

Library News

College of Alameda

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

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Meet our New Library Staff Members

Be sure to give a warm welcome to our two new staff members, Caitlin Gilbert and Glenda Gardner.

Caitlin has been with the College of Alameda library since June 2009; beginning in the periodicals department then moving to the library office. She graduated from UC Berkeley in May of 2009, with a BA in Anthropology. In her spare time she enjoys arts and crafts, including sewing and jewelry making.

Glenda Gardner is in charge of the Periodicals. She came to COA from the San Leandro Public Library. Glenda is originally from Canada, she enjoys reading and gardening.



Assessment Results for the Library Course—LIS85

In order to assess the SLOs for LIS 85 (2 unit course on library research), the COA Library analyzed all of the final projects (an annotated bibliography) from the Su10 section for evidence regarding TWO of the course outcomes. The results of the assessment are as follows:

- Outcome #1: *Locate, evaluate, synthesize, organize and present credible information that fulfills an identified information need.* Results: 17 experts, 3 satisfactory, 1 unsatisfactory, 3 not submitted.
- Outcome #2: *Identify ethical and legal issues that affect information.* Results: 17 experts, 3 satisfactory, 1 unsatisfactory, 3 not submitted.

Retention data showed a 100% retention rate (each semester) of LIS85 for 2009-2010 (up from 92% the previous year). The average success rate for LIS85 in 2009-2010 was 79% (up from 67% the previous year).

In addition, the library reviewed the course evaluations. Below, are highlights from the evaluations:

- 100% of respondents said they either strongly agree or agree with the statement that "After completing the course, my knowledge about how to find information and what is academically acceptable has increase."
- 100% of respondents said to a large degree or some degree that "After completing the course, I feel more comfortable and competent using libraries."
- 95% of respondents said they either strongly agree or agree with the statement that "Now I feel more confident in finding useful sources of information for assignments in other classes."

Outcomes, rubrics, data and analysis on LIS85 can be viewed on the COA Library's homepage under *Library Handouts*.

Online Reference available by LIVE CHAT

A COA Librarian will be available to answer reference questions via live, real-time chat between the hours of 1-3pm on Mon.—Thurs. To test it out, go to the library webpage at <http://alameda.peralta.edu/library>.

New Books

Thanks to Measure A, the Library was able to purchase over 1,000 new books. Check out the New Book Lists at <http://alameda.peralta.edu/library> (click on Library Handouts).

Check Out Our New Databases

The library is now offering students, staff and faculty access to several new databases. Stop by the Reference Desk to get a username and password that will allow you to access these databases from home. The databases provide access to thousands of magazines, journals and reference resources that are not available on the “free” Internet. Some of our new databases include:

Biography Resource Center— biographies of current and historic people from credible sources.

Alt Health Watch— articles, some from peer reviewed journals, covering topics in complementary and alternative medicine.

Auto Reference Center—includes vehicle repair info, care tips and recall info.

Vocational and Career Collection—articles from trade and industry periodicals.

For a complete list of databases available through the COA Library go to the Library's webpage and click on *Article Databases*.

Library Hours (1st Floor):

Mon.– Thurs.: 7:50am—6:50pm

Friday: 7:50am—3:50pm

Saturday and Sunday: closed

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, the staff needs 24 hours notice to remove or add items to reserve. Questions about reserve? Contact Arvid Williams at 748-2122.



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.