Important Database Changes: Old & New

ELAC no longer subscribes to ProQuest's journal article databases; PQ now includes only newspaper DBs such as Ethnic NewsWatch and GenderWatch.

Our primary journal article DB vendor is now EBSCO and its general scholarly DB is Academic Search Premier. Among the 30 DBs offered is the Professional Development Collection for educators.

For 2013 we have 11 new DBs from Gale including Academic OneFile (a scholarly journal DB), Business Insights, Health & Wellness Resource Center, Popular Magazines, Science in Context, World History in Context, and, perhaps most noteworthy, a scholarly DB of Spanish language publications, ¡Informe!.

Access these databases, as well as discipline-specific databases, by clicking on the All Databases or Databases by Subject links on the library website.

Library Workshops Get a Face Lift

Want a classroom of research superheroes? Look no further than the library's revamped workshops! We're now offering a "Research Boot Camp" to help students respond to your research prompts, as well as a brand new workshop titled, "Go Digital with Ebooks." Take a look at our spring 2013 workshops at <http://researchguides.elac.edu/libraryworkshops>. Don’t forget to remind your student to register online at least a day in advanced at <http://library.elac.edu/enroll>.

Bring in Your Class: Orientations in the Library!

Are you interested in bringing your class to explore library resources hand-picked with their assignment in mind? In our new library classroom a librarian can guide your students in a hands-on, explorative instruction session! Also, inquire about all the online resources we provide for students like research guides, ebooks, and databases. To schedule an orientation and share your research assignment with a librarian contact Amy Guy (guyal@elac.edu) and Erika Montenegro (montene@elac.edu).

Easy Flex: Coffee Talk with Librarians

You’re invited for coffee and conversation with Instruction Librarians, Erika Montenegro and Amy Guy. Share ways to help students strengthen their research skills! Join us in Library Classroom 101: Monday, February 25 3:00 p.m.–4:00 p.m.; Tuesday, March 13 2:00 p.m.–3:00 p.m.; Thursday, April 18 11:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.
Library Club for Students

Spread the word to your students! We’re starting our first Library Club this spring semester! We’ll be talking pop culture, films, music and, of course, books. We’re recruiting students to get our awesome club up and running. Our first meeting will be Tuesday, February 19, from 3-4 p.m. in room 101. For more information you or your students can contact Instruction Librarians Erika (montene@elac.edu) and Amy (guyal@elac.edu). Faculty welcome!

Services for Faculty

Textbook and Course Reserves: Help students save money and complete reading assignments. Add your textbook and other course materials to the Library’s Course Reserves. Bring your faculty library card or apply for one at the Circulation Desk.

Book and DVD Suggestions: Submit suggestions for books and DVDs online at <http://library.elac.edu> | Online Forms>. For book questions contact Ran Gust, (323) 265-8628; for DVD questions contact Choonhee Rhim, (323) 265-8625. Check the status of previous year’s book and DVD orders at <http://library.elac.edu | Faculty Services | Acquisitions>.

Services for Students

Research Help Desk: Refer students to the Research Help Desk for assistance with their assignments. They can call or visit the desk in-person during our regular hours. Main campus: (323) 415-4134; South Gate: (323) 357-6214.

Online Library Workshop Registration: Advise students to register online at <http://library.elac.edu/enroll> to reserve their space.

24/7 Research Chat Help: ELAC students can chat live online with a librarian for research help. Visit the library homepage at <library.elac.edu | Getting Help and scroll down to Research Help from Question Point Chat Service>.

Online Library Tutorial: We’re working hard to make sure all students have access to library resources by offering self-paced library tutorials on research needs like “choosing a topic,” “finding books,” and “citing sources.” Check it out at <library.elac.edu | Tutorials & Research Guides | ELAC Library Online Tutorial>.

Research Guides: Did you know we can create customized online research guides for students to access 24/7? Give your students the specialized help they deserve by contacting Amy Guy (guyal@elac.edu) or Erika Montenegro (montene@elac.edu). Explore guides on a variety of subjects at <http://researchguides.elac.edu>.

Elan Spotlight

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