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**THE NEWSLETTER OF THE COUNCIL OF CHIEF LIBRARIANS
CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGES
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CCL PRESIDENT'S UPDATE:

Many of us have worked long and hard to give shape to a climate where funding for library resources and library technology was an accepted norm ... a given, even. Maybe not *generous* funding, but real and stable and deliberate.

Perhaps, however, we should be grateful to the Governor. His budget choices have certainly served as a reality check!

But seriously, this crisis is a reminder: we must develop and sustain links -- to faculty, students and others on our campuses -- by which we constantly talk about what we're doing, what we're planning, what we're trying to accomplish. And part of that talk needs to be about what we spend, what things cost, and what more our programs will need.

These are not easy conversations to have or to sustain, especially if one's campus culture doesn't operate that way. But it was only because we've been talking about these issues at a state level for a good while that we saw CEO's and CIO's working to protect budget resources for library and learning resources programs.

While the Tech2 funds were not increased for 2001-02, neither were they diminished in any way. Libraries still receive more than \$36,000 (a little less than last year because a new college has come into existence) to spend on online electronic information resources. While there has been some concern that the Tech2 guidelines are too tightly drawn, too narrow or otherwise too confining, those guidelines have served to protect that money for use by libraries/LRCs.

Your CCL Board and officers will take a long, careful look at strategies and next steps. Your ideas and suggestions about how to keep building that supporting, affirming climate are important! Please let us know! And, remember, CCL has financial resources which allow us to do more or to do things in new ways.

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Newsletter Information

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The editor for the 2001-2002 year is Dr. Susan Walsh, the Director of Merced College's Learning Resources Center.

We encourage and appreciate contributions from our colleagues and friends.

The next newsletter deadline is
Submit contributions to:

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Susan Walsh, Merced College LRC
3600 M Street, Merced, CA 95348

Or to:

susan@merced.cc.ca.us

The Council of Chief Librarians Web site is located at :



C.C.L. WEBSITE

<http://www.cclccc.org>

This web page has been set up to provide information for community college librarians.

Many thanks to Johanna Bowen at the Cabrillo College Library for developing and maintaining this page for us.

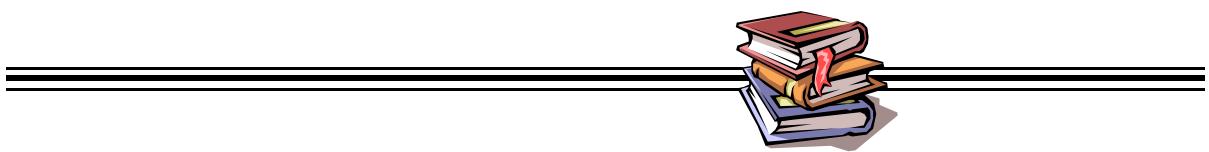
Check it out and send comments, suggestions, and outright praise (if you feel like it) to:

Johanna Bowen jobowen@cabrillo.cc.ca.us

RECOMMENDED PROFESSIONAL READING

Title: Civic responsibility and higher education.
Editor: Ehrlich, Thomas
Pub. Date: 2000
Publisher: American Council on Education / Oryx Press
ISBN: 1 57356 289 0 Binding: Hardback
Price: \$35

Title: Digital reference service in the new millennium
Author: Lankes, R. David, Collins, John W., and Kasowitz, Abby S., editors
Pub. Date: 2000
Publisher: Neal -Schuman Publishers
ISBN: 1 55570 384 4 Binding : Paper Price:
\$65





