Looking Forward to Another Busy Year

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The Library welcomes you to a New Year and a new semester! We look forward to meeting you, and are ready to help you succeed at Butte College.

Many students, faculty, and staff rely on library resources and services to enhance their overall educational experience at Butte. Therefore, we always try our best to develop and deliver high quality resources and services at the library. Library usage has been on the increase over the past few years. Our reference librarians and circulation staff, both on the Main Campus and at the Chico Center, handle a large volume of service requests from our diverse library users. The demand for computer use in the library Computer Commons has been very heavy. It is not uncommon to see students waiting in line for the next available computer workstation.

Our hard-working and competent library staff team has met the challenge of the marked increase in library usage admirably and successfully. Much of what our library staff does involves selecting, acquiring and organizing print and electronic resources; disseminating the information via a user-friendly and 24/7 accessible library web site; circulating library materials; assisting library users with a multitude of research and technology related inquiries; and teaching information literacy skills.

Please be sure to take advantage of the resources and services the library provides to meet your academic needs. Our online databases of journals, magazines, and newspapers are accessible 24/7 from anywhere via the Internet. Reference assistance is available 24/7 through our virtual chat service. Many of our workshops are available as online tutorials along with handouts and search guides. Please visit the library web page at http://www.butte.edu/library/ to find more information about our library’s resources and services!

We welcome all comments and suggestions as we strive to provide you with the best library resources and services possible.

I wish you all a rewarding and successful New Year and new semester!
News & Updates

In response to faculty and student requests, the Library has added the JSTOR Scholarly Archives to its digital holdings. JSTOR offers full text of important scholarly works published prior to 3-5 years ago. JSTOR also offers links to current content and access to much of the key journals in the humanities, arts, and social sciences; including archaeology, religion, classics and folklore; African, Latin American, Middle Eastern, and Slavic studies; art & architecture; economics, history, political science, sociology, ecology, mathematics, and statistics.

You can access the collections on and off-campus by clicking "Search for Articles" form the library home page at www.butte.edu/library

New Books

Here are a few of our recent acquisitions...

Circulating Books:

Rolling Stone Illustrated History of Rock & Roll: the definitive history of the most important artists and their music.
ML3534 .R64 1992


Beyond the Horizon: the first human-powered expedition to circle the globe, by Colin Angus. G420.A47 A47 2009

Becoming a Digital Designer: a guide to careers in Web, video, broadcast, game, + animation design, by Steven Heller. T65.3 H45 2008

Eve: a novel of the first woman, by Elissa Elliot. PS3605.L447 E94 2009

Selling out America’s Democracy: how lobbyists, special interests, and campaign financing undermine the will of the people, by Alan L. Moss. JK2498 .M67 2008

Reference Books:

Homelessness in America. (Main Campus) Reference HV4505 .H65117 2008

Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association, 6th Ed. (Main Campus and Chico Center) Reference BF76.7 .P83 2010

Statistics

During the Fall semester of 2009, 1,298 new print books were added to the collection. Librarians on the Main Campus and at the Chico Center answered 8,496 questions (approximately 105 questions each day.) They also provided a total of 75 instruction sessions (33 BIs on Main Campus, 18 BIs at the Chico Center, and 12 workshops on each campus) to 1969 students. In addition, we offered 5 Flex workshops and 1 section of both of our fast track LIS classes (1/2 Unit and 1 Unit).

On the Main Campus, on average, 1,714 persons entered the Library every day during the Fall semester. Wednesday is the busiest day of the week with an average of 2005 persons. 8,876 books were circulated and an additional 295 books were processed via Interlibrary Loan.

At the Chico Center Library, we have 347 items on reserve to serve 7,153 students in 233 classes. These items circulated 3,849 times in the Fall semester. In addition, 60 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 237 videos and proctored 821 tests; and at the Chico Center, 2,125+ hours of video were watched and 881 tests proctored.

