CCL Outlook: Newsletter of the Council of Chief Librarians
California Community Colleges
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News from the president:

First of all, the CCL elections are coming up in April. Every two years, we hold an election for the President and the 10 regional representatives. CCL's constitution limits people to serving for two consecutive, two year terms. After a layoff of at least a year, anyone can run for the board again. If you are interested in any of the positions, please feel free to contact your regional representative or anyone on the executive board.

As I write this letter, our second **Spring SLO Workshop (in the North)** is open for registration. The workshop will be held in Walnut Creek on April 30th. We are also presenting the Deans and Directors Meeting which is jointly organized by CCL and the Chancellors Office Library and Learning Resources Advisory Committee. This year's Deans and Directors event will be held on April 25th, in Sacramento.
Register for the SLO workshop and for the Deans and Directors at www.**cclccc.org.**

Update on the long Annual Data Survey Odyssey: The Survey is being converted into the Surveymonkey survey instrument. When completed, the survey will go to the Chancellor's office and sent out. Odysseus spent ten years trying to get home, we are coming up to 2.5 years. Are we near home or like Odysseus, still on the journey? I figure that in 2 years into his journey, Odysseus had landed on the island of Aeolia, home of the wind god Aeolus. I hope we can navigate away from talking about the survey and actually presenting it to all of you soon!

In December, I mentioned that the Board would discuss formalizing a policy of when if or CCL should purchase databases like CountryWatch or other software such as Surveymonkey on a statewide basis. After a lively discussion, the ideas that surfaced include:
1. Whether CCL should support items that support students like databases
2. Whether CCL should support items that support professional needs like SurveyMonkey
3. Whether CCL should purchase products for a one year trial so that the libraries could determine whether the item is worth purchasing.
4. Whether purchasing an item is so much cheaper on a statewide basis than on a individual basis that it makes sense for CCL to purchase it for all the colleges.
5. Whether to ask the State to look into purchasing products for Statewide use.

As you can see, these are important ideas. Therefore, the Board will present this question at the Deans and Directors meeting for input. I welcome any input anyone would like to send me before the meeting.

That is all for now.   *Jim*   JMatthews@chabotcollege.edu

Do you have questions? Suggestions? Issues you want addressed?
Contact your CCL Executive Board: 2006/08

    President: Jim Matthews (Chabot College)

        Northern Regional Representatives:
            East Central: Susan Walsh (Merced College)
            Northeast: Dr. Luozhu Cen (Butte College)
            Northwest: John Koetzner (Mendocino College)
            San Francisco/East Bay: Cherry Li-Bugg (Los Medanos College)
            Southwest Bay: Lorrita Ford (College of San Mateo)

        Southern Region Representatives:
            Desert: Jon Fernald (College of the Desert)
            Los Angeles: Mary Ann Laun (Pasadena City College)
            San Diego/Imperial: Mary Hart (San Diego Miramar College)
            Southcoast: Carol Welsh (Cypress College)
            West Central: Mimi Collins (Taft College)

        Additional Members:
            Executive Director: Gregg Atkins (Dixon Public Library)
            CCL-EAR Chair: Tim Karas (Mission College)
            CCL/CC League Consortium Liaison: Sarah Raley
            Chair, Library & Resources Advisory Committee: Dan Crump (American River College)
            Outlook & Website Editor: Johanna Bowen (Cabrillo College)

REMEMBER! MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR JUNE 27!

Yes, the summer ALA conference is in **Anaheim** and CCL has helped plan a special Friday evening (June 27) get-together with community college colleagues from around the country.

Under the leadership of ACRL-CJCLS President Kenley Neufeld (Santa Barbara), CCL will help host the annual CJCLS Dinner this year.

Count on good liquid refreshments, good food in a nice setting, and the chance to put faces with names that you know from CJCLS/ALA publications and websites. It's also an opportunity to support and thank our local California-grown chair of CJCLS as he completes his year of leadership.

We want you to join us in Anaheim!

YOU COULD BE ON THE CCL EXECUTIVE BOARD!
CCL ELECTIONS TO BE HELD IN APRIL   2008

CCL elections for President and for the Board will be held in mid-April 2008. All offices will be included in the balloting.   Any one who is the official CCL representative for an institution in good standing (i.e., membership has been paid) is eligible to run for an office. By the way, CCL covers all costs of participation – *you do not need money from your college to attend meetings.* As you can see, three of the regional representatives must leave the Board because they are termed out. But whether or not a current office holder plans to run again, you can also choose to run for that office.