Calendar of Events

- F.A.C.C.C
SEPTEMBER 28-29 SAN FRANCISCO
- LRACCC BOARD MEETING
OCTOBER 5
- COUNCIL OF CHIEF LIBRARIANS BOARD MEETING
OCTOBER 11 SACRAMENTO
- CHANCELLOR'S OFFICE LRC DEANS AND DIRECTORS MEETING
OTOCER 12 SACRAMENTO(SEE ANNOUNCEMENT FOLLOWING)
- CALIFORNIA VIRTUAL CONFERENCE
OCTOBER 14-15 HUNTINGTON BEACH
- CALIFORNIA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING
NOVEMBER 2 – 5 LONG BEACH
- COMMUNITY COLLEGE LEAGUE
NOVEMBER 15-17
- COUNCIL OF CHIEF LIBRARIANS BOARD MEETING
JANUARY 25, 2002 ONTARIO
- CCL ANNUAL MEETING
FEBRUARY 8, 2002 OAKLAND(SEE ANNOUNCEMENT FOLLOWING)
- COUNCIL OF CHIEF LIBRARIANS BOARD MEETING
APRIL 12, 2002 SAN JOSE

**ACRL INSTITUTE FOR INFORMATION LITERACY
INSTITUTIONAL STRATEGIES: BEST PRACTICES**

The Best Practices project Team is currently seeking applications from institutions with programs that exemplify best practices in information literacy and wish to participate in an invitation conference. The deadline for application is November 16, 2001. For more information, go to their website at

<http://www.ala.org/acrl/nili/bestprac.html>

Meeting Announcements



ANNUAL TRAINING AND STAFF DEVELOPMENT MEETING OF THE
LIBRARY AND LEARNING RESOURCES DEANS & DIRECTORS, CALIFORNIA
COMMUNITY COLLEGES

FRIDAY OCTOBER 12, 2001 FROM 9 A.M. TO 4 P.M.
SACRAMENTO MARRIOTT, 11211 POINT EAST DRIVE, RANCHO CORDOVA, CA

The deadline for registration is October 3, 2001. Meeting registration form and tentative agenda are posted on the chancellor's Office Educational Services Economic Development web site at www.cccco.edu



COUNCIL OF CHIEF LIBRARIANS ANNUAL MEETING
TECHNOLOGY PLANNING - THE NEXT STEPS
GUEST SPEAKER: JOAN FRYE WILLIAMS

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2002
OAKLAND AIRPORT

Details of this meeting will follow in the October Outlook



People News

Cabrillo: Sylvia Winder, Reference Librarian

Ohlone: Elizabeth Silva, LRC Coordinator
(faculty) - Newark Center

Mira Costa: Gloria Sipman, Technical Services Librarian

Sacramento City: Gregg Atkins, Dean of Learning Resources

L.A. City: Barbara Vasquez, Head Librarian

**The Council of Chief Librarians
has a new address:**

Letter to Dan Walters, Sacramento Bee, from Brian Haley
THANK YOU, BRIAN HALEY, FOR LETTING US REPRINT THIS.

Dear Mr. Walters:

I know that you are aware of the California Community College (CCC) System's chronic funding problems. I am not writing to complain about

that issue, but rather to point out an important fact concerning the Governor's recent line item vetoes that most people would not notice. The CCC System, for the first time in recent memory, sustained a \$98,000,000 cut to critical "on-going, in-the-base" budget allocations. I am referring to the Governor's veto of \$44,000,000 from the on-going 3:1 matched pot (3 dollars from the state matched by one dollar from the local college district) earmarked for "Instructional Equipment and Library Materials" and the 1:1 matched pot dedicated to the maintenance of campus facilities.

The Governor used the cover of an over-all 6+% increase for community colleges as compared to a 5.8% or so total budget increase for the UC and CSU systems. At first glance, it appears to the average citizen that this is pretty fair. However, what is not apparent is the fact that the CCC System enrolls approximately 10 times the number of students as the UCs and 4 or 5 times the number in the CSUs. Further, because of the large number of employees in the CCC System (faculty, administrators, and classified staff) the 6 % increase the CCCs received is pretty much tied down by contractual agreements. Most CCC campuses have specific language for how COLAs are to be allocated (usually to employee raises.) COLA accounts for 3.87% of the CCC

System increase in the new budget. The other 3% increase is in the category of growth. Most CCC districts have great difficulty reaching their growth targets largely because they lag behind other higher educational institutions in the quality and upkeep of the facilities on their campus

(particularly in the areas of PE and Science) and their poor technology base (both too little, and too old hardware and software and a woeful lack of adequate numbers of technical support staff.) A third chronic area of weakness is insufficient numbers of electronic instructional resources and books in their libraries.

