Library Renovation Update

Construction of the Helen Miller Bailey Library is 85% finished. Completion of the building is anticipated in November 2011. In spring 2012, furniture and computers will be installed and books will begin to be moved. We anticipate opening in summer 2012.

A project is also underway to build a library in the Firestone Educational Center. The Firestone Educational Center Library will be completed in 2014 if the construction progresses as scheduled.

What’s New?

Online Workshop Registration
Students can now sign up for library workshops online at <http://library.elac.edu/enroll>.

New Database: PsychARTICLES
Access full-text articles from over 50 journals published by the American Psychological Association, the APA Educational Publishing Foundation, the Canadian Psychological Association and Hogrefe & Huber. <http://library.elac.edu Online Databases | PsychARTICLES>

Database Changes: ProQuest and NetLibrary
ProQuest has a new look! Explore the new search features at <http://library.elac.edu Online Databases | ProQuest>. Our NetLibrary e-book collection is now owned and administered by EBSCO. Check out the new interface at <http://library.elac.edu Find Books & More | EBSCO (e-books)>.

Budget Woes

Database Cuts
The database budget has been cut. The library will not likely be able to renew several electronic information services this fiscal year. Departments with discipline specific resources should consider seeking grant money to continue subscriptions such as Art and CAOT have done.

Book Budget/Disciplinary Allocation
This fiscal year there will be no allocation of funds for books based on disciplines because there is too little to make a distribution meaningful. The library will retain $15K to order faculty book requests strictly on a first-come, first-served basis until October 15, 2011. Book requests should be confined to recommended readings and titles directly pertinent to research assignments.
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.

**Instruction:** Class orientations cannot be provided in the temporary library due to space limitations. Contact an instruction librarian, Amy Guy (323) 267-3775 or Erika Montenegro (323) 415-5008, to discuss alternatives such as an online research guide [http://researchguides.elac.edu](http://researchguides.elac.edu) built specifically for your course or refer students to workshops to learn basic research skills.

**Fall Faculty Workshop Series (Debuts on Opening Day):** Earn flex credit and learn how to steer underprepared students through the research process with Instruction Librarians Erika Montenegro and Amy Guy. Visit the TLC Website for details [http://elac.edu/departments/trl/index.htm](http://elac.edu/departments/trl/index.htm).

**Book and DVD Suggestions:** Submit suggestions for books and DVDs online at [http://library.elac.edu](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 orders at [http://library.elac.edu](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 speak to a librarian during our regular hours or call us at the main or South Gate campuses. **Main campus:** (323) 415-4134; **South Gate:** (323) 357-6214.

**Library Workshops:** Do your students need research help? Refer them to our workshops to learn basic research skills. We cover topics like *Cite Your Sources to Avoid Plagiarism, Intro to Library Databases,* and *Journals, Magazines & Newspaper Articles.* For more information on topics and times, visit us at [http://researchguides.elac.edu/libraryworkshops](http://researchguides.elac.edu/libraryworkshops).

**Online Library Workshop Registration:** Students can now register online with our new system designed by IT staff Kyle Tran. Direct students to [http://library.elac.edu/enroll](http://library.elac.edu/enroll).

**24/7 Research Chat Help:** ELAC students can chat live online with a librarian for research help. ELAC students are always only one click away from a librarian. Visit the library homepage at [http://library.elac.edu](http://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 [http://library.elac.edu](http://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](http://researchguides.elac.edu).

The South Gate Educational Center Library continues to provide about 3,800 books, 250 DVDs, 10 student computers, a B&W printer and a scanner. Try out our new computers or use your laptop on the wireless network! A librarian is available to help you make the best use of our print or electronic sources. In-depth library instruction is offered through the library workshops on seven different topics. The SGEC Library is in Room 124.
The library participated in a pilot California Community College Student Library and Technology Survey conducted by 5 colleges from February 7 to March 7, 2011. The survey was distributed via student emails and a total of 1152 students responded. The survey was designed to identify how California Community College students use information technology with the aim of enhancing library services. The instrument will be revised and a full-scale survey will be conducted in fall 2011 to target a larger cross-section of California community college students. You may review the pilot survey findings on the web at <http://www.cclccc.org/CCLsurvey_pilotpres_booth.pdf>. ELAC student Susana Espinoza was randomly selected from all participating ELAC students to receive an award of $100.

On the Horizon

RFID for Library Materials

As part of the Helen Miller Bailey Library modernization project, the library will be switching to RFID (Radio Frequency Identification) technology to keep better security and to maintain an improved inventory of books and DVDs. Before the library move, we will apply RFID tags to all books and DVDs in the temporary library in preparation for the RFID system installation in the modernized building. In addition to an RFID book detection system, the modernized library will have a self-check-out station and an automated book return unit. The RFID system will increase efficiency and effectiveness of materials handling by enabling more rapid check-out and check-in of all items and by utilizing high-speed inventory and shelf-reading techniques.

What ELAC Librarians are Reading


This summer I had the opportunity to read Manning Marable’s Malcolm X: A Life of Reinvention. Marable’s posthumously published book breathes new life into the familiar story of one of American history’s most complex icons, Malcolm X. Those who have read The Autobiography of Malcolm X will be shocked and riveted as Marable breaks down the myth to portrays the complicated and often conflicting details of his life. Almost 50 years after his assassination Marable has brought all the charismatic incarnations of Malcolm X alive to reveal not just how he became a monolithic symbol in our imaginations, but how one man struggled to reinvent his own life in order to change the course of history.

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