> Interested? Eager to become involved? Any one who is interested has until April 11 to notify Gregg Atkins, CCL Executive Director (atkinsg@dixonlibrary.com) that he or she wants to be a candidate in their region or for the Presidency.

Here is the list of offices and status of incumbents:

> PRESIDENT
>> Jim Matthews is eligible for a second 2-year term
> ** *SOUTHWEST BAY (OPEN POSITION)*
>> *Lorrita Ford is ineligible to run again*
> SAN FRANCISCO-EAST BAY
>> Cherry Li-Bugg is eligible for a second two-year term
> NORTHEAST
>> Luozhu Cen is eligible for a second two-year term
> NORTHWEST
>> John Koetzner is eligible for a second two-year term
> EAST CENTRAL
>> Vacant (Susan Walsh is serving as interim and is eligible)
> DESERT
>> Jon Fernald is eligible for a second two-year term
> WEST CENTRAL
>> Mimi Collins is eligible for a second two-year term
> ** *LOS ANGELES (OPEN POSITION)*
>> *Mary Ann Laun is ineligible to run again*
> ** *SAN DIEGO/IMPERIAL (OPEN POSITION)*
>> *Mary Hart is ineligible is ineligible to run again*
> SOUTHCOAST
>> Carol Welsh is eligible for a second two-year term

Contact any current representative for more information about duties, impact on one's work, or to learn more about these offices.

CCC Libraries and the Foster Youth Success Initiative:

There is a new opportunity for CCC library outreach on each of our campuses. Libraries can play a strong role in cohort formation and student success for the Foster Youth Success Initiative (FYSI)

Libraries can offer to present specialized information resources orientations to this cohort. You can find out who the liaison on your campus is at the Chancellor's Website *Directory of all college FYSI contacts, listed by college*

What is FYSI??

• FYSI Mission:

The California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office (CCCCO) has recognized that there is a significant deficit regarding youth from foster care attending higher education. Acknowledging this need, they are sponsoring a concerted effort called the Foster Youth Success Initiative (FYSI) to bring issues affecting these youth to the forefront and to improve the ability of these youth to access postsecondary education and benefit from the support services that are available but are often unknown to them.

Through the vision of the CCCCO, to create a statewide outreach and retention effort to better serve current and former youth from care, the FYSI was established. FYSI was built through CCCCO leadership and a strong foundation of individuals representing a myriad of agencies and postsecondary educational institutions that have formed a true collaborative effort that has evolved to become a statewide FYSI taskforce. The goals of this initiative are to improve:

- Access to student services and resources
- Access to academic support
- Retention
- Academic performance
- Completion of units
- Completion of programs and degrees

Former foster children have a new higher profile in the California Community Colleges. A 2007 program established a liaison contact person at every campus to coordinate efforts to reach out to these newly named "Guardian Scholars." Former foster care children can face almost insurmountable obstacles when it comes to making the transition from the foster system to higher education. At the age of 18, these children are emancipated out of the foster care system. With few financial resources and life skills to survive on their own and are at high risk of becoming homeless, incarcerated, or victims of violent or sexual crimes. The bureaucratic nature of admissions and financial-aid offices make it even more important to have foster-youth advocates within the system.

Of the 80,000 children in California living in foster care, about 4,000 age out of the system each year, according to a 2006 study at the University of California at Berkeley's Center for Social Services Research. And the rates of foster youth attending college are dismal. Nationwide, less than 50 percent complete high school and less than 10 percent enroll in college, according to research from the Casey Family Programs. Of those who do attend college, less than 1 percent graduate."The expectations for foster youth to be fully functioning adults at 18 is unrealistic," says Michael McPartlin, of the City College of San Francisco.

(Contributed by Johanna Bowen, Cabrillo College)

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS!
MAKE YOUR PLANE RESERVATIONS!
SAVE UP YOUR GAS MONEY!

ANNUAL CCCCO DEANS AND DIRECTORS MEETING
Friday, April 25, 2008 – Sacramento

REGISTER AT   www.cclccc.org

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Who Should Attend? EVERY COLLEGE'S LIBRARY AND LEARNING RESOURCES DEAN, DIRECTOR, HEAD LIBRARIAN, COORDINATOR OR DEPT. CHAIR!

