



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

Hi Everyone,

CCL has two important events coming up in early Spring. Please be sure to mark them on your calendars.

The Annual Library and Learning Resources Deans and Directors meeting has been rescheduled for March 2, 2007 in Sacramento. The tentative agenda includes a keynote speech by Scott Lay, President of the Community College League of California. CCL partners with the League to provide the great database discounts that we get by ordering through the consortium. Watch for more information on this event!

CCL is working on ideas for a workshop with a planned date of April 27, 2007 to be held in Ontario. We emailed you a survey asking for your input on possible topics for the workshop, including:

- Update on new technologies and libraries (wikis, blogs, RSS feeds, podcasting, etc.)
- Best practices for redesigning and updating library webpages
- Use of course management systems (such as Blackboard or WebCT) to enhance library services

Be sure to complete the survey and let us know what topics you are interested in.

Johanna Bowen and I are members of the Chancellor's Office Telecommunications and Technology Advisory Committee (TTAC). Over the past year, the committee has been developing the Tech III Plan. Tech III will continue the progress made by Tech I and Tech II by increasing funding to TTIP (Telecommunications and Technology Infrastructure Program). The past two TTIP plans funded several library projects, including web-based library catalogs and paying for online databases.

The proposed Tech III plan would provide funding for 12 new projects. Two projects would directly affect libraries. First, colleges would be given funding to provide free wireless access to students in the college library and in one other place, perhaps a student center. The other project would provide funds for vocational database(s), either through a group purchase as we get the CountryWatch database or through additional TTIP funding. Another project that would benefit library users would be to create a portal which would provide students with a single point of entry to all services. This would eliminate the multiple password protocols that students now use to access various services on our college campuses, including library databases. For those colleges that have not been able to provide off-campus access to library databases, this project would help resolve that problem.

Hope you have a great holiday and look forward to seeing you in the early Spring!

Jim

NEWSLETTER INFORMATION

CCL *Outlook* is published by the Council of Chief Librarians six times per year. We encourage contributions from our colleagues. The next newsletter deadline is: January 15, 2007.

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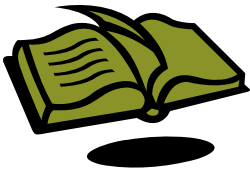


CCL-EAR Needs You!!

The Council of Chief Librarians—Electronic Access and Resources Committee is a singular committee with a central role in examining, reviewing, and recommending electronic resources for our membership. The committee meets six times a year (three face-to-face and three teleconference via cccconfer). You can get a broader picture of the work of the committee from <http://www.cclibraries.org/committee/members.html>. The CCL-EAR Committee has two positions to fill: Chair-Elect/Vice Chair and a Regional Representative for the Northwest region.

Chair-Elect/Vice Chair: If you are a Library Dean, Director, or Department Head with a particular interest in online, electronic resources, please consider becoming the CCL-EAR committee chair-elect/vice-chair. If you would like to get involved with CCL and CCL-EAR committee at the state-wide level, please contact Jim Matthews, CCL President, at 510 / 723-6778 for more details about the expectations of this position.

Regional Representative, Northwest: Starting May 2007, the Northwest region will have an opening for a CCL-EAR regional representative. If you are a librarian with a particular interest in online, electronic resources, please consider becoming the CCL-EAR committee regional representative. The colleges included in the Northwest region are: American River, Cosumnes River, Marin, Mendocino, Napa Valley, Redwoods, Sacramento City, Santa Rosa, Solano. For more information, contact Tim Karas, CCL-EAR Committee Chair, 410 / 855-5164 or tim_karas@wvmccd.cc.ca.us.



Professional Opportunities Around the State

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

City College of San Francisco: Two full-time librarians (application deadline is January 12, 2007)

Fresno City College: Two full-time librarians (application deadline is February 5, 2007)

Long Beach City College: One full-time, temporary systems librarian (open until filled)

San Joaquin Delta Community College: One full-time librarian, Coordinator of Public Services (application deadline is February 2, 2007)



What We're Reading.....

Cherry Li-Bugg: Currently reading *The Return of the Dancing Master* by Henning Mankell and just finished reading *The Inheritance of Loss* by Kiran Desai and *The Hamilton Case* by Michelle de Krelser

Mary Ann Laun: *Mr. Sammler's Planet* by Saul Bellow.

John Koetzner: *California Girl* by T. Jefferson Parker.

Jean Smith: *Brainiac: Adventures in the Curious, Competitive, Compulsive World of Trivia Buffs* by Ken Jennings.

Carol Walsh: *My California: Journeys by Great Writers* by Michael Chabon.

