A few years back, during the peak of the dot-com revolution, some people were predicting the inevitable demise of the academic library as a physical entity. They envisioned that traditional library functions would no longer require a physical location. Access to journal articles would be via the Internet; and access to books would be by eBooks.

However, exactly the opposite is happening in the Butte College Library on the way to the future. The number of students who come to use our renovated Library has been overwhelming. Gate counts show that an average of 1,190 people entered the library daily during the months of September, October, and November, 2007.

We have excellent, well-organized online resources and services available on our Library home page for our students, faculty and staff to access from anywhere anytime via the Web. Why do students still come to use the Library? From our survey data collected in Spring 2007 we learned that 84% of our students used library computers and study space, 72% of our students used the library computers to access the Internet, and 68% of our students used the Library as a place to study. 55% of our students received instruction or assistance in finding information.

Our students come to the Library to get help from the reference librarians in finding information for class assignments and academic projects through BI class sessions, drop-in workshops, and individual consultation and assistance; they use comfortable workstations to work on their papers and presentations through combining information from a wide range of sources; they check emails and use the Web for academic as well as nonacademic purposes as the network has become an integral part of their student life; and they enjoy reading and relaxing in safety and quiet in the Library.

The Library staff members are hard at work in creating a supportive and innovative student-centered learning environment in the library to support what students are doing and to improve student retention and success. Please comment and make suggestions on Library services through the Library Web page or directly to me.

**Settling In**

The renovated Library has become an exciting and popular learning and teaching environment on campus! During the Fall semester, over 70,000 people entered the Library. Our group study rooms and study carrels are frequently used by our students. The 73 computer workstations are not enough to meet our students’ need and our Bibliographic Instruction computer lab is used as an overflow whenever there is no BI session scheduled. From time to time, especially on rainy days, every computer workstation in the Computer Commons as well as the BI room is occupied by our students. Our Reference Librarians have provided Bibliographic Instruction to 1,758 students in the expanded BI room. The district is planning to add 30 more computers to the Computer Commons to meet the students’ demand.
Information Fluency Updates

Information fluency is an important issue here at the Library - one of our major goals is to help Butte College students attain the information and research skills they need for lifelong learning and success. To that end, the librarians are hard at work developing an information fluency program. The Library’s information fluency goals and standards are available at:
http://www.butte.edu/library/fluency.htm

As part of the new information fluency program, the librarians are also currently developing a pilot sequence of online instructional tutorials and workshops. In Fall semester 2007, selected Library drop-in workshops and tutorials were uploaded as online PowerPoint and Flash presentations. Check this out: http://www.butte.edu/library/tutorials.htm

This is the beginning phase of a planned two-to-three-year project to develop a fully online, interactive sequence of tutorials. Stay tuned for new additions as the semester and the academic year progresses!

Library Databases News & Updates

Butte College joins Google Scholar

- Go to http://scholar.google.com to search for articles online and use the “Find full-text@Butte” link to check our holdings for any article you find on Google from on-campus. Set your preferences in Google Scholar to search Butte College holdings from home.
- You can also search the library’s book & eBook catalog from Google Scholar or http://books.google.com. Just click on “Find it in a Library.”

One-click searching with 360 Link

You can now find full-text articles with one click across most of our databases with Serials Solutions 360 Link. If an article is not available in full-text in one of our major databases, 360 Link will try to find it for you. Just select “Find full-text” under the list of results to search for the article across EBSCOHost, CQ Press, Wilson, Proquest, and Gale databases.

Library Services Highlights

Bibliographic Instructions

Want a librarian to come to your class and show your students how to use library resources, such as databases, eBooks, etc.? Call us at 879-4024 (for classes at Main Campus and Glenn Center) or 879-4398 (for classes at the Chico Center) to schedule a Bibliographic Instruction for your class. You can also request it online by going to http://www.butte.edu/library/bi_request.htm

Talk to the librarian or visit the Library Web site to learn more about our Bibliographic Instruction services.

