

# Library News

College of Alameda

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

- COA Library Mission Statement

November 2009

## NEW Easy Reader Collection

Thanks to funds from Measure A, the library is proud to offer students access to our new Easy Reader Collection. The collection includes books that support ESL and new adult readers. The Easy Reader Collection is housed to the left of the periodicals in our lounge seating area. A special thanks to Mimi Leonard and Andrea Safir for their advice and recommendations.



## Library Demand Increases as Hours Decrease

The number of textbooks checked out and the number of library instruction sessions requested has significantly increased over the past few years while simultaneously the open hours have been reduced. For example, the number of textbooks checked out from the reserve desk increased by 25% from the previous year. In addition, the total number of classes receiving library instruction through orientations and workshops also increased by 25% from the previous year. Access to the textbooks and library instruction are high demand services but the library has difficulty meeting the demand when hours continue to be cut. Thanks to Measure A, the Peralta Foundation (facilitated by Dr. Compton and Dr. Jackson) and the Academic Senate for providing funds for the purchase of textbooks.

## Book Display

Please come by the Library to see the new displays for this month. Two intertwined communities are represented by book related to culture, heritage/history, politics and literature for the National Hispanic History Month Celebration and the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender History Month.



## Library Blog

Check out the new library blog @ <http://ealameda.org/wp/library/about/>. The link is also on the library homepage. Here's the place to an voice idea, suggestion, and/or concerns about your library.

## Welcome Back Jane!

Jane McKenna, Access Services Librarian, has returned from maternity leave. Her daughter, Fiona, was born on March 5, 2009 and is now 8 months old. Fiona is already on the verge of crawling and has her first two teeth. How time flies! Congratulations Jane and welcome back!



## 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.– Wed...:** 7:50am—6:50pm\*

**Thurs.:** 7:50am—7:50pm

**Friday:** 7:50am—4:50pm

**Saturday and Sunday:** closed

*\*close hour earlier due to budget cuts*



## Attention Faculty

Just a friendly reminder that if you are going to bring your class to the Library, you need to schedule this with a librarian. Plan 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.