

Library News

College of Alameda

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

- COA Library Mission Statement

Welcome Back Faculty and Staff

COA Library Faculty & Staff invite you to come by and check-out our library services, including our print and electronic resources.

Stop by the library to search our collection for relevant materials needed for your courses, to put materials on reserve (books, pamphlets, and especially any extra copies of texts), or to make requests for new materials. Also, feel free to share with the librarians copies of your syllabi, course assignments, or reading lists.

Librarians are available for consultation on the development of effective research assignments. We especially encourage collaboration on research assignments and papers using the Internet and online electronic periodical databases that require special "search" skills.

Your library faculty is committed



ted to teaching library, academic and other information literacy and research skills to our students. Please come by in advance to arrange a library resources orientation (print and electronic resources). We can also prepare subject-specific handouts to enhance research instruction.

The library faculty and staff

asks your assistance in helping to maintain quiet and appropriate student behavior. Study groups are asked to use one of the four study rooms. Due to limited space, advanced notice is required, if you are bringing groups of students to the library.

We look forward to an exciting year working with all of you.

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Special points of interest:

- Check out our Webpage on the College Homepage @ <http://www.peralta.cc.ca.us/coa/library/coahmpg.htm>
- Take a look at the forms included in this packet. (New Books Request Form and Orientation Request Form)
- Come by and welcome our new librarian – Jane McKenna! Jane transferred over from Laney Library where she worked as the Instructional/Media Librarian.



Library Workshops

The library faculty will be teaching several one hour drop-in library workshops. No registration is necessary. In these workshops students will learn to identify information sources, develop a research question, locate credible infor-

mation, evaluate information and cite sources. We encourage you to ask your students to attend one of these workshops. All workshops will begin at the library's reference desk.

Workshop dates and times:

- **Wed., Sept. 28, 11:00—noon, Jane McKenna, Librarian**
- **Thurs., Oct. 13, 1:00-2:00, Steve Gerstle, Librarian**
- **Tues., Oct. 25, noon—1:00, Jane McKenna, Librarian**
- **Wed., Nov. 9, 5:00-6:00, Barbara Fields, Librarian**
- **Mon., Nov. 28, 12:30-1:30, Steve Gerstle, Librarian**

Library Databases



The library subscribes to several full-text article databases. These databases include articles from newspapers, scholarly journals, popular magazines and reference books. You must be in the library to access these online collections but it is often possible to e-mail information from these databases.

WE ALSO HAVE MANY NEW FULL-TEXT MAGAZINE & NEWSPAPER DATABASES AVAILABLE FROM THE LIBRARY & OPEN LABS INCLUDING:

Countrywatch -- Includes political, economic, social, and environmental information and data for 192 countries, stories from global news agencies, and maps.

CQ Researcher -- Explores a single "hot" issue in the news in depth; is written by journalists and experts; includes charts, graphs, & pro-con.

Ebsco Search Premier -- Provides articles from over 1,530 journals covering most subject areas.

Encyclopedia of Life Sciences -- Includes articles in such areas as biochemistry, cell biology, ecology, evolution, genetics, immunology, microbiology, and plant science.

Ethnic Newswatch -- A collection of newspaper, magazine and journal articles from the ethnic, minority and native press.

Grove Dictionaries of Art, Music and Musicians -- Reference resources for the visual arts and music, including Western, Non-western, & Popular.

Infotrac -- Journal and magazine articles from 1980 through the current month. Subjects include religion, law, history, psychology, humanities, current events, sociology and more.

Lexis-Nexis Academic Universe -- Provides access to hundreds of national and local newspaper articles, laws, business news, company info., medical info., political polls and surveys.

Flex Day Presentation

Brush up on your research skills by attending the Oct. 9th flex day presentation of *Introduction to Library Services and Resources for Faculty and Staff*. The workshop, facilitated by Steve Gerstle, David Sparks and Jane McKenna, will be given in the College of Alameda Library from 1:30-3:00pm. Participants will receive hands on instruction in the use of library resources, including online databases.

Library Budget Reductions

Library collections are still greatly effected by State, District and Campus budget reductions. As a consequence, the library canceled a majority of our periodical/magazine and reference subscriptions. With limited resources, librarians must make difficult choices regarding the collection.

Librarians urge faculty to come by and make recommendations towards updating essential library resources in your discipline.



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