Looking Forward to Another Busy Year

Message from Dr. Luozhu Cen, Dean of Library Services; Sociocultural Sciences; Social and Behavioral Sciences

Along with my colleagues at the main campus and Chico Center Libraries, we hope the spring semester at Butte is going well for all new and returning students, faculty, and staff!

To be more effective, the Main Campus Library modified its fall 2010 pilot schedule and has a more efficient schedule for the spring semester. Since January 3, the Main Campus Library has been open Monday through Thursday from 7:30am to 6:00pm and 7:30am to 12:00pm on Fridays.

Please be sure to take advantage of library resources and services to meet your academic needs. Our online reference service is available 24/7 for help and research assistance via online chat and e-mail. In-person and telephone assistance are available during regular hours.

I encourage all faculty members to take advantage of the library bibliographic instruction program and schedule a bibliographic instruction session with a librarian to teach your students research methods and information fluency skills. Reserve collections have been expanded to include not only books and reading materials but also DVDs at both the Chico Center and Main Library. You may place a DVD on reserve for your students to view.

The general media collections of DVDs and VHS have been centralized at the Chico Center Library in CHC 219. These audio-visual materials are available for faculty members on the main campus to borrow upon request.

We welcome all comments and suggestions as we strive to provide you with the best library resources and services possible.

Best wishes for the New Year and the spring semester!
New Books

Here are some recent additions...

Circulating Books:


Homeland: the illustrated history of the state of Israel. By Marv Wolfman (DS118.W65 2007)


Reference Books:


1001 albums you must hear before you die. (ML156.9.A18 2010).
Services Highlight—Group Study Rooms

Can I use the group study rooms on the 3rd floor?
Yes, if you are studying in a group for a common class. Access for four of the rooms is on a first-come, first-serve basis for groups.

The largest group study room is for groups of 3 or more by reservation only. Please visit the reference desk (Main floor, LB) to make a reservation.

These rooms are for student use only, and are for use by groups (2 or more persons) of Butte College students.

You may not use these rooms for games, sleeping, phone calls, individual use, or group use not related to academic study at Butte College. The rooms are not for use by individuals at any time.

Please, no food or drink, and keep cell phones turned off while in the building.

Violations of this policy may result in temporary or permanent loss of privileges.

Other group study rooms are available in the LRC at the center for Academic Success.

Frequently Asked Questions

Can I place a hold on an item that is currently charged to another patron?
Yes! You can now place a hold on an item that another patron has checked out. Just come to the Circulation or Reference Desk and tell the person who is working which title it is that you would like to place a hold on. When the item is returned we will notify you by mail.

What do I do if the textbook for my class is not on Reserve?
Great question! Items that the Main Campus and Chico Center Libraries have on reserve have been placed there for your use by your instructor or their department. If your textbook is not there, it means that your instructor or their department has not placed the item on reserve. Just go to class and ask your instructor to place your textbook on reserve and they most likely will accommodate you!

The Case of the Phantom Login:
Students may be wondering why the Library’s workstations kept asking for login information during Fall Semester; the librarians were wondering that too! It turns out that the workstations and network were “booting up” in the wrong order. As of December 2010, all of the machines have been re-set to boot in the correct sequence, so you should no longer see those pesky “login” requests. If you still do, just press the “escape key” two or three times and let the Reference staff know what happened.

More questions?
Visit the FAQ on our Web site or call the reference desk at 879-4024

News & Updates

New BookScan Station

Tired of wasting paper? Now you can scan items onto a flash drive or into an e-mail instead of making numerous paper copies. The BookScan station is the newest way Libraries and Universities across the nation are contributing to a greener environment and Butte College is proud to be the first Community College in California to offer this technology. Check out the new BookScan Station at the Main Campus Library.

The Library is on Facebook!
Please join us on Facebook for library news, announcements, and reference tips. Just search Butte College Library on Facebook and “Like” us.
Get to Know Our Staff

Meet the newest member of Library Services, Janet Palermo, secretary to the Dean of Library Services, Social & Behavioral Sciences and Sociocultural Sciences. Janet also administratively supports the discipline of Communication Studies.

Janet joined Library Services in August. Formerly she supported Butte's Language Arts Department. “Community College has provided the path for “re-invention” for me!” says Janet. She earned a Certificate to teach Early Childhood Education from Diablo Valley College and taught for many years in Berkeley. The move to Chico brought attending Butte College to polish up Business Education skills as the next chapter of Janet’s work life. The Butte experience was such a positive one, she sought employment here beginning as a student assistant. Janet’s personal pursuits include treating Bidwell Park like the great backyard it is for Chico, reading and canoeing.

Library Staff

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Dan Buzan: Chico Center 219 (879-4366)

Reference Librarians
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Morgan Brynnan: LB 302 (879-4020)

Reference Librarians (part-time)
Louise Lee: Chico Center 219 (879-4398)
Jean Ping: LB 302 (879-4067)
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Service Highlight

Weekly Drop-in Workshops
The Library offers workshops on topics ranging from term paper research to extreme Googling. Drop-in workshops are available at the Chico Center. Workshops on DVD are available at the Main Campus Library, Chico Center Library, and Glenn Center. Check out the workshop schedules on our Library Web site at www.butte.edu/library/. The schedules are listed under Student Learning Resources.

Events

Past Events
Halloween Decorating Contest at the Main Campus
Main Campus Library participated in the Halloween Decorating Contest and took First Place with the Dizzy Witch Café! The Café was complete with tantalizing lady’s fingers, baked bats and much more! Check out our Facebook page to see the pictures. Credit for the decoration goes to Gerardo Rosas, a student assistant working at the main campus library. Thanks Gerardo!

Upcoming Events
National Library Week April 10-16
For the past several years Butte College Library has celebrated National Library Week with contests, prizes, book recommendations, and fun activities. Take a break from classes and stop by this year as we will have prizes and giveaways all week long at the Chico Center and at the Main Campus! Prizes will include $20.00 gift certificates to the Butte College Bookstore, Free Cookies and much more!