

Library Newsletter

Inform your Mind

Cerritos College

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Welcome to the sixth edition of the Cerritos College Library Newsletter. The purpose of the newsletter is to tell you about the library treasures that can help you succeed as a student. It will also keep you up to date on all library happenings so you will always have access to the best services and resources. This edition highlights our new Library Club. Be inspired this semester @ YOUR library!



Hi everyone,

Did you know the library now has a club? We currently have over 70 members that eagerly joined to find out more about the library services and resources. The club's purpose is to provide activities that will quench students' thirst for knowledge. Student officers were recently selected and numerous activities will soon take place. Several members are already volunteering at the library and their extra help has been deeply appreciated. Library orientations have also been offered to the members to enhance their ability to conduct their own research. Would you like to join? You can **sign up at the circulation desk**. For more information, please contact us.

Club Advisors,

Monica Lopez and Paula Pereira

“Why join the Library Club? The Library Club is a way for newcomers to become proactive without being intimidated by preexisting members. Everyone can relate to reading because it can expand anywhere from video games to scientific journals. Not only that... but for freshman willing to transfer to a prestigious school-it's probably the most easily available and most flexible (continued) volunteer work.” --*Bianca Baires* (Club Treasurer)

“Being a college student, it is easy to find many types of information on the internet but alas, not many of sites can be reliable. On top of that, many instructors do not accept Wikipedia or Yahoo! Answers quotes on the term papers that they assign. It is reasons like this that I joined because in doing so, I have inside information on how to find the required material in the library's vast collection, I get to collaborate with my fellow members on many topics ranging from homework to the latest novels, and along the way I get to make many new friends.” -- *Anonymous club member*



**JOIN US
TODAY!**

Get in on the ground floor and be a part of the formation of a fun new Cerritos College club!!

As a member of the library club you can:

- Create exhibits and displays
- Write articles for the *Library Newsletter*
- Add posts to the *Library Blog*
- Lead and/or participate in *Book Discussion Groups*
- Lead and/or participate in *ESL Reading Groups*
- Lead *Story Hours* for kids
- Volunteer in the library
- Attend **Library Orientations**
- Learn about all the exciting careers in the library and information field
- Organize fundraising events
- Earn *Service Credit* for your program
- And much more...

Visit the [library club blog](#) to find out about the activities taking place. The blog can be found on the library homepage. Tell us what you think!

The Collection Development Process

The Cerritos College librarians would like to familiarize you with the library's collection development process at Cerritos College. The library's primary objective is identical to that of our college: to provide high-quality, academically rigorous instruction in a comprehensive curriculum that respects the diversity represented in our student body and region. The college library is an educational service and the selection of its library materials is an educational function designed to implement and complement the curriculum.

The goal of the library's collection development process is to meet the curricular and lifelong learning needs of our students. This goal is accomplished through professional and subject expertise of library faculty who work in conjunction with classroom faculty to continuously identify new titles for addition to our collection. Individual library faculty are assigned specific subject areas and are responsible for working with classroom faculty in those disciplines.

Quick Fact

Approximately 1,100 news books were ordered between July-November 2009

Inspiring Exhibitions @ Your Library

This semester we have had several enriching displays acknowledging different events. Among the past display themes were Classical Music Month, Hispanic Heritage Month, and the Day of the Dead. The displays are frequently accompanied by survey questions where students and the staff have been avid participants, sharing interesting thoughts. For the Day of the Dead, the question "Who would you honor in your altar?" was asked. Answers included family members, celebrities, soldiers, and religious icons. Our current display showcases interesting artifacts related to the Native American culture, including beautiful dream catchers, a buffalo pelt, native tea, and much more. The exhibit will be available until the end of the semester.

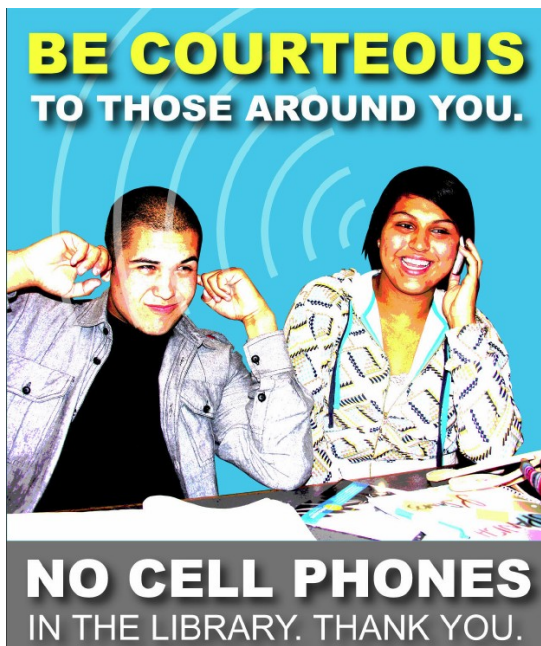


New Librarians!



