



The Newsletter of the Council of Chief Librarians
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News from the President....

CCL has a primary goal to facilitate communication by maintaining the listserv, publishing the *Outlook* newsletter, and sponsoring workshops and annual meetings. Given the size of our state and the CCC system, I am personally delighted with the level of active participation and communication that librarians enter into with respect to this goal. I want to go a step further this month and encourage another level of participation:

1. Please volunteer to be an EAR member from the East Central, Southwest Bay, or the Northeast regions.
2. Please volunteer to run for the CCL representative position on the Executive Board from the Northeast, Northwest, East Central, Desert, West Central, and Southcoast.
3. Please volunteer to run for the Presidency of CCL

CCL cannot continue to serve the membership without people stepping up and working within the organization. I have loved being the president and before that I was on EAR and the Exec Board. The two Vice Presidents for Instruction that I have worked for have been very supportive of my statewide activities. Sometimes someone has to step up and speak for CCL and for all Community College Libraries and I hope every one of you can see yourselves taking the skills you use on your campus to represent your library and transferring those same skills to representing all our sister campuses at the state level. There will be more information here in the *Outlook*, on the Web page and in the listservs. Think about it.

If you are reading this letter, I hope you are a regular reader of the *Outlook*. The November issue of the CCL *Outlook* was the last issue to benefit from the superior editing skills of **Susan Walsh, Director of Learning Resources at Merced College**. Susan began editing the *Outlook* in September 2000 and worked tirelessly over the past five and a half years to collect and publish the news and items of interest to California Community College Librarians. I am particularly fond of her habit of listing the latest books being read personally by folks who had gathered for a meeting. The discussion about books we enjoyed reading was a welcome diversion from worrying about funding and the lists

Mona Martin, Dean of Learning Resources at Santa Monica, is our new editor (bless you Mona) and I hope that all of our membership will continue to think of the *Outlook* as place to share news from the libraries. Please keep sending Mona material for us all to read.

The Chancellor's office is sponsoring a Tech III planning retreat in May and before that time I hope to have a dialog on the listserv with everyone about what our priorities are in libraries.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Johann Bower'.

NEWSLETTER INFORMATION

CCL *Outlook* is published by the Council of Chief Librarians six times per year. We encourage contributions from our colleagues.

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Professional Opportunities Around the State

(for more information, go to the CA Community Colleges Job Registry :
www.cccregistry.org)

American River College - Public Services Librarian Assistant Professor
Chabot Community College: Public Services Librarian
City College of San Francisco: Cataloging/Acquisitions Librarian
Coast Community College: Librarian
Cosumnes River College - Public Services Librarian Assistant Professor
El Camino Community College: Systems Librarian
Folsom Lake College - Public Services Librarian/Access Services
Glendale Community College: Associate Dean, Library and Learning Resources
Lake Tahoe Community College: Director, Library and Media Services
Los Rios Community College District: Public Services Librarian
Modesto Junior College: Dean of Library, Learning Resources & Technology
North Orange County Community College: Systems Librarian
San Diego Mesa College: Online Services Librarian
Santiago Canyon College: Reference Librarian
West Hills College (Coalinga): Librarian
West Hills College (Lemoore): Librarian
West Valley College: Instruction/Outreach Librarian
Yosemite Community College: Dean of Library, Learning Resources and Technology



Of Interest....

Pasadena City College Library is in the 20th year of their "Artist in Residence" program. The selected artist exhibits his/her work in the library and at the end of the exhibit donates one piece to the College to be on permanent display in the library. A nice way to acquire an art collection!

Music to study by...**Columbia College** has a monthly "Second Friday Musical Interludes in the Library" program. Larry Steuben arranges to have musicians perform at noon in the library breezeway.

The **Columbia College** Board of Trustees has endorsed the creation of a \$750,000 Library endowment. This is the first fund-raising effort at Columbia for a specific department.

Santa Monica College Library is now in its second year of providing best sellers to their students. The \$ 4,000 annual cost of the McNaughton collection is paid for by the Associated Students.

Dr. Ramchandran Sethuraman is the new Department Chair at **Long Beach City College**. Welcome, Ramchandran!

Southwestern College has begun a pilot program of renting textbooks to students. Let's watch this experiment!

Taft College Library has moved into another temporary location (their former auto shop) while they wait for construction on their library/lrc building to be completed. Although it might sound unusual, Mimi Collins reports that their new home is working out well.

Vista College will be changing its name to **Berkeley City College** in June 2006.

Ed Tennen has retired from **Morepark College** (but continues to work part-time). Faten Habib is the new Department Chair. Welcome, Faten!