Reserve Collections

To make sure your students have access to certain class materials (books, articles, etc.), you can put items on reserve. Fill out a Reserve Request Form and drop off the items at the Main Campus Library or the Chico Center Library (Rm. 219). Reserve Request Form is available at the Library and online at http://www.butte.edu/library/new_pdfs/reserverequest05.pdf

Questions? Call us at 879-4024.
**Events**

**Librarians Presenting in TMI Symposium**
Two of our librarians will be presenting in the January 2008 TMI Symposium. Morgan Brynnan will present Google Tools for Educators. Shirleigh Brannon will present a workshop with Myron Curtis on WINK, Camatasia, Adobe Captivate and other screen capture programs.

**ASSC Open House at the Chico Center**
The Academic Support Services Center at the Chico Center (Rm. 219) has been a popular place for students to study, use library materials and tapes for distance learning, get reference and tutoring services, etc. Visit us during our open house on Jan. 29 & 30, 2008 to learn about the services of the Library, CAS, and Media Services for Distance Learning; pick up the Spring Semester workshop schedules; meet the friendly staff, librarian and tutors, and enjoy cookies.

**New Books**
Here are a few of our newest acquisitions...

**Circulating Books:**
- *Ancient Maya: the rise and fall of a rainforest civilization.* By Arthur Andrew Demarest. (F1435 D45 2004)
- *Recurring Dark Age: ecological stress, climate changes, and system transformation.* By Sing C. Chew. (GE149 C54 2007)

**Reference Books:**
- *Grants, Scholarships and Other Financial Resources* (2 vol.). By Brad Barnett. (Main Campus - Ref LB2337.4 F47 2007)
- *The Eleanor Roosevelt Papers: The Human Rights Years, 1945-1948.* Edited by Allida Black. (Gale Virtual Reference Library)

**eBooks:**
- *Reclaiming the Sky: 9/11 and the Untold Story of the Men and Women Who Kept America Flying.* By Tom Murphy. (NetLibrary)

**Statistics**
During the Fall semester of 2007, 372 new print books were selected, processed and added to the collection. Librarians answered 9,625 questions (approximately 119 questions each day), provided 79 bibliographic instruction sessions to 2,209 students, and conducted 24 drop-in workshops, 7 Flex workshops, and 2 one-unit courses.

On the main campus 5,210 books were circulated and an additional 206 books were processed via Interlibrary Loan. At the Chico Center Library, we have 299 items on reserve to serve 5,787 students in 208 classes. These items circulated 1,133 times. In addition, 31 book requests were processed and delivered to the Chico Center.

A total of 195,274 searches were performed in our electronic databases. The most heavily used databases are Proquest, ESBCO, and SIRS Knowledge Source.

From September to December, the Library Web site had 15,008 unique visitors, and 28,644 pages were loaded.
Get to Know Our Staff

Staff in the Spotlight:

Dan Buzan has been with Butte College for 5 years and has overseen the daily operation of the ASSC (Academic Support Services Center) at the Chico Center since its humble beginning back at the old Chico Center. He actively works with the departments that make up the ASSC (Library, CAS, MSDLC) to ensure that the students and faculty can get the support they need when they need it. He has over 13 years of experience in management and media, and is very user-centered. If you ever have any questions, Dan "The Man" Buzan (a.k.a. the guy at the front desk) will always do his best to find the right answer or get the right person for you.

Dan served in the US Marine Corps and is a strong supporter of the SVO (Student Veteran Organization). He adores his family - wife Melinda and 2-year-old daughter Jayden. He enjoys playing basketball, working out, hiking, camping, and other outdoor activities.

Goodbye to Tom...

Tom McElory has been providing us audio and visual materials for the North State Cooperative Library System Listen-In service. After working with public libraries for over 30 years, he is going to retire. He will be missed by all of us! Goodbye, Tom. Enjoy your retirement days!

Frequently Asked Questions

Where is Listen-In?

Sadly, the Listen-In service is closed for good due to loss of funding from the California State Library. Some items may still be available through public libraries. Ask the librarian at your local public library.

I checked out some books from the Main Campus, can I return them at the Chico Center?

Yes, library books can be returned to Rm. 219 or dropped off at the book drop in front of the Chico Center building. But reserve books must be returned to the same location where you checked them out.

How do I know if a textbook for my course is available on reserve?

Ask the librarian or check the Library catalog at http://www.butte.edu/library/ Books & eBooks

Course Reserves Choose your course from the drop-down menu click Search

The best way to search Course Reserves is by Course rather than by Instructor since the item may be listed under a different instructor.

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