The library hired five adjunct librarians to staff the reference desk and work on several projects. Please join us in welcoming them to the Cerritos College family.

Mary Augugliario - Reference
Collette Childers – Distance Ed
Mellanie Reeve – Reference
Karen Vogel – Reference



When you walk into the library you will now see several of the above sign. The library staff understands your need for a quiet place to study. Please, be courteous and set your cell phones to vibrate when you are at the library. When you receive a call, go out into the lobby to talk.

Did You Know the Library Offers LIBRARY 100 Classes?

The classes are offered to students who want to learn how to locate, evaluate, and utilize reliable information for course-related and research purposes. Sounds interesting? Below is a list of Library 100 classes being offered in the Spring 2010.



LIBRARY 100 SECTIONS AVAILABLE SPRING 2010

Traditional Section – Course #20377

Instructor: Mitchell, V

Come to the Library Reference Desk and sign-up for an orientation as soon as you have enrolled in the course.

Traditional Section – Online – Course #20378

Instructor: Sampson, L

ORIENTATION and ALL course work submitted online. See course website for directions: <http://www.cerritos.edu/lsampson>.

Course #23259 - Online

Instructor: Sampson, L

"Exploring African American History and Culture through Library Research" ORIENTATION and ALL course work submitted online. This course is open to all students and is especially helpful to students enrolled in ART 108 or HUM 108. Visit the instructor's website for more information and instructions: <http://www.cerritos.edu/lsampson>.

Learning Communities:

Course #23257

Instructor: Moore, D

"FYE University Transfer House I Learning Community"

This LIBR 100 class is part of the FYE University Transfer House I Learning Community. You must enroll in PSYC 251 and ENGL 100. For additional enrollment information call (562)860-2451 x2782.

Course #24012

Instructor: Lopez, Monica

"S.T.A.R.S. – Students Taking Action to Reach Success" FYE House B1

This LIBR 100 class is part of the FYE House B1 – S.T.A.R.S. Learning Community. You must also enroll in ENGL 52 and COUN 200. For additional enrollment information, call (562)860-2451 x2782.

Course #23255

Instructor: Lopez, Monica

"S.T.A.R.S. – Students Taking Action to Reach Success" FYE House B2

This LIBR 100 class is part of the FYE House B2 – S.T.A.R.S. Learning Community. You must also enroll in ENGL 52 and COUN 200. For additional enrollment information, call (562)860-2451 x2782.



Librarians Lorraine Gersitz and Monica Lopez outreaching to students at the beginning of the Fall Semester.

Library Quiz

Can you pass it?

You are doing research on Euthanasia for your English 52 class. How do you get started?

- a) Ask your neighbor
- b) Look for reliable information on Wikipedia
- c) Go to Google and hope for the best
- d) Go to the library and ask your librarian
- e) Chat with your librarian

Answers: d and e

SCHOOL ID REQUIRED FOR CHECK OUTS!



If you have not yet obtained your school I.D., please visit the I.D. center (inside the game room) to get yours today. Effective **September 15, 2009**, students will need to have their school I.D. to check out books.

Did you know your school I.D can be your copy card? Take it to the circulation counter and we will activate it for you. Just add value and you are set!

Attention Professors: Schedule a Library Orientation

Are you starting to plan your class assignments for Spring 2010? Don't forget to schedule a library orientation for your students!

The Cerritos College Librarians offer one-hour orientation sessions covering basic library and research skills. We also offer more customized orientations that focus on in-depth research techniques in all disciplines.

Whether your students have to write a report, a critical essay, or a research paper, the librarians will show them how and where to start. We will make sure they don't get lost in the overwhelming sea of information.

Information Competency, or Literacy, is the ability for students to **Find, Evaluate, Use, and Communicate** information in a variety of formats. It is essential for success in college and in life.

During the orientation students will learn about:

- Organization of the Cerritos College Library
- Finding Books Using the Online Catalog
- Finding Scholarly Articles in Databases
- Evaluating Internet Resources
- Research Strategies and Techniques
- Citation Formats

FALL LIBRARY HOURS

Monday—Thursday
7:30 am - 9:00 pm

Friday
7:30 am - 3:00 pm

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