Library Values

Message from the Director of Library Services, Sociocultural Sciences, Social and Behavioral Sciences, and College Connection

The economic downturn has had devastating consequences to schools and colleges. Under such circumstances, we are all under tremendous pressure to come up with ways and means to do more with less in order to maintain the same level of services in both quantity and quality. The staff team at the Library is determined to do everything within our capacity to continue delivering first-rate services to students, staff, and faculty. We have established our values to guide our practice, and we invite you to hold us accountable against those values.

LIBRARY VALUES

In all of our interactions, we are guided by the following values.

Excellence

♦ We commit ourselves to excellence.
♦ We seek out the best tools, people, and resources to accomplish our work.
♦ We are dedicated to ongoing learning for individual and organizational growth.
♦ We work diligently to exceed the expectations of those we serve.

Respect

♦ We treat everyone with equal consideration and courtesy.
♦ We engage others with compassion, empathy and tolerance.
♦ We encourage differences in perspectives, opinions, and ideas.
♦ We provide an environment that is inclusive and diverse.

Integrity

♦ We relate to each other with honesty and candor.
♦ We adhere to the principles of fairness, justice, and equality in our work.
♦ We promote the highest standards of our profession, including open and equitable access to information.
♦ We maintain a strong work ethic, taking responsibility for our actions, keeping our word, and following through on our commitments.

Communication

♦ We engage in open and honest communication at all levels.
♦ We seek feedback to ensure understanding.
♦ We reach out to all segments of our user communities.
♦ We share information and solicit opinions about decisions that affect the success of the Library.
Events

Past Events

National Library Week

To Celebrate National Library Week (April 13-16 2009), Main Campus Library provided free giveaways all week and held a web search contest; prizes included gift certificates for the Campus Bookstore. Student, faculty and staff book recommendations were displayed. We also celebrated the event at the Chico Center with trivia questions, a book recommendation display and a new book display.

Book in Common

The Library continued to support the Book In Common for 08-09, Three Cups of Tea by Greg Mortenson & David Oliver Relin.

Upcoming Events

Weekly Drop-in Workshops

Workshops available beginning in Fall at the Main Campus Library will include a general Library Instruction, Finding Books and e-Books, Communicating Your Results, Finding It Online, Finding & Developing a Topic, and a tutorial on using Interlibrary Loan. At the Chico Center, 12 drop-in workshops will be offered including two new ones: Finding Research Topics and Incredibly Useful Web sites. Check out the workshop schedules on our Library Web site at www.butte.edu/library/ The schedules are listed under Student Learning Resources.

ASSC Open House at the Chico Center

Sept. 1 & 2, 2009 (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. Get freebies, too!

Services Highlight

Circulation Services

Library materials can be checked out by current Butte College students, faculty and staff with a valid photo ID.

Circulating books can be checked out for 3 weeks while reserve materials are available from 1 hour to 7 days at the Main Campus Library (2nd floor) and the Library at the Chico Center (Rm. 219). Circulating books can be requested for pick-up at the Chico Center.

The Circulation Counter of the Library at the Main Campus is not just for checking out books! This area of the Library offers a wide range of services to the students, faculty, staff, and guests of Butte College.

The Library Circulation Counter is where you can

♣ leave your drinks if you are entering the library
♣ browse our catalog for circulating or class reserve items
♣ ask for directions
♣ find a current class schedule
♣ renew your circulating items
♣ pick up a copy of a bus schedule
♣ find out when the next bus leaves
♣ find items you may have lost
♣ check out circulating and class reserve items
♣ turn in the items you had checked out to your account

Please stop by and visit us at the Circulation Counter. To learn more about the Library's Circulation services, please call us at (530) 879-4017 or visit us at www.butte.edu/departments/library/circulation.html
News & Updates

Workshops on DVD

Have you wanted to take a Library workshop, but it was always offered on the wrong day or time? The reference librarians at the Main Campus have been busily developing digital versions of our Library drop-in workshops; DVD copies will be available starting Fall semester 2009 on Main Campus and Chico Center via Media Services, and at Glenn Center.

NEW LIS Class

Need units and want to improve your search skills? The Library is offering a NEW variable ½-2 unit class, LIS 126, beginning Fall 2009. Transfer/GE students may still take the 1 unit fast track LIS 11 class, which transfers to 4 year colleges.

