We also strive to fulfill the diverse information needs of our entire college community and help with the development of the skills used in lifelong learning.

The Library now has an online collection of 10,049 eBooks, 107 eReference titles in 379 volumes and 20 databases of over 5,200 full-text periodicals that you can access any time anywhere via the Internet, in addition to a print collection of over 70,000 books and 152 periodicals that are housed in the Library.

We have a staff of two full-time and two part-time Reference Librarians and two full-time and one part-time library technicians who are hard at work to provide friendly, first-rate services through bibliographic instruction, walk-in workshops, reference assistance and consultation, email reference and the 24/7 AskNow virtual reference chat available on the Library web page.

As you visit us either in person or through our home page, remember that members of Library staff are here to provide guidance in the use of the Library resources, so please don’t hesitate to ask whenever you need assistance.

Where did the Library go?

Library renovation begins

Have you noticed something missing? During the summer of 2005, the library moved into the swing space buildings on the Campus Center lawn so that renovation of the existing library building can take place.

Circulation, which includes the Reserve Collection and circulating books, is housed in SS1. Reference librarians, reference material, Interlibrary Loan, newspapers, periodicals, the small library lab, and copiers are located in SS2. Listen-In and Library Technical Services can be found in SS3.

The expansion/renovation project is being funded through a combination of state and Measure A dollars. When completed, the library space will expand to 3 levels and double the square footage of the old library and provide students with increased access to online resources and newer equipment. A new wing of classrooms will also be included in the remodel.

We hope to move back in during Summer of 2007.

Picture of temporary Library swing space.
Weekly Drop-in workshops:
We offer drop-in workshops every week at the Main Campus and the Chico Center. Term Paper Research, Online Databases, Extreme Googling, and eBooks are some of our popular workshops. Upcoming workshops include Internet & More, Search Techniques, Information Literacy, Evaluating & Citing Sources, etc. Visit the library website for workshop schedules.

Handouts available to students & faculty:
Need some help on citation style, search techniques, term paper research...? No problem. We offer handouts on search techniques, MLA, APA, eBooks, term paper research, etc. Come to the library to pick up these handouts or download them from the library website.

Help our students become information literate life-long learners!

Research Strategies LIS 11:
Two sections of this eight-week one-unit transferable course are offered by the library every semester. This course will help students develop their ability to locate, interpret, analyze, synthesize, evaluate and communicate information effectively. They will learn...
How to conduct research
How to locate & evaluate information.
How to cite information.
Please encourage your students to take this class to acquire the skills that will be useful in every other class they take.

News Shorts:

Library Instruction Location Change:
During Library renovation, bibliographic instruction will be taught in the Learning Resource Center.

Web Page Updates:
We have been making some changes to our web pages. Look for our newly revised homepage. You’ll now find resource pages catering to the needs of faculty which will include course related bibliographic instruction & more ...

Book Sale:
Many books found new homes during the last week of October. Most of these books were taken out of the library collection because they were damaged, dated or replaced by newer editions.

Open House—September 15th:
It was a festive occasion with balloons, raffles and goodies! A couple of hundred people visited our new location and learned about our resources and services. Lyons Books in Chico donated a beautiful book and a couple of gift certificates for the raffle.

Chico Center Book Drop:
We now have a book drop in front of the Chico Center which is available to return regular circulating books from the main campus. Reserve books belonging to the Chico Center need to be returned upstairs and Main Campus reserve books need to be returned to the Main Campus Library.

Statistics:
From June to November 30, 1,332 new print books and 1,285 new eBooks have been selected, processed and added to the collection. On the main campus 6,213 books have been circulated and an additional 224 books have been processed via Interlibrary Loan. During the Fall, 2005, librarians had served 3,995 students answering approximately 56 reference questions each day, providing 88 classroom bibliographic instruction sessions, 26 drop-in workshops, and two 1-unit transferable courses.
At the new Chico Center Library, we have 273 items on reserve to serve 5,549 students in 215 classes. They have been circulated 1,709 times.
New Books:

Our library houses over 80,000 volumes which includes 10,000 eBooks. Below are a few recent choice acquisitions...

Circulating Books:
Gender, space and power: a new paradigm for the social sciences. By M. Vianello (HQ1190 .V52 2005)
Molecules of emotion: why you feel the way you feel. By Candace Pert (QP401 .P47 1999)
Understanding primary science: ideas, concepts and explanations. By M. Wenham (Q158.5 .W42 2005)

Reference Books:
Music: an illustrated encyclopedia of musical instruments and the great composers. By Max Wade-
Matthews (REF ML460 .W23 2004)
eBooks:
A high price for abundant living: The story of capitalism. By Henry Rempel
Computer-supported collaborative learning in higher education. By Tim Roberts

TIP:
To connect to eBooks from your home computer, click on "Off Campus Access" from the Library Homepage before you search the catalog.

Book Reviews:

Lipstick Jihad: A Memoir of Growing Up Iranian in America and American in Iran. By Azadeh Moaveni: Moaveni, an American-born child of Iranian parents, goes back to Iran as a journalist. Readers get an intimate glimpse into the daily life of Iranians as well as the differences between her two cultures.
The Lost Gold of San Francisco By Michael Castleman: A gripping tale of missing gold from the San Francisco mint. Starting with the 1906 earthquake and fire, the mystery continues, with murder and mayhem, through present day 1989.

Library Surveys:

We conducted a user survey in Spring, 2005 at the Main Campus. We collected 384 samples. Overall, users were satisfied with the collection and services.

What they liked most about the library:
1. The environment and facilities
2. Collection - Books, journals, databases, etc.
3. Reference assistance
4. Being able to check out materials
5. Staff

Their most wanted future improvements:
1. More computers, tables and chairs, and study area
2. Book drop at the Chico Center
Other suggestions include longer library hours, more workshops and more staff.

We have also done an online survey to get instructors' feedback on the Bibliographic Instructions (BI) we gave in the Fall Semester.
All the instructors that participated in the survey said that their students benefited from the BI; they themselves had learned something from the BI and will definitely use the service again. 78% found the BI instructions exceeding their expectation and 88% noticed that their students were more aware of search tech-
Don’t be surprised if you run into her in both technology-related workshops and craft fairs.

Staff Development:
Our reference librarians Jacquie Foster and Louise Lee attended a 3-day Internet Librarian Conference in Monterey from October 24 to 26, 2005. They attended over twenty sessions during the Conference to learn about the latest Internet-related technologies and innovations.

Tiyebeh Jodari has attended a full-day workshop on MARC cataloging in October. Louise Lee also attended several seminars, such as online survey and creating custom graphics for Web pages.

Get to Know Our Staff...

Staff in the Spotlight:
Louise Lee is a reference/instruction librarian. She joined the library team in January, 2005, two years after she moved to Chico. She got her Master’s degree in library and information science at the University of Illinois at Urbana Champagne.

Louise teaches Bibliographic Instruction classes and workshops, and answers reference questions at the reference desk, via emails and 24/7 live chat. She is also responsible for the collection development in philosophy, religion, psychology, anthropology, art, music and geography. Contact her if you have any book recommendations in these areas.

Formerly a teacher, Louise enjoys helping students to acquire research techniques that enable them to become effective lifelong learners. She is interested in art and crafts as well as information technologies.