

Library Newsletter

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Cerritos College

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Welcome to the fourth edition of the Cerritos College Library Newsletter. It is a pleasure to share library news with you. The purpose of the newsletter is to enhance awareness of how your library can help you become a successful student. Take advantage of the multitude of information that is easily available to you. Enjoy a cozy Spring at YOUR library!



I am truly delighted to join the faculty, staff and administration of Cerritos College as Dean of the Library and Learning Resource Center. Having worked at a private California university, a University of California campus, a California State University campus, and now a California Community College campus, I think I can consider myself a real veteran of the California higher education system. I look forward to the opportunities and challenges I will face here at Cerritos College as I navigate this new environment, and I am eager to get to know the new friends and colleagues I will meet here. If you see me around the campus or in the Library/LRC please say hello, and be sure to let me know if there's anything the faculty or staff here can do to help you.

Carl Beniston, LRC Dean

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African American History Month

Test Your Knowledge!

United States history is filled with courageous and impetuous African Americans who paved the way to a less discriminatory society. Want to test your knowledge of African American History? See if you know who these renowned icons are.

- Maya Angelou
- Johnnie Cochran
- Coretta Scott King
- Harriet Tubman
- Miles Davis
- Malcolm X
- W. E. B. Du Bois
- Rosa Parks
- Louis Armstrong

Have you missed anyone? Contact a librarian at the reference desk if you need help.



February is African American History Month and the library staff have assembled a display to honor African Americans who positively impacted our society. This year's theme, established by the Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH) is titled "**Quest for Black Citizenship in the Americas**".

The display features a timeline of events that significantly changed the direction of African Americans' lives. Throughout our history, incredible milestones were accomplished by many civil rights activists, poets, writers, athletes, abolitionists, professors, and most currently a United States President.

Enjoy the exhibit! We hope it helps you broaden your knowledge of African American history.



If you'd like to get a better understanding of African American History or even write your research paper on this thought provoking topic, you might want to take a look at our display of featured books. Approximately 115 books were carefully selected to represent the history and culture of African Americans. For the entire month of February these books will be located in the first section of the **New Books** shelves.

HAVE A GREAT TIME AT YOUR LIBRARY!



LIBRARY HOURS HAVE CHANGED!

Monday—Thursday
7:30 am - 9:00 pm

Friday
7:30 am - 3:00 pm

Saturday
9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Library Closed:

Feb. 13 - Feb. 16 -
President's Weekend

April 6 - April 12
Spring Break

May 23 - May 25
Memorial Day Weekend

Over 3,500 Students Visit the Library Daily

If you are a frequent library user, you have probably noticed how busy the library has been this semester. Students have been particularly interested in the following services and resources:

- ◆ Checking out textbooks
- ◆ Contacting librarians with research questions
- ◆ Using the copiers
- ◆ Doing group projects
- ◆ Reading magazines and newspapers
- ◆ Studying in the main study room
- ◆ Browsing databases

CHECK IT OUT

The library will soon have a Bulletin Board where you will be able to check information on library news. Find out about library classes, blog, newsletter, databases, research guides, job openings, new books, among other wonderful resources. Stay tuned!

THE LIBRARY BLOG IS HERE!



Take some time to check out the brand new **Cerritos College Library Blog**. It's right on the **Library Home Page** and it was created by the library staff with YOU in mind!

The library staff will post a variety of educational, informative, and fun materials related to the library and its services. Stay up to date on events, displays, and other significant happenings in the library by reading the blog regularly. It's fun and informative!

Chat Room

Need an answer but can't get to the library? Try the library's new IM service and connect with a Cerritos College Librarian!

Get the answers you need right from your desktop or laptop. Library Chat is available every hour the library is open. Take advantage of this service to keep on top of your assignment deadlines.

Visit the **Library Home Page** and click on **Library Chat** and see how easy it is to contact your librarian online.



Meet your librarians: (from left to right): Lorraine Gersitz, Monica Lopez, Debra Moore, Lynda Sampson, and Valencia Mitchell.