Luozhu Cen: *Tai Chi for Longevity with Polynesian and Alsharqi Techniques* by Angelle Bliss.

Lorrita Ford: *Ines of My Soul: A Novel* by Isabel Allende.

Mimi Collins: *Fahrenheit 451* by Ray Bradbury.

Update From the CCL-EAR Committee

The CCL-EAR Committee evaluates electronic resources, writes and posts product reviews, selects titles for the shared NetLibrary e-book collection, and seeks to discover new, relevant and excellent online resources for California community college libraries.

The Committee has been hard at work this fall. Below is a list of the databases CCL-EAR is currently reviewing.

- Facts on File
- Lexis Nexis Academic Universe
- Grangers Poetry
- Encyclopedia of Life Science
- SIRS
- World Book Encyclopedia
- Content Comparison Review of Literature Products (Gale's LRC; Proquest's LION; EBSCO's Literary Reference Center)

The work of CCL-EAR happens through dedicated, extraordinary professional contributions by those faculty librarians who volunteer to serve on the Committee. To read committee reviews and find out more about the CCL-EAR Committee go to www.cclibraries.org.



2007 Calendar of Events

- January 26 CCL Executive Board Meeting (Ontario)
- February 23 Database Vendor Fair (Walnut Creek)
- March 2 Library Deans and Directors Meeting (Sacramento)
- April 27 CCL Workshop (Ontario)
- May 4 CCL Executive Board Meeting (Ontario)



Want to Meet With Your Colleagues Without Traveling? Use CCC Confer!

By Dan Crump



“The CCC Confer project is located at Palomar College and is funded from an e-conferencing grant from the California Community Colleges Chancellor’s Office. CCC Confer is designed to allow communication and collaboration, using the latest Web conferencing technology, for all staff, faculty and administrators in the California Community Colleges system. It is ADA and Section 508 accessible.”

OK, that is the blurb from the website www.cccconfer.org (please check out the website---it has much more information than I can ever cover). I have to add my testimonial and say that CCC Confer has been great to use. I would have to say the #1 thing I like about CCC Confer is that it is FREE. You use a toll-free number for the conference calls so you are not racking up a huge phone bill for your college or yourself (if you are accessing it from home). The CCC Confer staff has always been super-helpful to me. They can be reached at 760-744-1150, extensions 1537, 1554 or 1542.

I have only used CCC Confer for phone conference calls. It doesn’t replace face-to-face meetings in my opinion, but it has been a great time- and cost-saver for me. You can’t always get five people to schedule time to fly in for a day meeting. But it is fairly easy to schedule those people for a two-to-three hour meeting conference call. I have used it for meetings with Chancellor’s Office staff, state Academic Senate meetings, FACCC committee meetings, and for listening in on Board of Governors meetings.

You can also use it in conjunction with the Internet to do things like share PowerPoint presentations, share software applications, or anything running on your desktop with others using online meetings or events. CCC Confer has also expanded from its original formats to also allow you to interact and collaborate with students---see the website about “Office Hours” and “Teach & Confer.”

It is easy to use CCC Confer (as I say with so many things “If I can do it, anybody can do it”). If you want to set up a call, you go to the main page of the website and “Sign Up for MyConfer.” Once you are signed up, you just turn around and fill out the work form to set up the meeting. The phone-in information will then be emailed to you (as the “Presenter”) and you email the “Participant” phone-in instructions to all the participants. The participants will receive a toll-free number and a pass-code number in order to get in on the phone call.

I know I am forgetting some things to tell you, but feel free to contact me at crumpd@arc.losrios.edu if you have any questions.



News from Sarah Raley...

Students and faculty in all of the California community colleges will continue to have free access to one of the premier online information databases covering countries of the world, CountryWatch Premium. The database, which is a major resource tool for businesses, consultants and researchers, contains up-to-date economic, political, and social data about every country on the globe. A description of the product is below.

The Council of Chief Librarians and the Community College League are continuing their joint commitment to full coverage of the cost. This is the sixth year that the resource has been provided to the colleges at no cost. Both organizations – partners in the cooperative purchasing program for online resources for CCC libraries – use a portion of the fees generated by the program to provide the database to every college regardless of the level of participation in the purchasing program. CCL and the League see this as an opportunity to use the program to benefit the colleges over and above the main focus of the purchasing program.

CountryWatch has been provided the list of IP's from each California Community College. Should you encounter any access problems, please contact their support line at support@countrywatch.com. For immediate assistance, call 800-879-3885, ext 4. Support representatives are available Monday through Friday, from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm (CST).

