

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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Library Workshops

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 at the library's reference desk. A flyer with the schedule is available for download on the library's webpage (under *Workshops*).

Research I: Research Process	Mon., Jan. 30: 1:30 - 2:30pm	<i>Gerstle</i>
	Mon., Feb. 6: 1:00 - 2:00pm	<i>Sparks</i>
	Wed., March 8: 1:30 - 2:30pm	<i>Sparks</i>
	Tues., April 4: 11:00 - noon	<i>McKenna</i>
	Thurs., May 4: 11:00 - noon	<i>Sparks</i>
	EVENING: Mon., Feb. 27: 5:00 - 6:00pm	<i>Fields</i>

Research II: Databases & Internet	Mon., Feb. 13: 1:00 - 2:00pm	<i>Sparks</i>
	Wed., March 15: 1:30 - 2:30pm	<i>Sparks</i>
	Tues., April 18: 11:00 - noon	<i>McKenna</i>
	Thurs., May 11: 11:00 - noon	<i>McKenna</i>
	EVENING: Wed., March 8: 5:00 - 6:00pm	<i>Fields</i>

Research III: Evaluating, Citing & Plagiarism	Mon., Feb. 27: 1:00 - 2:00pm	<i>McKenna</i>
	Wed., March 22: 1:30 - 2:30pm	<i>Gerstle</i>
	Tues., April 25: 11:00 - noon	<i>Sparks</i>
	Thurs., May 18: 11:00 - noon	<i>McKenna</i>
	EVENING: Mon., April 17: 5:00 - 6:00pm	<i>Fields</i>
	EVENING: Wed., May 15: 5:00 - 6:00pm	<i>Fields</i>

Library's NEW Databases



The library now subscribes to several new online databases. These databases include literary critiques; biographical information about authors; and articles from literary magazines and journals. You must be in the library to access these online collections but it is often possible to e-mail information from these databases. To check out these new databases and all of our other databases go to the Library homepage and click on *Article Databases*.

Contemporary Authors (Infotrac) -- Provides complete biographical and bibliographical information and references on more than 120,000 U.S. and international authors.

Contemporary Literary Criticism Select (Infotrac) -- critical essays on contemporary authors. Each CLC--Select entry contains a biographical/critical introduction, listing of principal works and sources for further study.

Dictionary of Literary Biography (Infotrac) -- Provides nearly 10,000 biographical and critical essays on the lives, works, and careers of the world's most influential literary figures from all eras and genres.

New Library Webpage— <http://alameda.peralta.edu/library>

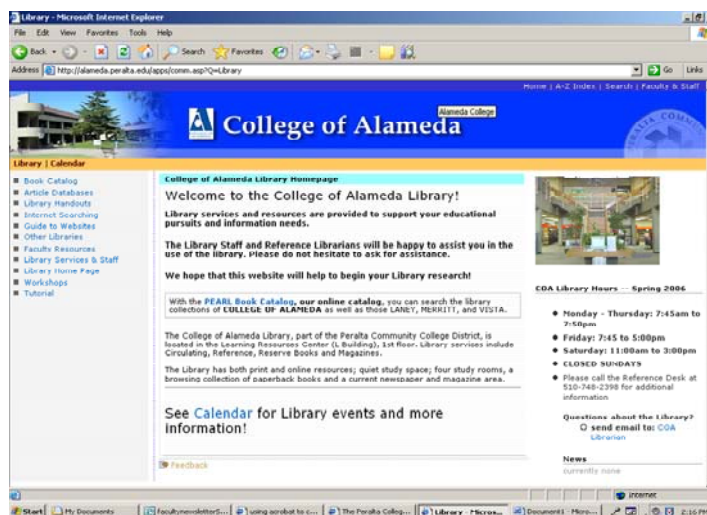
The librarians have designed a wonderful new webpage with many new resources such as:

- Instructional handouts covering how to cite sources, evaluate sources and search the Internet.
- A guide to the web that lists frequently used websites organized by subject.
- A calendar listing library events and workshops.

We are adding new content daily so be sure to take a look.

Textbooks and Audio Visual on Reserve

The library's funds for reserve print and audio visual materials continue to be under funded. We need your help. Please consider donating or loaning a copy of your current textbook to the library's reserve collections. For questions about print reserve contact Arvid Williams at 748-2122. For audio visual reserve questions call Sami Ali at 748-2282.



Library Cards for Faculty

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