Replacing the old title of *Vice President for Instruction* with the new title of *Vice President for Learning* at Butte College seems to signify a shift from emphasizing pedagogy to focusing on student learning as the primary goal of our College. This is actually reflective of a national trend that is gaining traction in all types of postsecondary institutions.

This paradigmatic shift requires us to focus attention on learning outcomes realized by students and on creating conducive learning experiences to enhance student learning outcomes. Needless to say, this change in focus has a direct impact on the mission of the Library. Like other constituencies at the College, the Library is moving from a content view (books, and subject knowledge) to a competency view (what students will be able to do). Central to this new view is the issue of information literacy skills, which include understanding and using the information research process, identifying information needs, finding and locating information, assessing and evaluating information, synthesizing and using information effectively, presenting information, and understanding the social, ethical, political, and economic implications of information and intellectual property.

Information literacy skills are fundamental across programs and subject domains. The student’s ability to manage technology and implement an efficient information search and their skills in communicating and collaborative reasoning are essential learning outcomes.

The recognition of the significance of helping our students become confident and skillful information users prompted the Library to introduce the LIS 11 Research Strategies course two years ago. We also developed and expanded our bibliographic instruction and library workshops to the College’s Chico Center and the Glenn Center. The role the Library plays in creating the kind of environment needed to enhance student learning outcomes can never be overemphasized. I encourage and welcome all faculty and students to take advantage of the variety of services the Library provides, especially services in the area of information literacy skills development.

**Library Renovation Updates**

The 19 million dollar library renovation project is more than halfway finished and on schedule for completion in July, 2007. The renovation of the three-story library building will return the third floor to library use and provide the library with a total area of 70,000 square feet. The two-story expansion of 36,000 square feet attached to the library will house 13 classrooms, the Technology Training Center, BCTV and studio as well as the radio, television, and film programs.
Information Literacy

Students
You can make an appointment for a one-on-one session with any of our reference librarians. Stop in or call for an appointment.

Faculty
Reference librarians are available to teach information access techniques, more formally known as “bibliographic instruction,” to your classes. The instructor can choose a focus relevant to the curriculum or assignment. We come to your class to talk about library services and resources, using the library’s catalog, databases and online journals, e-Books, Library of Congress subject headings, how to research and write a term paper, search techniques, and critical evaluation of Web sources. Stop in, call, or submit an online request at http://www.butte.edu/library/

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Statistics
During the Fall semester of 2006, 576 new print books were selected, processed and added to the collection. 5,553 library books were circulated and an additional 211 books were processed via Interlibrary Loan. Librarians answered 3,536 questions (approximately 44 questions each day) and provided 77 bibliographic instruction sessions to 2,110 students, 24 drop-in workshops, and 2 one-unit transferable courses.

At the Chico Center Library, we have 313 items on reserve to serve 5,891 students in 230 classes. These items circulated 1,495 times last semester.
The Library purchases new books regularly. Here are a few recent acquisitions...

Circulating Books:

Reference Books:
- *Encyclopedia of Police Science.* (Main Campus - HV7901 .E53 2007)

eBooks:
- *Crunch Point: the 21 Secrets to Succeeding When It Matters Most.* By Brian Tracy.

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Get to Know Our Staff

Shirleigh Brannon, reference and instruction librarian received her Master’s degree in Library and Information Science from the University of California, Berkeley in 1991. Since then, she has held professional positions in public, government, and academic libraries, including prior work as Reference Librarian at Butte College (1995-1998). Her passions as a librarian are enhancing access to information and promoting information competency comfort levels.

Shirleigh received her BA from Oberlin College in 1977. She also holds graduate degrees in theater history and theater research. Her other areas of intellectual interest include social and labor history, art history, and all aspects of the fine and performing arts.

Shirleigh is delighted to be back at Butte College and looks forward to working with faculty and students. Please drop by to visit her, either at the reference desk or in her work area in Swing Space 2.

Morgan Brynnan, has worked in libraries since 1996. She received her Master’s degree in Library and Information Science from the University of South Carolina in May of 2006. Her BA is in Spanish, with an emphasis in Latin American and Caribbean Studies. She earned her degree as a returning adult student, beginning at a community college in Texas and then transferring to a four-year university, and finally to graduate school.

She has been an activist for peace, women, the ADA, and AIDS issues, and envisions a world where everyone has access to information and education. The "door" to her cubicle is always open to serve students and staff at the college.

Frequently Asked Questions

How do I access library databases and eBook from home?
Go to the library home page, click on Off-Campus and follow the instructions to log in.

I put in my username and password as instructed, but still can't log in. What's wrong?
There are a few possibilities:
1. You have moved and your address is not updated with Admission & Records.
2. Your first name and last name appear differently in your driver’s license. Your name in the system is based on your driver’s license. Or you may have a middle name or complex last name that constitutes an unusual username. If so, try different combinations to form your username.
3. You have a firewall installed in your computer. Lower the security setting and try again.
If you still cannot log in, call the Library at 879-4024.

What is interlibrary loan?
It’s a way to borrow books we don’t own in our library. We order them for you from other libraries. We can also order copies of journal articles. Contact Kevin McCarthy in the reference room (SS2) or at 879-4066 for more information.

Some web sites are better than others. How do I know which ones are better?
The Reference Link on the library home page lists the web sites recommended by the Butte College librarians. We also provide a handout “How to Evaluate Internet Information” available on our web site and in the library.

Visit the FAQ on the library web site for more questions and answers!