CountryWatch Premium provides a cost-effective, current and comprehensive source of socio-demographic, cultural, historical, economic, political, environmental and investment information, along with news, analysis, maps, data and statistics on all of the world's 192 countries and many non-sovereign nations. CountryWatch Premium is made up of four distinct features, the Country Reviews, Country Wire, CountryWatch Data, and Map Gallery, each complementing the other to provide maximum depth and coverage. Following is a brief description of each.

Country Reviews

- A comprehensive online report for each country dynamically updated as major events occur.
- Over 100 pages of detailed profiling of each county's historical, political, economic, social, demographic, business and environmental issues
- Features sections on foreign relations, political climate, economic conditions and cultural etiquette
- Each country report is downloadable into Abode PDF format

Country Wire

- A robust country-specific, real-time news feed to keep current with breaking news in each country
- Real-time news from internationally recognized news services, including Xinhua, UPI, Interfax and EFE
- Search through the vast, online, historical archive of over 180,000 news articles to find specific topics

CountryWatch Data

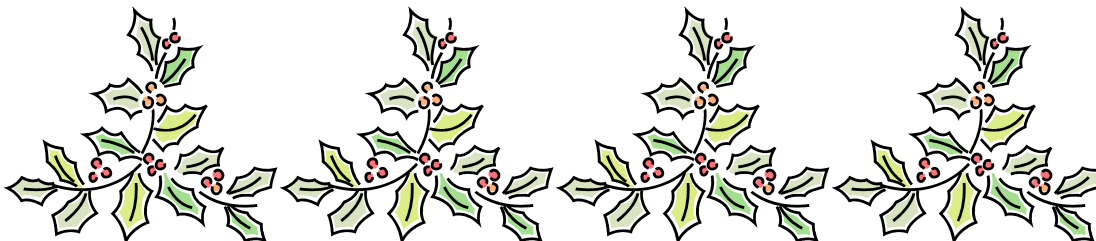
- A storehouse of ten years of raw data for over 250 different variables for all 192 countries
- Access over 400,000 data points categorized into 5 primary categories and 24 sub-categories.
- Contains macroeconomic, economic, health, demographic, cultural, sociological and environmental statistics
- Allows the user to select multiple countries, regions and variables for cross comparison
- Features functions for easy download into CSV format and GIS software to create charts and diagrams

Map Gallery

- An online gallery of maps, integrating CountryWatch Data to provide an illustration of global trends
- Contains over 170 thematic maps covering cultural, economic, macroeconomic, environment and indicators
- Wide coverage includes standard of living, education, energy sector, manufacturing, crops, sector employment, inflation, trade balance, debt, greenhouse gas maps
- Provides 13 graph programs created in MS Excel that forecast trends for topics such as population growth and macroeconomic activity per region



Happy Holidays!



You Asked For It.... We Did It! Changes in the Annual Survey

By Dan Crump

The Annual Library Data Survey from the Chancellor's Office is conducted in accordance with Section 55841 of Title 5, which calls for each district to report on the annual condition of libraries and also permits the Chancellor's Office to request material for a comparative study of library conditions in the state. Prompt and thorough response by all of the colleges will help ensure the continuing validity of the survey, will serve to further demonstrate the library community's support for system-based data collection and analysis, and will acknowledge support by the Board of Governors and the Chancellor's Office. The survey is definitely an example of cooperation and collaboration. The survey form itself is maintained and located on the website of the Chancellor's Office. The Library and Learning Resources Advisory Committee of the Chancellor's Office (I am the current chair of the committee) sends out the email notices to each college and "nags" you to return the forms. The Council of Chief Librarians has come forth with financial support for a researcher to format the raw data into readable form and provide an analysis of the data.

For several years, the Advisory Committee has acknowledged the need for a review of the data elements in the Survey. This last year, I brought together a small group of librarians (Mary Ann Laun, Mona Martin, Jim Matthews, and myself) to look at the Survey and see how the it can be "tweaked" to create a better tool---for both the person who needs to fill out the form (I can't tell you the number of "concerns" I have received from people---"Why the heck are you asking about 'such-and-such' or 'this and that.'") The group has met several times and also met with other librarians to look over our work. The recommendations are being finalized and will be presented to the Advisory Committee soon for approval. After that approval, the recommended changes will be shared with the Chancellor's Office MIS staff (I have shared preliminary suggestions with them and there don't seem to be any problems) and then incorporated into the Survey. The hope is that the Survey for the 2005-06 academic year will be emailed out sometime in February 2007.

If you have any questions or comments about the survey, please feel free to contact me at crumpd@arc.losrios.edu.