I would like to conclude this letter with a recent quote from one of your columns (about the "melting pot" nature of the huge 101 billion dollar state budget) and a quote of my own from an email I sent this morning to our Instructional VP at Sierra College. The point you are making in regards to the disconnect between revenue sources and funding allocations in order to serve short-term political expediency at the expense of long-range needs can also be applied, in my opinion, to an equally troublesome disconnect between budget cuts and the program consequences of those cuts. In other words, a \$98,000,000 cut in one area might be far more catastrophic to California citizens than an equal amount of money cut from a different budget area. But how is the public supposed to find out about these "shell-games" when only a relatively small number of insiders know about them? "The problem with such on-again, off-again financing, whether it be for local public works projects or state highways, is that it undercuts the first principle of rational public works, which is to create and maintain a long-term approach tied to demand. Highways and other transportation facilities are vital to California's future and, by their nature, require long-range planning. But they are just now pots of money subject to the short-term whims of Sacramento politicians. And that's what's really wrong with the budget system."---DWalters.Sac.Bee (7/29/01)

Thanks for your time, Dan.-----

Brian Haley, Dean, Learning Resources,
Sierra College (916-789-2900)

News Notes



- ✓ Council of Chief Librarians membership invoices will be mailed in early October. The cost of membership including the subscription to the OUTLOOK is now \$100.
- ✓ OCLC is now forming a national advisory committee for community college libraries. Rita Jones (San Francisco City College), Gregg Atkins (Sacramento City College), and Carolyn Norman (Chancellor's Office) were invited to attend the initial meeting in Dublin, Ohio late this summer.
- ✓ The Ad Hoc Committee for the Library and Learning Resources Data Survey still has openings and the call for members remains open. The charge of the committee is to review and make recommendations concerning the current survey and the pilot report. If you are interested please respond to Denise Sims at dsims@cccco.edu
- ✓ The Ad Hoc Committee for the Learning Assistance / Tutorial Data Survey still has openings and the call for members remains open. The charge of the committee is to review and make recommendations concerning the current survey and the pilot report. If you are interested please respond to Denise Sims at dsims@cccco.edu
- ✓ The September issue of the California State Library CONNECTION is now available at <http://www.library.ca.gov>. The latest issues explores the role of school libraries in the Library of California and profiles the Belle Cooledge Community Library Barbie Exhibit.
- ✓ CCL is providing the online database County Watch for the third year at no cost to our members. The Board is exploring the possibility of providing another online resource at no cost to members.
- ✓ Library of California Regional Networks have begun providing resources to their members. For example, the Sierra Valley Library network has provided a northern California newspaper database while the Golden Gate Library Network has provided a collection of 600 E Books and the Heartland Regional Library network has provided OCLC's First Search for 3 years. Contact your Regional Library Network Office to see what is happening in your region.

- ✓ The Library of California has also arranged for all LOC members to join AMIGOS and receive that consortium's prices on services and materials. Contact your Regional Library Network Office for more information.

**The Council of Chief Librarians, CCC seeks
a new Executive Director.**

**The Executive Director works
with the CCL Board, and particularly with the officers,
to manage the work of the organization
and to help provide services to members.**

CCL is still looking for that special person who will serve as Executive Director. The stipend has been enhanced and the job responsibilities have been re-worked. If you are interested and cannot wait for the details in the October Outlook, contact Gregg Atkins, atkinsg@scc.losrios.cc.ca.us



A Note from the Editor

It would be impossible for me to send out this edition of the Outlook without adding some recognition of the loss we all have suffered and of the gallantry, generosity, and heroism that has been shown by our friends and colleagues across the United States since Tuesday morning, September 11, 2001.

Many feel a great need to do something. I urge you to consider giving of yourself and your time, not just now during this time of crisis and recovery, but continuously in an ongoing commitment to our communities.

National and local charities need support all the time. It is a rare moment when Blood Banks have all the supplies they need. Make a resolution to donate

**blood regularly, to be kind when it is needed the most,
and to share in the sorrows and joys of your neighbors.**

Susan Walsh