Google has begun a newsletter for librarians and the first issue is devoted to answering the most asked question: How does Google collect and rank results?

http://www.google.com/newsletter/librarian/librarian_2005_12/article1.html



The Technology, Education, and Copyright Harmonization Act (TEACH Act) is now law. TEACH updates copyright law

pertaining to transmissions of performances and displays of copyrighted materials. The TEACH Toolkit is a great resource for understanding this copyright legislation. Check it out at: <http://www.lib.ncsu.edu/scc/legislative/teachkit/index.html>



The TEACH Toolkit

An Online Resource for Understanding Copyright and Distance Education

GET READY TO VOTE! NOTICE OF CCL SPRING ELECTIONS

What about **you**? Why not **you**? Are you interested and ready to serve on the CCL Board or as President? In April 2006, elections will be held for all of CCL's elective positions.

What makes CCL continue to work well and accomplish great things for the CCC libraries is that *active, dedicated and thoughtful chief librarians* keep stepping forward to lead and maintain the organization. Without CCL ... well, it wouldn't be pretty, folks.

Take a look at the list of offices shown below. In many cases, the incumbent is termed out and cannot run for another term. And it's always o.k. to have multiple candidates for an office.

PRESIDENT (2-year term)

- * The current President, Johanna Bowen, cannot run again.

REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVES (2-year terms)

- * *Southwest Bay* – current rep, Loritta Ford (will run for 2nd term)
- * *San Francisco / East Bay* – current rep, Jim Matthews (will run for 2nd term)
- * *Northeast* – vacant
- * *Northwest* – current rep, Will Baty, cannot run again
- * *East Central* – current rep, Evia Moore, cannot run again
- * *Desert* – current rep, Dennis Vanderwerff, cannot run again
- * *West Central* – vacant
- * *Los Angeles* – current rep, Mary Ann Laun (will run for 2nd term)
- * *San Diego / Imperial* – current rep, Mary Hart (will run for 2nd term)
- * *Southcoast* – current rep, Cheryl Stewart, cannot run again

Think about it. The job duties for these jobs are included in this issue of the *Outlook*. Call your current rep, or CCL President Johanna Bowen (831- 479-6536), or CCL Executive Director Gregg Atkins (707-678-1805) to talk about it and find out more.



DUTIES OF THE CCL AREA REPRESENTATIVES

1. Representative (and facilitator, coordinator, organizer) of one of ten areas
 - Area's link to rest of membership
 - Resource to other members of area
 - Convener of one area meeting per semester
 - Information gatherer from within one area
 - Representative to Executive Board
 - Attend 3-4 Board meetings per year; attend workshops, annual meetings, etc.
 - Help develop annual workplan; establish policies and direct actions
 - Help determine annual membership amount
 - Appoint Executive Director and set stipend
2. Provide information about Board activities to area
 - Fax or e-mail summary minutes
 - E-mail to discuss new issues, opportunities, etc.; survey area on specific issues when necessary
 - Phone calls
3. Assist with membership work
 - Work with Executive Director to recruit colleges
 - Help acknowledge renewals
4. Assist with CCC data survey
5. Work on Board ad-hoc task forces and committees as necessary

DUTIES OF THE CCL PRESIDENT

1. Directs the affairs of the Council
 - Preside over meetings of the Council
 - Call special meetings of the Council as required
 - Establish and maintain communication with Council members
2. Chair of Executive Board
 - Develop agendas for Board meetings
 - Monitor work assignments between meetings
 - Handle correspondence concerning Board work, policies, etc.
 - Carry out work as directed by Board
 - Select vice-presidents
3. Direct work of the Executive Director
 - Coordinate membership activities
 - Help maintain archives and records
 - Monitor fiscal activities
 - Serve as chair of evaluation committee
4. Act on behalf of Executive Board to expedite council work
5. Attend regional meetings
6. Represent Council and Executive Board on CCCCCO Library & Learning Resources Programs Advisory Committee
7. Serve as Council liaison to CIO Board; attend CIO Board meetings
8. Represent Council and Executive Board with other groups as required, especially the CCC Chancellor's Office (Consultation, Board of Governors)

What to think about the System Strategic Plan? How did libraries fare? What's next?

Well, good news: the BOG-approved plan (www.ccc-systemstrategicplan.org) incorporates an ACRL-like description of information literacy (B.1 Basic Skills, p. 28) and **enshrines it as a critical Basic Skill that every incoming student should have or master**. (And this wasn't in the previous drafts.)

More good news: the plan still identifies **librarians** as someone with whom students must have direct interaction and contact to insure effective learning and academic progress (B.5 Teaching & Learning Effectiveness, p. 38).

Probably good news: the plan still declares that teaching and learning effectiveness is impeded by the **need for expanded instructional support services**. What we do is clearly part of instructional support services, so this serves as a strong reference point for libraries.

