Welcome to Fall 2006! Our library faculty and staff are ready to assist you in your teaching and learning.

Our dedication to removing obstacles to students' academic and vocational success is what drives the Library in our effort to introduce new services and improve the ones that we currently offer. Starting from Fall 2006, students at the Chico Center can request books from the Library on the Main Campus. We will also start offering "LIS 11-Research Strategies," a one-unit information literacy course at the Chico Center in Fall 2006, which is transferable to CSU, Chico to meet their GE requirement.

We are committed to making identifying, accessing, evaluating, and applying information a familiar process to our students. Students' "information literacy" is our goal. During the spring semester of 2006, 2034 students attended Bibliographic Instruction (BI) sessions, walk-in workshops and Library's Research Strategies course. Learning Resources, including BI session handouts and search guides, have been added to the Library Home Page. Also available on the Library Home Page are newly designed online tutorials guiding students step by step in learning how to search for Library books and eBooks.

To protect our students' time and facilitate their "any time, any place" learning style, the library's eResources have been expanded to include over 12,000 eBooks and databases of full-text articles from over 5,000 journals and magazines accessible 24/7 through the Library Home Page. A live online reference service, "Ask a Librarian Now", has been made available to help students 24/7 with their research needs.

Please plan to visit us and see what the Library has to offer in helping our students succeed at Butte College and beyond.

Library Renovation Updates

The sounds of bulldozers, backhoes and graders are filling the air as construction has begun on the renovation of the library. The library renovation project is right on schedule! We are looking forward to moving back to the renovated building during the summer of 2007 and provide services to the campus community from the new location at the beginning of the fall semester of 2007.
Weekly Drop-in workshops:
We will continue to offer some of our popular workshops, such as eBooks, Extreme Googling, Library Databases, Term Paper Research, etc. New topics include Search like a Pro, Untangle the Web, Online Reference Help, etc. Check out the library Web site for workshop schedules.

Research Strategies — LIS 11:
We have extended our LIS 11 course to the Chico Center! We are offering one session at the Main Campus and one at the Chico Center this Fall. Students will learn how to conduct research, locate, evaluate and cite information. These are great skills for college success and life-long learning!

Handouts and Online Tutorials
Handouts on citation style, search techniques, term paper research, finding journal articles, etc., are available at the Main Campus Library and the Chico Center Library. You can also download them from the library Web site, under Learning Resources. You will also find self-paced online tutorials on book searches.

Reference Links
Feeling lost on the Internet? Check out our Reference Links page for reliable Web sites hand-picked by librarians. Links are organized by categories, such as career, citation formats, government, health & wellness, local information, statistics, etc.

Events
National Library Week
We celebrated National Library Week from April 2 - April 8 with:
Writing contest - Kevin Beard, Merinne Mesku, and Alicia Villarreal were the winners of the writing contest, and they were awarded an iPod, a digital camera, and a flash drive respectively.
Author presentations - Six local authors gave presentations at the Campus Center. They are Laura Joplin, John Cowan, George Keithley, Phyl Manning, Susan Wooldridge, and Kate McCorkle.
Trivia quests - 7 students won prizes for finding answers to the trivia questions.
Book recommendations - 22 books were recommended by instructors.

Campus Pride Day
The library celebrated Campus Pride by staffing a table on the Ivy Lawn on May 9th, 2006. It was a beautiful sunny (and windy) day. Students learned about the library’s services and resources by participating in a game. There were about 80 participants who had fun playing the game and won pens and note pads. Louise and Lakshmi, the Reference Librarians who staffed the table, enjoyed the interaction with the participants too.

Book recommendations are on the web! Check out News & Events on our Web site.

Statistics
During Spring Semester between Jan and May, 710 new print books and 2,681 new eBooks were selected, processed and added to the collection. On the main campus 4,991 books were circulated and an additional 237 books were processed via Interlibrary Loan. During the Spring Semester of 2006, librarians answered 3,055 reference questions, approximately 37 questions each day, and provided 76 bibliographic instruction sessions, 23 drop-in workshops, and a 1-unit transferable course.

