Welcome to the New Library!

Message from the Library Director

We are delighted about the conclusion of the library renovation and expansion project which began in July 2005. We look forward to meeting you at the newly renovated library, and are ready to help you succeed at Butte College.

Now we have a library almost twice as large as the original space with more of the materials, programs, and services that our students told us that they want and need. In a library survey of 384 Butte College students conducted in April and May of 2005, the top two on the students’ wish list for library services are: 1) more computers, and 2) more tables, chairs, and quiet study areas. The new library has 73 student computer work stations (up from 11 in the old library) and a total of 323 seats (up from 200). The increase of about 17,000 square feet over the original space has also allowed for expansion of the Bibliographic Instruction computer lab to accommodate bigger class size and relocation of the Law Library to the 3rd floor from the AHPS building.

Our library staff members are hard at work to provide you with new services and programs. Our library web page has been redesigned with more resources and easier access. You have more options to access the library databases now. Please check it out at: http://www.butte.edu/information/library/resources/databases/index_all.html. Our workshops this fall will make it easier for you to get the information you want. We also offer Internet workshops and individual consultations to help you navigate the Web.

Thank you for your patience during the library renovation and expansion project and we look forward to your reactions to the new Library!

Changes in the New Library

The Library occupies all the three floors of the renovated library building with an increase of about 17,000 square feet over the original space. The new library has a total of 323 seats including 132 study carrels, 73 computer workstations, 44 in the 5 group study rooms, 42 lounge/sofa seats, and 32 table seats.

The spacious 1st floor is a reading room with comfortable lounge/sofa seats and chairs. Current journals, magazines, and newspapers remain on the 1st floor along with bound periodicals. A reading corner with a collection of sustainability resources has been established to support faculty sustainability curriculum projects. Our Reference Desk and the reference collection together with 73 student computer work stations are now located on the 2nd floor.

The 3rd floor houses the library’s main collection and is the new home for the law collection. Ninety study carrels are available to students for quiet study and 5 group study rooms for group projects.
Information Fluency

Insure Information Success via Library Bibliographic Instruction and Workshops

The Library is dedicated to promoting information fluency and working with faculty and students to ensure information success. Faculty at Main, Chico, and Glenn center campuses can request a one-hour Bibliographic Instruction session to help students in their classes learn about search techniques and useful sources for assigned topics. Instruction sessions can be tailored for a specific assignment or course work. Past instruction sessions have included resources for: nursing; psychology; furniture design; local history & local resources; LEAD; English 119 and English 2; anthropology, and more.

Call the Library at 879-4024 to schedule a session - please give us at least 2 weeks advance notice to ensure that we aren’t already booked up!

The Library also offers weekly drop-in workshops at both the Main Campus and Chico Center on search techniques and using library and information resources. Workshop topics range from the basics of term paper research through using e-Books, Extreme Googling, Government Resources and more. Faculty can earn flex credit by attending any Library workshops; students can earn extra credit from some instructors.

Library Databases News & Updates

Database Pages Redesigned

Now you can search our databases however you like! For example:

- Want to search multiple databases at once? Go to "Combined Databases".
- Need more resources for government information? Select "Databases by Subject".
- Want to use Congressional Quarterly? Go to "Databases A-Z".
- Know the title of the journal you want? Select "E-Journal Titles" or "Print Journal Titles" to check our holdings.

### Databases by Subject

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Journal Linker - A Powerful Federated Search

Journal Linker can check for holdings of titles across all of our databases. If you find an article citation in one database, and we own the full-text journal in another database, a few clicks will take you to the issue of the e-journal with that article, no matter where you started your search.

New EBSCO Databases - 24 New Databases Added

Check out our new EBSCO databases, including ERIC, CINAHL Plus, Medline, Academic Search Premier, and Business Source Premier. This new acquisition increases our database collection to 64 in total.

Ask a Librarian 24 Hours a Day

A librarian is only a mouse click away with our virtual chat reference service, "Ask a Librarian."
Events

National Library Week 2007 (April 16-20)
The Library celebrated the National Library Week with daily activities including faculty “favorite book” exhibits, trivia contests for students, and promotional giveaways. The Library also sponsored noontime guest presenters with interactive activities each day, including Irish dancing; nonviolent communication techniques; learning origami, beading, and other skills from books. Other presenters included Doug Walter, who led a discussion on sustainability and the Cooperative movement and noted Irish singer & musician Shay Black, singing and leading political songs and sing-alongs.

Library Open House (August 14)
The library staff would like to invite you to the Library Open House on Tuesday, August 14, from 12:00pm-2:00pm on the 1st floor of the newly renovated Library. Please come to:

♦ See the exciting new changes to the library after the renovation;
♦ Learn about new library resources and services;
♦ Find out how we support your research and class assignments

Refreshments will be served.

New Books

Here are a few of our newest acquisitions...

Circulating Books:  
Mr. Lincoln’s T-mails: the Untold Story of How Abraham Lincoln Used the Telegraph to Win the Civil War. By Tom Wheeler. (E457.45 .W47 2006)


Reference Books:  
Ferguson Career Resource Guide to Internships and Summer Jobs. By Carol Turkington. (Main Campus & Chico Center - LC1072.I58 T87 2006)

eBooks:  
Psychology of Terrorism. By Bruce Michael Bongar.

Statistics

During the Spring semester of 2007, 766 new print books and 3,303 new eBooks were selected, processed and added to the collection. Librarians answered 4,113 questions (approximately 50 questions each day) and provided 56 bibliographic instruction sessions to 1,316 students, and 26 drop-in workshops.

On the main campus 9,690 books were circulated and an additional 232 books were processed via Interlibrary Loan. At the Chico Center Library, we have 299 items on reserve to serve 5,621 students in 214 classes. These items circulated 1,048 times last semester.

A total of 103,057 searches were performed in our electronic databases. The most heavily used databases are Proquest, SIRS Knowledge Source, and ESBCO.

From January to April, the Library Web site had 18,327 unique visitors, and 28,680 pages were loaded.
Get to Know Our Staff

Standing: from left to right:
Tom McElroy, Bonnie Hansen, Kevin McCarthy,
Lakshmi Ariaratnam, Dan Buzan, Andy McCasland

Below: from left to right:
Tiyebeh Jodari, Shirleigh Brannon, Louise Lee, Morgan Brynnan,
Luozhu Cen

Frequently Asked Questions

Can I bring my laptop to the library and use wireless connection to access the Internet?
Yes, starting from fall 2007, students will be able to access the Internet using wireless connection inside most buildings on the Main Campus and at the Chico Center.

Where do I find research topic ideas?
Some of our databases provide research topic ideas, such as:

- Facts.com — Need a Research Topic (button on the top right)
- SIRS Knowledge Source — Leading Issues (box on the right) - click on More Issues at the bottom.
- CQ — CQ Researcher Online — Browse by Topic or Issue Tracker

Do you have resources for writing a research paper and doing a presentation?
Yes, we have lots of resources that can help, for example:

- Handouts, such as citation styles, researching for a term paper, etc. are available at the library and on our Web site under Guides & Handouts.
- PowerPoint Presentation templates, guides to writing research paper, etc. are available at SIRS Knowledge Source database — Educators' Resources on the top.
- Guides to delivering a speech, avoiding plagiarism, analyzing editorial cartoons, and other research tools can be found in Facts.com — Resource Center on the top.

More questions? Visit the FAQ on our Web site or call the reference desk at 879-4024.