Librarians can be seen in action at four different library settings: public, special, school, and academic. Depending on the library of practice, a Master's Degree in Library and Information Science (MLIS) is required. Such is the case here at the Cerritos College Library where all our librarians and the Library Dean have the MLIS degree.

In an academic library like Cerritos College, there are a variety of activities that library professionals perform. Librarians who prefer to work behind the scenes may choose duties in cataloging, collection development, or systems and database management. Librarians who prefer to work with the public often work at the reference desk, in the circulation department, and teach classes on research materials and methods. Librarians at Cerritos College are actively engaged in all of the activities listed above.

If you are interested in pursuing a career in librarianship, keep in mind that any bachelor's degree from an accredited institution can be used to enter an MLIS program. Here in California there are two schools that offer the MLIS degree—UCLA and San Jose State. Both these schools are accredited by the American Library Association, an important consideration when selecting a Library School.

For more information on the UCLA program check out the [UCLA website](http://is.gseis.ucla.edu/programs/degrees/mlis_program.htm) at http://is.gseis.ucla.edu/programs/degrees/mlis_program.htm UCLA even offers a Doctorate in Library and Information Science. Although San Jose State University is located in Northern California, a satellite program is available through California State University Fullerton. The majority of the classes in this program are offered online. For additional information on the San Jose/ Fullerton program go to the [CSUF website](http://slisweb.sjsu.edu/index.htm) at <http://slisweb.sjsu.edu/index.htm>

Here at Cerritos College we currently have five full-time and seven part-time librarians. All are members of the faculty here on campus. One of our classified staff members is working full-time and going to library school. So, are you feeling inspired to learn more about the librarians' world? Our librarians would be happy to talk to you about the library profession. Stop by the reference desk to find out more or give them a call at (562) 860-2451 ext. 2425.

Attention Professors!

Place Your Course Textbooks on Reserve Today!

More than ever, students are coming to the library for course textbooks and other required materials. In just the first three weeks of the Spring 2009 semester, students borrowed 2,667 reserve materials! Students also checked out over 260 videos from the CAI lab.

This semester, professors placed over 120 items on reserve for students. You too can place materials that are in high demand by your students on Reserve in the Library or in the CAI Lab. Please go to the [Library Home Page](#) click on [Information for Faculty](#) then click on [Reserve Information](#) or call ext. 2430.



The library staff would like to thank **Dean Linda Rose** for overseeing the library prior to the arrival of Dean Carl Bengston.

LIBRARY WORD SEARCH #3: FAMOUS LITERARY CHARACTERS

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H	N	C	H	I	L	A	L	X	L	N	O	C	R	W	O	C	E	C	S
D	Q	L	F	W	V	L	F	O	L	A	A	M	G	L	H	W	R	N	E
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- DRACULA
- GULLIVER
- DR. FRANKENSTEIN
- BEOWULF
- DON QUIXOTE
- TOM SAWYER
- EMMA BOVARY
- ROMEO
- DR. JEKYLL
- ROBINSON CRUSOE
- CHILLINGSWORTH
- BRUTUS
- JANE EYRE
- FRODO
- MR. DARCY

Library 100

Have you heard about the Library 100 courses? No!?! **Library 100: Introduction to Library Resources** is a one-unit course that helps students become information competent – developing the knowledge and ability to find, evaluate, use, and communicate information in various formats. Students are introduced to the organization of information in libraries, the use of print and online resources to locate information, the criteria used to evaluate information, the steps required for doing a research paper, and the preparation of a bibliography.

Library 100 is an open-entry/open-exit, self-paced course and transferrable to the UC and CSU systems. This semester you will find Library 100 offered as stand-alone, online, and Learning Communities special topic and paired courses. More information and a list of [course offerings](#) is available on the [Library 100](#) page via the [Library Home Page](#).

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Did you Know?

Approximately 200 reserve items are checked out daily!

Come to the library and check if your professor has placed materials on reserve.

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