In 2009, our students and staff logged onto the databases 76,292 times and downloaded 141,871 full text documents. EBSCO databases were the most popular, followed by Proquest and SIRS.
Online Services

You probably already know that you can search for library books and articles online, but the library offers many online services with which you might not be aware. Here are just a few of the things you can do anywhere you have Internet access: Ask-A-Librarian is a 24/7 online librarian chat service that allows you to Instant Message a librarian and get an immediate response to a reference question. You also have the option of emailing one of our librarians. If you are a Chico Center student you can request any main campus library books be sent to the Chico Center for checkout. All students can also renew books online. Interested in a book that the library does not currently own? Fill out our online “Recommend a Purchase” form. You can also use our Interlibrary Loan link to request a book or article not owned by the library. In addition to in-person workshops, the library has posted a number of tutorials online for easy viewing. Faculty members can request a bibliographical instruction session for their class through the "Bibliographic Instruction Request" link. Finally, if you have a comment or want to recommend a change at the library, fill out the online “Comments and Suggestions” form. You can find a link to all these services on the library’s home page under “Online Services”.

Frequently Asked Questions

How do I get help with MyBC Portal (WebAdvisor) & Blackboard?
For help resetting or finding your username/password, call the Student helpdesk at 895-2925. For help navigating MyBC and WebAdvisor, visit the Welcome Center on the first floor of the new Student & Administrative Services (SAS) building.

For help selecting what courses to register for, see a Counselor in the new SAS building. For holds on your account, visit Admissions & Records in the new SAS building.

How do I get help with the FAFSA and applying to the college?
Visit the Welcome Center on the first floor of the new Student & Administrative Services (SAS) building.

Events

Past Events
Halloween Decorating Contest at the Main Campus
Main Campus Library participated in the Halloween Decorating Contest - including a temporary new addition, “Gregory” the resident grim reaper. Although we did not win, Library staff received compliments and smiles throughout the month of October.

Upcoming Events
Weekly Drop-in Workshops
The Library offers workshops on topics ranging from finding books and e-books, researching online and using interlibrary loan through new workshops such as “incredibly useful web sites.” In person drop-in workshops as well as workshops on DVD are available at both the main campus and Chico Center. Check out the workshop schedules on our Library Web site at www.butte.edu/library/. The schedules are listed under Student Learning Resources.

National Library Week April 11-17
For the past several years Butte College Library has celebrated National Library Week with contests, prizes, book recommendations, and fun activities. Take a break from classes and stop by this year!
Get to Know Our Staff

Tiyebah Jodari has been an integral part of the Butte College Library for the past ten years. She is in charge of acquisitions, cataloging, and managing the library's automated system.

She received her Bachelor's Degree in Library and Information Science from the University of Tabriz, Iran in 1975. Since then, she has worked as a reference librarian in academic and special libraries. In public and academic settings, she has served as a system administrator and worked in acquisitions and cataloging.


She enjoys being an active part of the campus community and has served on several hiring and self-study accreditation committees.

When she is not working, Tiyebah enjoys spending time with her family and friends, traveling and exploring different cultures and cuisines. She is a snow-ski enthusiast and loves exploring the outdoors.

Farewell Retirees—We will Miss You!

Kevin McCarthy—Interlibrary Loan Department

Kevin McCarthy started working for Butte College in 1985 as a Library Technician. Over the past 25 years Kevin has worn many different hats while continuously working at the Library.

When Kevin retires at the end of May he is going to do whatever comes to mind. Other than that the only thing he is sure of is that he will NOT be getting up first thing in the morning!

Bonnie Hansen—Media Services for Distance Learning—Main Campus

Bonnie Hansen started working for Butte College in 1987 as a Library Technician for Media Services. Over the past 23 years Bonnie has worked as a Secretary for Media Services and in 2000 she took over Cameo and took on the title of Instructional Associate for Educational Technology.

When Bonnie retires at the end of June she is going to work at a mission in Chico for the Church of Scientology. When she is not working, she may take a cruise and relax!

Stop by this semester and say goodbye to these two dedicated and hard working Butte College employees. They will be sorely missed by the entire Butte College Library Staff.

Kevin and Bonnie, we wish you a happy retirement and thank you for a JOB WELL DONE!