It's the one place to hear the latest about programs, services, and budget news. And it's always **the** best place to connect with colleagues from around the State. Don't miss it!

When:

>**Friday, April 25, 2008**
>**10:00 am – 3:00 pm**

Where:

>**Hyatt Regency Hotel, Sacramento, CA**
>**1209 L Street, Sacramento, CA 95814**

Registration: 40.00 (includes lunch)

PRELIMINARY AGENDA

- Welcome and Introductions
- Identifying Our Issues
- Reports from the CCC System Office
- Lunch / Luncheon Speaker
- Reports from Organizations & Committees
  >*Council of Chief Librarians,CCC*
  >*CCCCO Library and Learning Resources Programs Advisory Committee*
  >*CC Library Consortium*
  >*CCL-EAR Committee*
- Concluding Comments, Next Steps

New study reaffirms link between school librarians, academic achievement

WASHINGTON — Language test scores in New York State schools *with* certified librarians are higher than in those schools *without* librarians, according to preliminary research findings from Syracuse University's School of Information Studies.

The research was conducted on schools giving the English Language Arts test, which is administered by New York State to fourth graders and tests several language skills, including reading, writing, and listening. These preliminary findings indicated a 10-point increase of test scores in schools with library media specialists.

"Syracuse's results prove yet again how important school libraries and certified school library media specialists are in the education process," said ALA President Dr. Loriene Roy, "and why legislation like the SKILLs Act is so important for the future of our Nation's children and would solve the crisis facing school libraries."

Library advocates across the nation have been pushing tirelessly for the Strengthening Kids' Interest in Learning and Libraries (SKILLs) Act, which would place a state-certified school library media specialist in every school in America. The SKILLs Act would be included in the reauthorization of the No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB), which is being considered in Congress right now.

"Many people don't realize it," Dr. Roy continued, "but there are many, many schools in America without school librarians, which is so tragic because so many studies, including this one now, have affirmed the link between school libraries, certified school library media specialists, and student academic achievement."

According to the New York Library Association, "certified school library media specialists are currently not mandated at the elementary level in New York State, but they are at the secondary level (grades 7-12). There are currently 568,924 students in K-12 schools who do not have access to a certified school library media specialist."
More information on the research results is available at
http://www.nyla.org/index.php?page_id=1509.

In April 2004 Topsy Smalley at Cabrillo College published a study that affirmed the NY report cited above. "Many students who enroll in a community college *Information Research* course come from three local school districts. Of those three districts, only one has librarians. Through examining grade rosters, this study demonstrates that student achievement is substantially higher for students who come from high schools that have librarians and library programs."
<**Journal of Academic Librarianship** Volume 30, Issue 3, May 2004, Pages 193-198>

Check out the four new vendors being offered through the Community College Library Consortium this spring.
See the consortium web site (www.cclibraries.org) for more information.

Cambridge University Press – Historical Statistics of the United States: online edition of this great resource includes advanced searching of the tables, their documentation and essays. Create custom tables or merge columns from multiple tables to download, print or graph. Available for purchase (you own this resource) but this service does require a yearly hosting fee.

Ebrary: 18,000 ebooks from publishers such as McGraw Hill, Blackwell, Stanford, Cyberlibris, and the American Library Association. This collection has been chosen for community colleges and includes MARC records. This is a subscription purchase (year to year). You do not own these books.

OCLC QuestionPoint 24/7 Reference Service: this web based chat tool with co-browsing capability enables seamless integration of chat, follow up and referral. The 24/7 Reference Cooperative provides an around the clock reference service, built by a cooperative of participating libraries. This service helps supplement hours of service by being available to the community 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Vault Online Career Library: 90 downloadable PDF career guides ranging from interview/résumé guides to career overviews, guides to specific occupations (accounting, interior design, physical therapy, etc.), and employers; several thousand company, industry, and occupational overviews and profiles; career advice articles. Recently reviewed by Library Journal.