At the Chico Center Library, we have 306 items on reserve to serve 6,088 students in 240 classes. These items circulated 1,486 times last semester.
New Books

The Library purchases new books regularly. Here are a few recent acquisitions...

Circulating Books:
Dance of Molecules: how nanotechnology is changing our lives. By Ted Sargent (T174.7 S274 2006)
Don’t Know Much About Mythology: everything you need to know about the greatest stories in human history but never learned. By Kenneth C. Davis (BL312 D37 25)
Think for Yourself! : an essay on cutting through the babble, the bias, and the hype. By Steve Hindes (BF441 H524 2005)
Why Geography Matters: Three Challenges Facing America: climate change, the rise of China, and global terrorism. By Harm de Blij (GF 503 D4 2005)

Reference Books:
Internet: a historical encyclopedia (3 vols). Edited by Hillary W. Poole (Main Campus - TK5105.875 I57 I5372 2005)
How to Write and Publish a Scientific Paper. By Robert A. Day (Chico Center - T11 D33 2006)

Books:
100 Ways to Motivate Others: how great leaders can produce insane results without driving people crazy. By Steve Chandler
Online Assessment, Measurement, and Evaluation: emerging practices. By David D. Williams

TIP:
Set up a NetLibrary account to create your virtual bookshelf and add your own notes on any eBook. Ask the librarian for details or check out the Online tutorial on our website to learn how to use eBooks effectively.

Book Reviews

The Working Poor: invisible in America. By David K. Shipler (HC110 P6 S48 2004). In this thought-provoking study, Pulitzer Prize-winning author, David K. Shipler, focuses on the estimated 35-40 million hardworking Americans who live in poverty despite being gainfully employed. Caught up in a complex set of social inequities that keep them struggling to survive from paycheck to paycheck, these Americans are unable to break free of the vicious cycle. Shipler explains why neither a conservative nor liberal approach has worked, and advocates a multidimensional approach that is nearly as complex as the problem itself. A must-read for everyone of voting age.

Doing Our Own Thing: the degradation of language and music and why we should, like, care. By John McWhorter (PE2898.8 M38 2004). Acclaimed linguist McWhorter is concerned with a much broader language issue than mere grammatical errors. He examines the social dynamics that have altered the English language since the 1960’s, and argues its debasement has seriously impacted our ability to read, write and even think.

Acknowledgement

Butte College Library Receives Donation
Walter Hagedorn from Paradise donated $1,500 toward the Library book request which was matched by the College Foundation Matching Grant program totaling $3,000 for library books. We are very thankful to the Hagedorn family and the College Foundation for their support for the Library.

The Library welcomes invaluable financial support such as this which helps the Library to go beyond being a good college library to being a great college library.
Staff in the Spotlight:

Luozhu Cen is our new director. She served as Interim Director of Library Services for the past two years, and before that was a Butte College Reference Librarian for six years. Prior to joining Butte College, Luozhu held a variety of positions at institutions of higher learning in both China and the U.S.

Luozhu earned her Ph.D. in Educational Organization, Administration and Policy and Academic Librarianship at the State University of New York at Buffalo in 1996, and received her Master of Library Science degree from the same University in 1990. She studied for two years in England and obtained her undergraduate degree in China.

Luozhu has a keen interest in the history of academic libraries. For her doctoral dissertation, she did extensive research on the incredible changes libraries have undergone over the past two decades, especially in the areas of automation and the application of information technologies. She enjoys working with faculty and students in meeting their information needs in their teaching and learning.

Staff Movements:

Dr. Luozhu Cen has been appointed Director of Library Services effective July 1, 2006. Congratulations, Luozhu!

The Library welcomes Dan Buzan and Bonnie Hansen who joined the Library as a result of reorganization. Dan and Bonnie provide media and distance learning support at the Chico Center and on the Main Campus respectively.

We also welcome Andy McCasland to be our new member on the team. Andy joins us as a part-time Library Technician. He works at the Library Circulation Department, maintains the library web page and does desktop publishing of the Library newsletter. Andy has experience in Web page design and is knowledgeable in computer hardware and software.

We are hiring full-time reference librarians. Watch out for new faces!