

# 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 2007

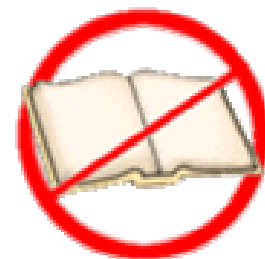
The Library faculty will be teaching several one hour drop-in Library workshops. No registration is necessary. There are three different workshops being offered at a variety of dates and times:

- **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*).

### Banned Books Week is Sept. 29 - Oct. 6

During banned books week, come to the lobby to see the Library's display of books that have been banned/challenged throughout the years. In support of the right to choose books freely for ourselves, College of Alameda Library is sponsoring a display of Banned Books for Banned Books Week (September 29 - October 6, 2007), an annual celebration of our right to access books without censorship. Now, more than ever, celebrate the freedom to read @ your Library! Elect to read an old favorite or a new banned book. Be sure to pick up a handout on how to learn more about censorship!



### 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).

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| <b>Research I: Research Process</b> | Mon., Sept. 17: 10—11am                   | <i>Sparks</i>  |
|                                     | Wed., Sept. 26: 11—noon                   | <i>Gerstle</i> |
|                                     | Wed., Oct. 31: 2—3pm                      | <i>McKenna</i> |
|                                     | <b>EVENING:</b> Mon., Nov. 5: 6:30-7:30pm | <i>Fields</i>  |

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| <b>Research II: Databases &amp; Internet</b> | Mon., Oct. 15: 10—11am                    | <i>Sparks</i>  |
|  | Wed., Oct. 31: 11—noon                    | <i>Gerstle</i> |
|  | Mon., Nov. 5: 2—3pm                       | <i>McKenna</i> |
|  | <b>EVENING:</b> Mon. Nov. 19: 6:30-7:30pm | <i>Fields</i>  |

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| <b>Research III: Evaluating, Citing &amp; Plagiarism</b> | Wed., Nov. 14: 10—11am | <i>Sparks</i>  |
|  | Wed., Nov. 28: 11—noon | <i>Gerstle</i> |
|  | Wed., Nov. 7: 2—3pm    | <i>McKenna</i> |
|  | <b>EVENING:</b> TBA    | <i>Fields</i>  |

## Library's Databases Available from Off-Campus



College of Alameda students, faculty and staff now have access from off-campus to all 18 library research databases. These online resources include thousands of journals, magazines and newspapers as well as encyclopedias in art, music and literature. While access to these databases from home or work will benefit all of our students, those taking distance education or weekend courses will find this new expanded access to be invaluable. Librarians Steve Gerstle, Jane McKenna and David Sparks worked with Bala Sampathraj, Joe Camara and Linnea Wren of Information Technology to implement the EZProxy software that makes this possible. The College of Alameda is the first Peralta col-

lege to implement this new service.

Faculty, staff and currently enrolled students may receive login instructions and passwords by presenting a current student ID at the Library's Reference Desk. Encourage your students to take advantage of these valuable resources.

## The Library is Getting a Facelift

Thanks to the passage of Measure A, over the next few weeks the Library will receive a long overdue makeover. We will be installing new carpet, blinds, security gate, paint and wallpaper. The Library is also in the process of ordering new furniture. The work will take place during closed hours and should not impact library hours or services.



Historic Photo 1969, Akron-Summit Public Library

## 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 (new hours)

**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.