Community College Library Consortium FAQ

Since there are many new librarians in our system, there are many questions about how the Community College Consortium works. Here are some of the questions that have been received recently:

When did the consortium start? The Council of Chief Librarians and the Community College League began the consortium in 1998 with five electronic offerings which have grown to over 150 electronic products offered through the consortium. The Community College Library Consortium Director is Sarah Raley who can be reached at sarahraley@ccleague.org

Is the consortium just for California community colleges? No, we also have colleges in Arizona, Oregon and Washington that have purchased databases through our consortium.

How do I find out about new products? With your renewal notices, we send out an information sheet highlighting new products and/or vendors offered through the consortium. On the consortium web site, you can see that new vendors have a 'new' icon next to them.

What is the URL for the consortium web page? The Consortium maintains a web page <www.cclibraries.org> that allows our colleges to access product information for databases offered through the consortium.

What other information is on the consortium web page? On the consortium web page, you can find vendor contact information, tech support contact information, links to rights and restrictions, 508 statement of compliance information and more.

How often can we buy databases through the consortium? We offer three order cycles, fall, spring and summer, and make special arrangements as necessary for short term orders to accommodate the libraries' special needs. Summer orders are only for encyclopedia products like Encyclopedia Britannica since that has an early renewal date of November 1st.

How often will we receive renewal statements? Renewal forms are sent out to colleges that have purchased products through the consortium during that previous order cycle. For instance, if you ordered something in Spring 2007, you will receive a Spring 2008 renewal form listing what was ordered by your college last spring with updated pricing for the new term.

How do I add a new product if it's not on my renewal form? Order forms for all electronic products are part of the program announcements which are posted on the consortium web page. Program announcements also include information on trials, what is included in the offers and other information provided by the vendor.

How do I join the CCEARinfo list? A list serve (CCEARinfo) is comprised of members from all of our colleges. It is maintained for sharing messages regarding electronic products, trials, and general library information. You can be included by sending an email to Sarah at sarahraley@ccleague.org.

Who or what is the CCL-EAR committee? The Electronic Access Resource Committee, appointed by the Council of Chief Librarians, includes librarian representatives from ten regional areas of the state and acts in an advisory capacity. This committee evaluates electronic offers for their appropriateness for inclusion in our program, prepares reviews of products, and funnels information back to their respective districts. All of the reviews and minutes from CCL-EAR meetings are posted on the consortium web site. If you want the password to read the reviews please email Sarah at sarahraley@ccleague.org

CCL-EAR Committee: Update From the Chair, Tim Karas

Southern California Vendor Fair
The vendor fair held on February 1, 2008 in Ontario was a tremendous success. 22 librarians from 19 different colleges attended the vendor fair. The vendor fair included presentations from OCLC Question Point, Learning Express, EBSCO's new Vocational Studies Premier (or Associate Program Source) database, and a vendor panel discussion (Gale, EBSCO and Proquest) regarding literature databases. I want to thank everyone who attended the vendor fair and encourage others to attend future CCL-EAR vendor fairs.

Reviews
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 http://www.cclibraries.org/index.html.

Below is a list of the reviews the committee is writing and will be posted this spring.
   o   Content Comparison Review of Art Resources
   o   NetLibrary
   o   Gale Literary Criticism
Recently completed Reviews:
   o   Lexis Nexis Academic Universe

NetLibrary Survey
Thank you for taking the NetLibrary survey in Fall 2007. There were 53 responses to the survey. The survey will provide valuable information to help inform the decision making process regarding the Collection Development Policy for the CCL Shared E-book Collection, particularly as regards weeding. Full survey results have been posted on the CCLC website at http://www.cclibraries.org/providers/netlibrary.html

Starting May 2008, the Desert 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 volunteering to be a CCL-EAR committee regional representative from the Desert Region. The colleges included in the Desert Region are: Barstow, Cerro Coso, Chaffey, Citrus, Copper Mountain, Crafton Hills, College of the Desert, Mt. San Jacinto, Palo Verde, Riverside, and San Bernardino. This is a singular committee with a central role in examining, reviewing, and recommending electronic resources for our membership. They meet 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. Take a look and please email me or the CCL President Jim Matthews jmatthews@chabotcollege.edu if you are interested.

Contributed by Tim Karas, CCL-EAR Chair
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What eBooks Are Our Students Reading?
The following list covers the top (above 600 accesses) book titles in the CCC's NetLibrary EBOOK collections from the beginning to the present.

