Electronic technologies provide our students with many informational possibilities and an overwhelmingly large quantity of information and misinformation. To succeed, they must have not only traditional literacy skills but information literacy skills as well.

Information literacy is generally defined as the ability to access, evaluate, organize, and use information from a variety of sources. It requires a collective effort to produce an information literate student. As George Kuh and Robert Gonyea, from the Center for Postsecondary Research, Policy, and Planning at Indiana University, aptly pointed out, “It takes a whole campus to produce an information-literate college graduate.”

Information literacy has been one of the central goals of the Library’s mission. Our librarians provide students with training and guidance that help students master information literacy skills through bibliographic instruction classes, online tutorials, drop-in workshops and the LIS 11 Research Strategies course. Our information literacy program has been a collaborative effort between faculty and librarians. Our reference librarians teach information literacy skills to individual classes through arrangements with class instructors. Instructors encourage their students to attend library drop-in workshops by giving them extra credits. Many faculty members provide us with handouts and exercises in advance to make the bibliographic instruction classes more effective and relevant to the subject matter of particular classes and the specific needs of the students in different subject areas.

In order to produce learners who are information literate, we need to make information literacy one of the basic skills that our students must acquire. Several scholars, such as Patricia Breivik and Dan Jones, have found that traditional literacy skills of reading, writing, and mathematical reasoning are insufficient for lifelong learning. The acquisition of information literacy competency must be an integral part of the acquisition of the traditional literacy competencies since they are all intertwined.
Events

Past Events

National Library Week

The Library celebrated National Library Week’s 50th Anniversary from April 13 to 19, 2008 at the main campus and Chico Center. Daily events included workshops, favorite book recommendations, contests and prizes.

Workshops, etc.

During the Spring Semester, the Library offered 22 drop-in workshops for students and faculty on the Main Campus and the Chico Center, and two faculty Flex workshops (and collaborated with Computing faculty on an additional two) during the January 2008 TMI symposium. Librarian Morgan Brynnan offered a workshop in Extreme Googling, Google Books, and Google Scholar as part of the College’s Staff Development “Faculty Fridays” program.

In addition, the Library hosted a webinar for faculty on ideas for even greater collaboration between faculty and librarians in support of student success.

Library Services Highlights

Interlibrary Loans (ILL)

Access to millions of books at Butte College

Even if the Butte College Library doesn’t own the book you’re looking for, you can likely receive it through interlibrary loan, a service that borrows books for your use from other libraries. If the book is in a library nearby, you will probably have the book in a week or less. A book coming from New York might take a bit longer, but with access to libraries nationwide, interlibrary loan will be able to find the book somewhere. To request a book, simply fill out a request form available in the library, or submit a request online through the library’s web page. The service is available to currently-registered students and to staff. For more information, contact Kevin McCarthy in LB 211, or call him at 879-4066.

Upcoming Events

Flex Workshops & Weekly Drop-in Workshops

As always, the Library offers several Flex workshops during the Flex week. Check out the Flex workshop schedules to attend these workshops:


Weekly drop-in workshops are offered at the main campus and the Chico Center. Workshop schedules are available at the Library and on the Library Web site: http://www.butte.edu/library/workshops.htm

TIP:

Encourage your students to go to Library workshops to learn about research, citations, and other information skills by giving them extra credit.

ASSC Open House at the Chico Center

Sept. 3 & 4, 2008 (CHC Rm 219)

Come to learn about the services of the Library, CAS, and Media Services for Distance Learning: pick up the Fall Semester workshop schedules; meet the friendly staff, librarians and tutors, and enjoy cookies...

Media Services for Distance Learning (MSDL)

MSDL mediates the televised classes and proctors tests for internet classes and telecourses. Services are available on the main campus, at the ASSC at the Chico Center, and at the Glenn Center.

Butte College telecourses are broadcast on channel 11 on Comcast cable. You can view a telecourse on TV, on your computer, or check out the video to view the classes on campus. We also have DVD rental for some classes. You can rent the entire telecourse for the whole semester for only $25!

MSDL has limited audio video equipment for use by instructors in their classrooms. There is also a video library for faculty use. Check out the video/DVD catalog at http://www.butte.edu/library/. For more information, go to the Library Web site or ask Bonnie Hansen at 879-4051.
News & Updates

New Science Database Added

We've added AccessScience to our collection of online databases. AccessScience includes: The McGraw-Hill Encyclopedia of Science and Technology, 10th Ed.; McGraw-Hill Dictionary of Scientific and Technical Terms, 6th Ed.; McGraw-Hill Yearbooks of Science & Technology; Hutchinson Dictionary of Scientific Biography; and Science News. Tailored to researchers and students looking for relevant, readable, and trusted information, AccessScience contains more than 8,000 articles written by the leading figures in their fields. Find late breaking news, biographies of famous scientists, a Student Center, and much more! This database is updated daily.