Bad news: the as-adopted plan does **not** include our hoped-for statement that teaching and learning effectiveness is impeded by **inadequate learning resources, instructional technology and support**. Despite several last-minute attempts to preserve this line (and even make it stronger with the addition of the word "library"), this language was completely removed.

The CCL Board has taken a careful look at the Plan and at this point feels that the approved version, while not as specific as it should have been, still serves as a vehicle for advancing library issues and needs:

- the information competency section is a very powerful link to the work of California Community College libraries and librarians
- the inclusion of librarians in the section covering *Teaching & Learning Effectiveness* is another construct that puts libraries and librarians within the scope of the Plan
- the need for "expanded instructional support services" can and will be defined by us to include library collections, programs and services.

It's not clear how the Plan starts to be used as a vehicle for change and advancement for the System. CCL will be paying careful attention to that. Each college library should begin to assess how to use the Plan effectively at the local level, and especially to help insure that the accepted definition of *instructional support services* includes libraries.

Gregg Atkins, CCL Executive Director

Student Fee Increases and Overall Budget Uncertainty Triggered Enrollment Decline

SACRAMENTO – Student fee increases and uncertain budgets triggered a decline in enrollment of over 300,000 students during the last two years, according to a recently released report that attributes the changes to ongoing budget crises and a 136 percent increase in student fees implemented in the California Community Colleges system.

According to “Addendum: Impacts of Student Fee Increase and Budget Changes on Enrollment in the California Community Colleges,” a report mandated by the Legislature, student enrollments dramatically declined when fees were increased from \$11 to \$26 per unit during academic years 2003-04 and 2004-05.

“Given the relationship between fees and participation rates, the increase from \$11 to \$18 and subsequently to \$26 per unit in Fall 2004 had a dampening effect on students entering our system -- even in the year when the system budget was restored and more course sections were offered,” explained Chancellor Marshall (Mark) Drummond.

The report, authored by Patrick C. Perry, Vice Chancellor of Technology, Research, and Information Systems, reveals the following:

- The community college system has now lost 314,000 students due to the combined effects of fee increases (in Fall 2003 and again in Fall 2004) and system budget volatility.
- Disproportionately large losses have occurred in older students age 25 and older, and in first-time and returning student populations.
- Although the total student population in the system declined, there was little disproportionate effect on students by ethnicity or gender.
- There was little difference in impact on students from lower income geographic areas, which points to the effectiveness of the system’s statewide financial aid campaign (“I Can Afford College” www.icanaffordcollege.com).
- Even though the latest fee increase, which was enacted in Fall 2004, was accompanied by a budget augmentation to the system, that enabled colleges to offer some 6,000 new course sections, the system headcount continued to decline by 1.33 percent in 2004-05.

The entire text of “Addendum: Impacts of Student Fee Increase and Budget Changes on Enrollment in the California Community Colleges,” is available at <http://www.cccco.edu/divisions/tris/rp/reports.htm>.





News from Sarah Raley...

Consortium Survey

Last fall, a survey was conducted by the consortium. We received ninety responses from our college librarians. Most of the libraries use the consortium web site monthly or semi-annually and 82 libraries read the CCL-EAR committee reviews often or occasionally. Sixty-eight of the responding libraries subscribe to 5 to 14 databases through the consortium. Many libraries provided us with names of databases they buy outside the consortium that might be an appropriate addition to our offers. Several libraries mentioned they'd like to see more electronic books offered.

Librarians were asked what areas of their curriculum needed additional databases to support classes. The top area noted was Science with Vocation Ed/Tech as a close second. Eighty-seven of the librarians responding offer remote access to their databases. Slightly less than half of those (41) are doing so utilizing a username and password.

If you'd like a full copy of the survey results, please email Sarah Raley @ sarah-rale@ccleague.org

Spring Orders

The Master Renewal Forms for spring orders through the Consortium will be sent to each library the end of February. Watch for yours!

Friends Remember Ilene Rockman

Ilene Rockman, Manager of the Information Competence Initiative for the Office of the Chancellor, California State University, passed away November 26, 2005. Rockman worked for the CSU for over 30 years as librarian, faculty member, and administrator and was a well-acknowledged advocate for integrating information literacy into higher education curriculum.

"Her energy, passion, intelligence, commitment and good humor effected me deeply and inspired me."
Cheryl Stewart

"The tribute to Ilene is that she touched and influenced so many of us AND so many of us yet to come." Irene Hoffman

"Ilene really believed there was excellence to be found and practiced in library work. She never ceased to encourage others to follow her lead—publish, speak, travel—be a good representative of the profession." Linda Dobb