3236	Urban Habitats {Habitat Guides}	Biology and Life Sciences
1899	The Human Embryonic Stem Cell Debate : Science, Ethics, and Public Policy {Basic Bioethics}	Philosophy
1722	Obesity in Childhood and Adolescence {Pediatric and Adolescent Medicine, 1017-5989 ; V. 9}	Medicine
1609	Understanding Childhood Obesity {Understanding Health and Sickness Series}	Medicine
1396	Marriage and Same-sex Unions : A Debate	Social Sciences: General
1215	The Global Warming Desk Reference	Social Sciences: General
1196	Operation Gatekeeper : The Rise of the "Illegal Alien" and the Making of the U.S.-Mexico Boundary	Social Sciences: General
1170	Understanding Marijuana : A New Look At the Scientific Evidence	Social Sciences: General
1123	The Eating Disorder Sourcebook : A Comprehensive Guide to the Causes, Treatments, and Prevention of Eating Disorders	Medicine
1052	Digital Creativity : Techniques for Digital Media and the Internet	Computer Science
946	Is Marijuana the Right Medicine for You? : A Factual Guide to Medical Uses of Marijuana	Medicine
928	The Faces of Televisual Media : Teaching, Violence, Selling to Children {LEA's Communication Series}	Social Sciences: General
858	The Proteus Effect : Stem Cells and Their Promise for Medicine	Medicine
758	Banned in the U.S.A. : A Reference Guide to Book Censorship in Schools and Public Libraries	Library Science and Publishing
719	The Great American History Fact-finder : The Who, What, Where, When, and Why of American History {2Nd Ed., Updated and Expanded}	History: United States
708	Capital Punishment : A Reference Handbook {Contemporary World Issues}	Social Sciences: General
699	Global Warming and Global Politics {Environmental Politics}	Social Sciences: General
695	Same Sex Intimacies : Families of Choice and Other Life Experiments	Social Sciences: General
691	Preventing Childhood Obesity : Health in the Balance	Medicine
675	Against the Death Penalty : Christian and Secular Arguments against Capital Punishment	Social Sciences: General
670	Debating the Death Penalty : Should America Have Capital Punishment? : the Experts On Both Sides Make Their Best Case	Social Sciences: General
666	Kicking the Carbon Habit : Global Warming and the Case for Renewable and Nuclear Energy	Business, Economics and Management
653	America's Teenagers--myths and Realities : Media Images, Schooling, and the Social Costs of Careless Indifference	Social Sciences: General
647	The Genetic Revolution and Human Rights {Oxford Amnesty Lectures ; 1998}	Philosophy

618	Ill Effects : The Media/violence Debate {Communication and Society (Routledge (Firm))}	Social Sciences: General
615	The Mobile Connection : The Cell Phone's Impact On Society {Morgan Kaufmann Series in Interactive Technologies}	Social Sciences: General
606	Euthanasia : A Reference Handbook {Contemporary World Issues}	Philosophy
606	Drugs in Sport	Social Sciences: General
605	The Corsini Encyclopedia of Psychology and Behavioral Science	Psychology
601	School Violence, the Media, and Criminal Justice Responses {Studies in Crime and Punishment}	Education

What is the CCL Executive Board Reading? The following list covers the February reading favorites of the CCL Executive Board

Three Cups of Tea by Greg Mortenson and David O. Relin   - Mary Hart, San Diego Miramar

The Indian Clerk by David Leavitt – Tim Karas, Mission College

The Trouble with Poetry by Billy Collins – John Koetzner, Mendocino College

I Am America and So Can You by Stephen Colbert – Carol Welsh, Cypress College

Wuthering Heights by Emly Bronte – Lorrita Ford, College of San Mateo

The Years of Magical Thinking by Joan Didion – Jon Fernald, College of the Desert

Forty Signs of Rain by Kim Stanley Robinson – Jim Matthews, Chabot College

Song Without Words by Leah Bendavid-Val – Mimi Collins, Taft College

Free for All by Dan Borchert – Susan Walsh, Merced College

The Pillars of the Earth by Ken Follett –Gregg Atkins, Dixon Public Library

The Bonesetter's Daughter by Amy Tan – Luozhu Cen, Butte College

Bridge of Sighs by Richard Russo – Johanna Bowen, Cabrillo College

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