A New Look on the 1st Floor of the Library

The Library welcomes you to a new year and a new semester with exciting news!

We are thrilled to announce that we have set up a new area on the first floor of the main campus Library. The new lounge area with charging stations has tables for students to do their homework while they are charging their laptops. There are also preinstalled cords for Samsung Galaxy notepads, Android phones, iPhones and iPads, for charging personal devices. Stop by and check it out!

What is the name of the new lounge area? It’s up to you! We will be holding a naming contest. Visit the Library website at www.butte.edu/library or stop by the Library for official rules, entry details, and prizes!

Information Literacy

What is Information Literacy?
Information Literacy is the ability to identify, locate, evaluate, and effectively use information for an issue, project, or problem you might have.

How can the Library help you achieve Information Literacy?
Whether you are writing a research paper, preparing a speech, studying for an exam, or just curious about a topic, the Library can help you identify and find the information you need, evaluate whether the information you have is appropriate, and effectively gather and use it for your project. Any or all of the following can help you become more information literate:

- Attend one of our drop-in workshops in person or schedule one with a librarian.
- Use our self-paced Research Paper Learning Module or Library Instruction videos.
- Find general library guides and materials created for class assignments.
- Take a one-unit Library and Information Science course at Butte College.
- Stop by the reference desk or schedule a consultation session with a librarian.

And remember - when in doubt, ask a librarian!
Instruction Support

Collaboration between librarians and instructors is extremely important to ensure that our students develop the information skills they need to become effective and successful learners. Whether you are teaching face-to-face, hybrid, or online courses, the librarians can work with you for student success. Don't hesitate to request support with the following:

♦ Assignments – we work with instructors to design engaging and manageable research assignments or learning activities that utilize available library resources.
♦ Course Guides & Pathfinders – we can create course-specific guides and pathfinders for your course.
♦ Curriculum Mapping – librarians can integrate information literacy skills into your existing curriculum that helps students acquire information skills while learning course content.
♦ Library Instruction – a librarian can visit your class, or teach your class in a computer lab and tailor the presentation to the specific information needs of your students.
♦ Videos for Information Skills – we currently have 26 library instruction videos on using library resources, we can work with instructors to create new videos for your students’ specific information needs.

News & Events

♦ Stop by the library to see our new book displays!

Librarians created themed book displays to highlight our diverse collections and encourage patrons to check out books they might otherwise miss. Themes during fall semester included a Halloween/Horror display for October and “Explore your world through books” for November.

The books on display represent a wide range of titles relating to the broader theme. All books displayed are available for checkout.

Look for new displays starting spring semester at the Main Campus Library and Chico Center Library.

♦ Congratulations to Eric Contreras, who won a Kindle Fire in the Library’s Banned Books Week giveaway. Twenty-five other students won gift cards to the bookstore or dining services. We had a great week!

♦ The theme for the National Library Week 2016 is Libraries Transform. Be sure to check out the Library during National Library Week (April 10-16) to see why and how libraries are transforming.

Staff on the Move

Getting to Know Our New Team Member

Lucas Sarcona joined the Library team in December 2015 as a Senior Library Technician. He is responsible for Interlibrary Loan and print periodicals.

A Chico native, Luke has worked in bookstores and libraries for over ten years. He studied at Oregon State and UC Santa Barbara, where he worked in the Ethnic & Gender Studies Collection at Davidson Library. He worked in education in Santa Cruz, CA for several years before returning to Chico in 2007, where he completed a Master’s degree at CSU, Chico in English with an emphasis in creative writing (fiction) in 2011.

Luke currently lives in Chico with his sons, Solomon and Moses. His personal interests include surfing, sailing, basketball, playing music and writing (he is currently working on a novel).