

# 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

February 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*).

<b>Research I: Research Process</b>	Wed., Feb. 13: 10:00 - 11:00am	<i>Gerstle</i>
	Tues., Feb. 19: 11:00 - noon	<i>Sparks</i>
	Thurs., May 8: 3:00 - 4:00pm	<i>McKenna</i>
	<b>EVENING:</b> Mon., Feb. 25: 6:00-7:00pm	<i>Fields</i>

<b>Research II: Databases &amp; Internet</b>	Wed., March 12: 10:00-11:00am	<i>Gerstle</i>
	Tues., March 18: 11:00-noon	<i>Sparks</i>
	Thurs., May 15: 3:00-4:00pm	<i>McKenna</i>
	<b>EVENING:</b> Mon., March 31: 6:00 - 7:00pm	<i>Fields</i>

<b>Research III: Evaluating, Citing &amp; Plagiarism</b>	Wed., April 9: 10:00-11:00am	<i>Gerstle</i>
	Tues., April 15: 11:00-noon	<i>Sparks</i>
	Thurs., May 22: 3:00-4:00pm	<i>McKenna</i>
	<b>EVENING:</b> Mon., April 21: 6:00 - 7:00pm	<i>Fields</i>

## Book Displays

Check out the new displays in the library -- one of books about dance around the world & the other about black history, in honor of February's Black History Month. The display cases are now left open, so that students can look through the books and check them out if they're interested. --  
*Shirleen Schermerhorn*



## NEW Library Books

Thanks to Measure A, the Library has expanded funding to purchase new materials. In Spring 2007, we added over 200 new titles. Check out the list of New Books on the Library's homepage under the Faculty Resources link. Faculty are encouraged to make suggestions for purchase. Please send recommendations to David Sparks at [dsparks@peralta.edu](mailto:dsparks@peralta.edu).

## Library Orientations Proven to Benefit Students

The Library, with the help of Debra Banks, was able to look at college data from last year to determine the following:

**English 1A students who attended the library's orientation sequence of three workshops (see schedule on 1st page) had a higher overall GPA than those English 1A students that did not take the three workshops.**

So, with that in mind, consider encouraging your students to attend the library workshops.



## Meet a Librarian Corner

The COA Library relies heavily on adjunct librarians to cover the Reference Desk in the evenings and weekends. Barbara Fields and Loretta Webb are two of our wonderful adjunct librarians. If you have never met them, next time you are in the library in the evening or on a Saturday, stop by the Reference Desk and introduce yourself. They are an amazing resource!

### **Greetings from Barbara Fields, COA Adjunct Librarian**

*It has been a wonderful experience working as an adjunct librarian at the College of Alameda. I especially enjoy teaching and encouraging older returning students; I can relate to their experience.*

*I earned a Bachelors Degree at Holy Names College and a Masters Degree at the University of California Berkeley. I have been a school librarian for the past 30 years.*

### **Greetings from Loretta Web, COA Adjunct Librarian**

*The Community College System works! I am a product of this system: starting out at Oakland City College (now Merritt), transferring to Hayward for my B.A. and on to UC Berkeley for a Masters Degree in Library Science. Information is power, and working with students on the research process affords me the opportunity to help students navigate the information highway. I have worked as an adjunct librarian for 17 years and as a school librarians for 30 years.*

## 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:** 10:00am—2:50pm

**Sunday:** CLOSED

## 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.