Supporting Student Success and Retention
– Message from Dr. Luo Zhu Cen, Dean for Student Learning

The library welcomes you to a New Year and a new semester!
The California Community College system is in a period of unprecedented innovation and reinvention focused on increasing the number and percentage of our students successfully completing their educational objectives. **The mission of our library is to deliver quality resources and services to support students in their learning, and help them succeed.**

We strive to provide our students with the most up-to-date resources possible. Our collection of print books, eBooks, and e-Journals with millions of full-text articles can be located anytime from a [single search box](#) at the Butte College Library website. Our librarians are available for [research assistance](#) through a variety of formats, including 24/7 e-mail and “Ask a Librarian Now” live chat as well as telephone during regularly-scheduled hours. Individual research consultations are available in-person by appointment.

[Library Instruction Videos](#) and the online [Research Paper Learning Module](#) provide students the opportunity to learn at their own pace and revisit the information as much as they need to.

Faculty are encouraged to take full advantage of the Library's course-related [library instruction](#) and Library Instruction Videos.

I wish you all a rewarding and successful New Year and new semester!

## Service Highlights

### Interlibrary Loan
Did you know you can borrow books and get access to academic articles that Butte College Library does not own?

It is called Interlibrary Loan and the service is available to all registered students, faculty, and staff. Last semester Butte College borrowed over 100 books and articles from other libraries in California and across the country. And it is easy to request the service. Just search for a book or article in our online catalog. If Butte College Library does not own it or does not have access to it, you will see a button titled “Request Item through Interlibrary Loan”. Click the button and fill out the short form. You will receive an email that we got your request, and you will be notified when your requested item arrives on campus. Keep in mind, though, that it can take a week or longer for books and other items to arrive, so plan ahead. Further instructions can be found at [www.butte.edu/library](http://www.butte.edu/library). Just click on “Interlibrary Loan” under services.

### Book Request

**Placing a hold** for a book owned by Butte College Library has never been easier. You can use the library online catalog, call us at 879-4017, or stop by in person to place a hold for any circulating book (except reserved items) to be picked up at the Main Campus Library or at the Chico Center Library. To request a book, use the search box on the library home page to find the item in our catalog. Click on the title; then click on the “Place Hold” button, log in, and choose the pick-up location. You will be notified when the item is available for checkout.
News & Events

- **Banned Books Week** took place the week of September 22. There were informational displays about censorship issues, news on banned and challenged books, and recent free speech cases on college campuses. Quite a few students entered a writing contest asking for opinions about censorship issues; congratulations to Jessica Bartlett, who won a Kindle, and to the 24 students who won $5 gift cards!

- We have recently added 36 reference titles to one of our eBook collections - Gale Virtual Reference Library. Now you can access 1,242 reference titles (801,423 documents) in the GVRL collection through the Library website from anywhere with Internet connection.

- $2000 was awarded to our media collection to add about 10 DVD titles on global education. Thanks to Dan Buzan for applying the Global Education & Outreach Grant!

- The theme for the National Library Week 2015 is Unlimited Possibilities at your Library! Butte College Library will be celebrating National Library Week at the Chico Center and Main Campus the week of April 12th - 18th with contests, prizes, giveaways, cookies, displays, and book recommendations! Make sure you stop by!

- The Library offers two one-credit courses, LIS 11 and LIS 126. LIS 11 is a transferrable “research skills” class, covering everything from sources for discovering and developing topics through in-depth credibility testing techniques and writing annotated works cited lists. LIS 126 is geared toward students who are a little less sure about online skills. This course focuses on understanding different information types, tips for finding information in a variety of sources, and how to evaluate information for accuracy.

Staff on the move

**Getting to Know Our New Team Member**

Sabrina Martin was hired in October 2014 as a Library Media Technician at the Chico Center Library. Sabrina started her college career at Butte with the intention of getting her general education completed and transferring to another college, and ended up staying here to complete a Graphic Design degree. She got a job as a student assistant in the library in 2012, but her enjoyment of libraries didn’t start there. Throughout her life Sabrina has always had a love for books and a thirst for knowledge. In high school she also worked in their library during her free period, helping to organize and catalog books and help other students.

During her spare time she likes to read, volunteer at theaters, watch local bands, draw, and (of course) watch Netflix with her cat Yoda.

**Retiring**

After 24 years as a full time librarian, including cumulative 12 years serving as one of the full time Reference and Instruction librarians at Butte College, Shirleigh Brannon is retiring from both Butte and full time library work at the end of Spring 2015. Shirleigh will return to the SF Bay Area to pick up her longtime hobbies in Irish and Scottish music and dance, theater, gardening, graphic art, and directing a music and dance troupe, though no doubt she will stay active in the library field and hopes to still teach part time in library skills and drama. In addition to her time working at Butte, Shirleigh had also previously worked as a FT drama teacher, collection development coordinator and regional reference coordinator for various county and regional public library systems, and as a senior and supervising librarian for Caltrans. Shirleigh says she is looking forward to this new chapter in life, but will really miss the wonderful staff and students at Butte. Don’t be surprised if you see her popping in for a visit now and then – especially around Halloween....