

Library News

College of Alameda

*The COA Library strives to be a learning-centered library
for a diverse community.*
- COA Library Mission Statement

Library Workshops

September 2008

The Library faculty will be teaching several one hour drop-in Library workshops. No registration is necessary. There are three different workshops being offered at a variety of dates and times:

- **Research I: Research Process**— how to develop a research topic, identify keywords, construct search statements, and search the online Library catalog (list of books).
- **Research II: Databases and the Internet**— time saving techniques for efficiently searching the Library's online article databases and the Internet.
- **Research III: Evaluating, Citing and Plagiarism** — strategies for evaluating books, articles and websites; creating a works cited list; and an overview of plagiarism.

Please encourage your students to attend the workshops. All workshops will begin next to the Library's reference desk. A flyer with the schedule is available for download on the Library's webpage (under *Workshops*).

Book Displays

This month the library displays books in support of Hispanic Heritage Month which begins on Sept. 15, the anniversary of independence for five Latin American countries - Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua. In addition, Mexico declared independence on Sept. 16 and Chile on Sept. 18. Come visit the display on the 1st floor of the Library.

Update of Science and Technology Books

The Library is beginning a review of the circulating books, starting this year with the sciences and technology. The faculty from these disciplines will be helping with the review. Books that are outdated or no longer relevant for our curriculum will be replaced with new books that support our current science and technology curriculum. In future years, we plan on reviewing the books in the other disciplines.

Research I: Research Process	Tues., Sept. 16: 8:00-9:00am	<i>Gerstle</i>
	Thurs., Sept. 11: 11:00-11:50am	<i>McKenna</i>
	Thurs., Nov. 6: 12:00-1:00pm	<i>Sparks</i>
	EVENING: Wed., Oct. 1: 6:00-7:00pm	<i>Fields</i>
Research II: Databases & Internet	Tues., Oct. 21: 8:00-9:00am	<i>Gerstle</i>
	Thurs., Sept. 18: 11:00-11:50am	<i>McKenna</i>
	Thurs., Nov. 20: 12:00-1:00pm	<i>Sparks</i>
	EVENING: Wed., Oct. 15: 6:00-7:00pm	<i>Fields</i>
Research III: Evaluating, Citing & Plagiarism	Tues., Nov. 18 : 8:00-9:00am	<i>Gerstle</i>
	Thurs., Sept. 25: 11:00-11:50am	<i>McKenna</i>
	Wed., Dec. 3: 12:00-1:00pm	<i>Sparks</i>
	EVENING: Wed., Oct. 29: 6:00-7:00pm	<i>Fields</i>



Student Learning Outcomes

The Library is entering our 2nd semester of assessing student learning outcomes for our instructional programs. Starting in Fall 2007, we assessed our sequence of three workshops (see pg. #1). The three librarians each assessed one sequence of workshops using unique assessment tools designed for their particular session. The assessment tools and results were shared at a librarian meeting and are currently posted on our library website at

<http://alameda.peralta.edu/Projects/20013/LIS500SLOAssessSummaryReportandAnalysFa07.doc>



Textbooks on Reserve

The Library has limited funds to purchase reserve textbooks. We need your help. Please consider donating a copy of your current textbook to the library's reserve collection. Keep in mind, staff needs 24 hours notice to remove or add items to reserve. Questions about reserve? Contact Arvid Williams at 748-2122.

Library Hours (1st Floor):

Mon.– Thurs.: 7:45am—7:50pm

Friday: 7:45am—4:50pm

Saturday and Sunday: *closed**

**Saturday hours were cut due to lack of funding*



Attention Faculty

In order to check out books and place items on reserve, faculty need a faculty identification card. Pick up your free faculty card in the Student Activities Office in F116.

Just a friendly reminder that if you are going to bring your class to the Library, you need to schedule this with a librarian. You need to remain with your class during the entire time that the class is scheduled. If you have any questions, please contact the reference desk at 748-2398.