New Books

Here are a few of our newest acquisitions...

Circulating Books:


Iraq and the Lessons of Vietnam: or, How Not to Learn from the Past. Edited by Lloyd C. Gardner and Marilyn B. Young. (DS79.76 I7253 2007)

Essential Do's and Taboos: the Complete Guide to International Business and Leisure Travel. By Roger E. Axtell. (G156.5 B86 A98 2007)

Hip Hop Dance: Meanings and Messages. By Carla Stalling Huntington. (GV1796 H57 H86 2007)


Looking Beyond the Ivy League: Finding the College that's Right for You. By Loren Pope. (LB2350.5 P67 2007)


XS: Small Structures, Green Architecture. By Phyllis Richardson. (NA2542.35 R53 2007)

Game Development Essentials: Game Simulation Development. By William Muehl & Jeannie Novak. (QA76.76 C672 M83 2008)

Reference Books:

Peterson's College Money Handbook 2008. (Main Campus & Chico Center - LB2337 KJP48 2007)

Scholarships 2008. Edited by Gail A. Schlachter. (Main Campus & Chico Center - LB2338 S359 2007)

eBooks:


At the Chico Center Library, we have 315 items on reserve to serve 5,605 students in 202 classes. These items circulated 1,352 times. In addition, 34 book requests were processed and delivered to the Chico Center.

A total of 356,052 searches were performed in our electronic databases. The most heavily used databases are Proquest, ESBCO, and SIRS Knowledge Source.

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Statistics

During the Spring semester of 2008, 820 new print books and 2,970 new eBooks were added to the collections. Librarians answered 7,435 questions (approximately 91 questions each day), provided 64 bibliographic instruction sessions to 1,705 students, and conducted 22 drop-in workshops, 8 Flex workshops, and 2 one-unit courses.

On the main campus 5,618 books were circulated and an additional 268 books were processed via Interlibrary Loan.

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Get to Know Our Staff

Staff in the Spotlight:

Bonnie Hansen has been at Butte College for 20+ years. She received her B.S. in Office Management from Louisiana College in Pineville, Louisiana in 1975. She started her career at Butte College in 1987 as a Media Technician II, which changed three years later to Instructional Support Specialist and became Instructional Associate for Educational Technology (Administrative Secretary III) in 2000.

Bonnie has always been very active in Butte College. She has served on Staff Development committees, committee for the development of the All-Campus Retreat for several years, participated in Leadership Butte III, etc. She is also very active in the California School Employees Association (CSEA) and the Classified Senate and has served as Secretary, Recorder and President of the Classified Senate over the years since its development.

Besides being a statewide member trainer for the CSEA Training Bureau, Bonnie is also the Regional Public Relations Officer for Region 73 and Chapter Treasurer for the local chapter Butte College 511, and she has represented Butte College for the past 3 years at the statewide CSEA Annual Conference. She is ending her term as a state board member for the California Community College Classified Senate.

She is also very active in her church as a part-time staff member for the Church of Scientology.

Staff News

♦ Shirleigh Brannon has been elected to serve on the Academic Senate.
♦ Morgan Brynnan now serves on the Curriculum Committee, besides several other committees.
♦ Louise Lee received “What would we do without you” award.

Frequently Asked Questions

Do I need a library card to check out books?
No. Butte College Library does not issue library cards. Current students, faculty & staff can check out books by showing a Butte College ID, or a valid picture ID if you don’t have a Butte College ID.

Does the Library have books on sustainability?
Yes! We have a special collection on sustainability located on the 1st Floor. We also have many related books scattered in our main collection on the 3rd floor as sustainability is related to many different disciplines and subject areas.

I take classes at the Chico Center. How do I check out books from the Main Campus?
You can make request online to have the books sent to the Chico Center Library for pick up. Find the book in the Library catalog and choose ‘Request’ on the button bar. See the ‘Request Book (CHC)’ link on the Library Web page to learn more.

Now that Listen-In is closed, is there any way I can check out their audio books?
The listen-in collection has been distributed among public libraries. Contact your local public library for more information.

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