

Libraryland Chronicles

ABOUT THIS NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the first annual library newsletter for Cabrillo faculty! The results of our spring faculty survey (see article below) showed us that we could do a better job of keeping faculty informed about new and changing services available from the library.

We do work closely with many of you, but there are others who we only come across occasionally, if at all. Thus, this newsletter – a way to let you know what’s available for you and our students from the library, be it a new online research tool, a physical service in the library, or anything else that can help our students be more successful during their time at Cabrillo.

So, read on!

FACULTY SURVEY RESULTS

We received over 70 responses to the survey we sent out to all faculty, from both contract and adjunct faculty – thank you! The most highly ranked library service by far that you expect your students to use was our physical book collection (we keep buying them!), followed by course reserves textbooks, assistance from librarians, videos and DVDs, and online e-books. Over 75% of the respondents reported creating assignments requiring that their students use library resources, and over 80% of responding faculty reported using our resources themselves.

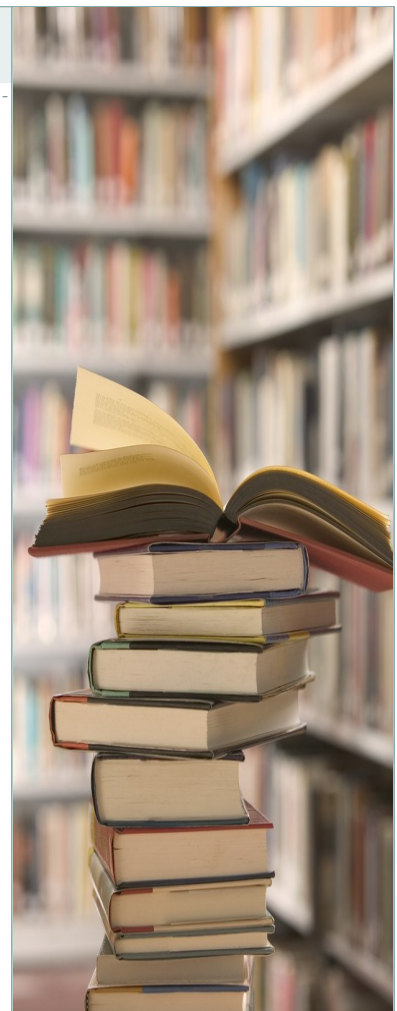
Video media is definitely a popular medium for classroom use, as over 86% of those responding to the question indicated that they used video in their classes, mostly from YouTube and their personal collections, but also from the library’s strong video collection. Nearly 57% of the respondents have requested a library instruction session for their class, with 91% of those indicating that the session helped their students successfully complete their assignments.

We also received numerous suggestions and questions, some of which we have followed up on directly with the faculty member, some of which we are hoping to begin to answer with this newsletter. Many thanks for providing us with feedback to help our services stay relevant, useful, and visible!

INTRODUCING SUPERSEARCH

Beginning this Fall semester, the library is pleased to provide a new SuperSearch option to Cabrillo students and faculty. SuperSearch is a “new generation” research tool that searches all of the library’s existing subscription databases, the library catalog, and selected free online resources, at the same time! SuperSearch is not intended to replace our existing rich collection of more focused databases, but does provide users with a familiar EBSCO-based starting point for many of their research needs.

Try out SuperSearch from the library home page (<http://go.cabrillo.edu/library>), and let us know what you think!



WHAT DO YOUR STUDENTS DO IN THE LIBRARY?

We survey students in the library every Fall semester, and one of the questions we ask them is what they were doing in the library.

By far the most common response (from the Fall 2013 survey) is studying (90%), followed by using the library’s computers (45%) or their own computers (32%).

Interestingly, an overwhelming number (90%) of the students surveyed came to the library to do multiple things, one of which is almost always to study!

FEWER BOOKS, MORE STUDY SPACES

If you've been to the library in recent years, you've no doubt noticed how busy it is, with students in virtually every available seat.

In fact, there are often over 500 students total in the building, spread throughout the library's two floors and the increasingly busy learning centers upstairs!

To help accommodate this growing use, this summer we completed the first major but careful "refresh" of our book collection in more than 20 years, which enabled us to replace a large section of bookshelves with additional study spaces for our students.

We also hope that a more current and compact physical collection will be more useful to – and used by – our students.

Come by and take a look!

WHAT ARE WE READING?

[Barbecue: The History of an American Institution](#), by Robert Moss (Katie Clark)

[Color: A Natural History of the Palette](#), by Victoria Finlay (Georg Romero)

[Dreams and Shadows](#), by C. Robert Cargill (Aleah Kropholler)

[Eat, Drink, and Be From Mississippi: A Novel](#), by Nanci Kincaid (Laura Dickie)

[Gone Girl](#), by Gillian Flynn (Jody Alexander)

[The Plantagenets](#), by Dan Jones (Leah Hlavaty)

[This is How You Lose Her](#), by Junot Diaz (Claire Conklin)

WATSONVILLE CENTER LIBRARY SERVICES

Did you know we have a librarian at the Watsonville Center Integrated Learning Center (ILC) for 15 hours each week?



Librarian Stacy Mueller coordinates the library's Watsonville Center presence, which

includes a robust collection of over 600 course textbooks and materials on reserve in the ILC for courses taught at Watsonville, a collection of nearly 500 browsing "great little books" for students to borrow for helping to reinforce their reading skills, and a rotating display of books and topical materials in the ILC.

Stacy is also available to help students with their research needs, teaches most of the Library 10 sections in Watsonville, and is working with an increasing number of classroom faculty on presenting research sessions for their Watsonville classes.

Want to know more, or have Stacy meet with your class for a research session? Contact Stacy at stmuelle@cabrillo.edu.

HAVE YOU DISCOVERED OUR RESEARCH SESSIONS YET?

Michelle Morton, our new Instruction Librarian, joined us in Fall 2013, and has already considerably expanded our non-credit instruction program, with a particular focus on the research sessions we provide for instructors across campus, helping their students learn how to find and evaluate information more effectively.



During her first year, she conducted or coordinated 140 research instruction sessions for classes in many different subject areas, both on the main campus and at the Watsonville Center.

If your class is not yet taking advantage of the research sessions conducted by Michelle and other librarians, contact Michelle at mimorton@cabrillo.edu for more information.

ART IN THE LIBRARY

Thanks in part to our close partnership with Tobin Keller of the Cabrillo Gallery, the library has a growing collection of art pieces, many from former Cabrillo instructors like Holt Murray, Morton Marcus, and Howard Ikemoto.

Stop by and peruse the pieces, or find out details at <http://www.cabrillo.edu/services/library/services/art.html>.

We're always happy to consider adding new works, too!