New Books

Here are a few of our recent acquisitions...

Circulating Books:

Genealogy Online. By Elizabeth Powell Crowe. (CS21 C67 2008)

Vanished Islands and Hidden Continents of the Pacific. By Patrick D. Nunn (DU18.5 N86 2009)

Piracy: the complete history. By Angus Konstam. (G535 K66 2008)


When We Get to Surf City: a journey through America in pursuit of rock and roll, friendship, and dreams. By Bob Greene. (ML420 G853 A3 2008)

Sustainable home: the essential guide to eco building, renovation and decoration. By Cathy Strongman. (NA7117.5 S77 2008)

Reference Books:

Encyclopedia of Global Warming and Climate Change. (Main Campus & Chico Center – QC981.8 G56 E47 2008)


Encyclopedia of Obesity. (Main Campus & Chico Center - RC628 E53 2008)

eBooks:

Nanotechnology and the Environment. By Kathleen Sellers. (NetLibrary)

Statistics

During the Spring semester of 2009, 1,343 new print books and 2,681 eBooks were added to the collection. Librarians on the Main Campus and at the Chico Center answered 9,981 questions (approximately 122 questions each day), provided a total of 54 bibliographic instruction sessions (37 on Main Campus, 17 at the Chico Center) to 1,505 students, and taught 26 drop-in workshops, 3 Flex workshops, and 1 section of our fast track one-unit LIS class.

On the Main Campus, on average, 1,431 persons entered the Library every day during the Spring semester. Monday is the busiest day of the week with an average of 1,695 persons. 6,821 books were circulated and an additional 273 books were processed via Interlibrary Loan.

At the Chico Center Library, we have 384 items on reserve to serve 7,432 students in 243 classes. These items circulated 3,284 times in the Spring semester. In addition, 46 book requests were processed and delivered from the Main Campus to the Chico Center.

Media Services for Distance Learning on the Main Campus has checked out 711 videos and proctored 1,021 tests; and at the Chico Center, 112 videos were watched and 1,046 tests proctored.

From January to April, 2009, a total of 156,855 searches were performed in our electronic databases. The most heavily used databases are EBSCO, ProQuest, and SIRS Knowledge Source.
Get to Know Our Staff

Staff in the Spotlight:

Kevin McCarthy was raised in Southern California and moved to Chico in 1978. After graduating from Chico State with distinction and a teaching credential, he taught high-school English and Civics in Red Bluff. Tiring of the commute, Kevin opted to join Butte College in 1985, a time so distant, the library had yet to acquire its first computer. Originally hired to manage the interlibrary loan and periodical departments, he now works in the reference and circulation departments as well. 24 years later, he still enjoys leaving work with no essays to grade.

Staff News

♦ As a result of a small reorganization, Dr. Luozhu Cen is now the Director of Library Services, Sociocultural Sciences, Social and Behavioral Sciences, and College Connection.

♦ Welcome to Michael S. Smith, our newest adjunct faculty Librarian at Main Campus. Drop by and say "howdy".

♦ Dan Buzan received the “What would we do without you” award. Congratulations, Dan!

Frequently Asked Questions

How do I know if the Library has a certain book?
Check our online catalog by going to the Library Web site at http://www.butte.edu/library/ and click Search for books and eBooks. You can search by title, author, keywords, etc.

Where do I find scholarly journals?
Some of the Library research databases have many scholarly journals. Try EBSCOhost, ProQuest Direct, or Wilson Web. To limit your search results to articles from scholarly journals, check the “scholarly journal/peer-reviewed” box.

Can I bring my laptop and use the wireless Internet connection in the Library?
Yes, absolutely! You will need to use your Butte College assigned e-mail address and password to log into the Butte College wireless connection. An instruction sheet is available at the reference desk.

Is Library service available at the Chico Center?
Yes. The Library at the Chico Center is located in Rm 219. We provide the same services there from book circulation to reference to instruction. Call 879-4398 or 879-4366 for information.

Where do I get reference help when the Library is closed?
You can use our 24/7 online chat-service to get help from a reference librarian. Click on the “Ask-A-Librarian” link on the Library Web page for access. The service is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week!

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