Library Continues Services in Temporary Center

Due to the smaller quarters, the library has fewer books and computers available, no group study rooms, and cannot offer orientations while in the Men's Gym, but otherwise services are being maintained.

Reference Services:
We will continue to provide our usual reference services to faculty, staff, and students to assist them with their research needs.

Workshops:
Library workshops resumed on Tuesday, September 7. The schedule is posted on the library website http://library.elac.edu/ (follow the link under the Instructional Services tab).

Course Reserves:
Instructors can continue to reserve textbooks and other instructional materials for their courses. Note that a library card is required to reserve materials.

Questions?
Contact the Library Chair, Choonhee Rhim, at rhimcl@elac.edu or (323) 265-8625.

New Online Resources

The ELAC libraries have access to new online information sources (two of which are free). These include EBSCO’s A-Z (a list of periodicals with links to databases), GREENR (a database on economic, legal, social, and technological factors affecting the environment), and the Small Business Resource Center.

In addition, we now subscribe to a citation service, EasyBib. This online service will help students format bibliographic citations. Students need to sign up for an account at easybib.com on a campus computer in order to access the full array of services.

Research Courses

The library offers two credit-bearing courses, Library Science 101 and 102. If your class requires a research paper, encourage your students to enroll in LS 101, Library Research Methods (available both face-to-face and online) or LS 102, Internet Research Methods (online only). LS 101 is transferrable to both the UC and CSU systems and qualifies for one unit of General Education credit. LS 102 is transferable to the CSU system.
$1500 book budget for 15 disciplines

Book Fund Allocations per Discipline

In the 2009-2010 academic year, all of the following disciplines utilized their funds to request books to be purchased for their students:


Due to budget cuts, the book fund allocation for each of these disciplines was reduced from $2000 to $1500. To make use of their set-aside budget, faculty must submit book requests before Thanksgiving week, **November 19, 2010**. During the holiday week, any remaining funds will revert to the general library book budget. This deadline must be set in order to ensure that the entire book budget will be spent before the district accounting deadline.

Other disciplines may certainly request books, but just do not have a budget set aside for them this year because they did not request any last year. If they request books this fiscal year, then a fund will be allocated to them next year.

To see the results of last year’s Discipline Requests or total New Book purchases, go to [http://www.elac.edu/departments/library/index.asp?links=ACQ/FY0910/ACD.htm](http://www.elac.edu/departments/library/index.asp?links=ACQ/FY0910/ACD.htm) and click on the appropriate book list link.

LibGuides

**FOR FACULTY**
Visit the online Faculty Library Guide to learn more about the library’s services and resources, including the Opening Day presentation slides and handouts on integrating critical thinking into your course assignments.

[http://researchguides.elac.edu/facultylibraryguide](http://researchguides.elac.edu/facultylibraryguide)

**FOR STUDENTS**
In particular, help your students locate appropriate sources for your research assignments. Work with a librarian to create a customized research guide for your face-to-face or online course. Contact Amy Guy (323-267-3775/guyal@elac.edu) or Erika Montenegro (323-415-5008/montene@elac.edu) on the Main Campus. South Gate instructors can contact Gabriella Lopez (323-357-6214/lopezgm@elac.edu).

[http://researchguides.elac.edu/](http://researchguides.elac.edu/)

Gardening anyone?

Faculty can earn FLEX credit while helping to improve the book collection by selecting obsolete titles in their discipline for discarding. Contact Ran Gust, Collection Development Librarian, gustrg@elac.edu or 8628.
Research Workshops

Send students to our library workshops to learn how to develop a research strategy, locate books and scholarly journals, search databases, find credible sources on the web, avoid plagiarism, and cite sources.

Faculty Testimonials (abridged):

Students tell me that attending library workshops has made it easier to do well on their research assignments. I confirm that the quality of their research has improved greatly—thanks to the library workshops.

Maribel Soriano, CF&ES

Unlike students’ performance in previous semesters, students who learned research skills at the library applied them to their assignments and did a great job on their papers.

Junko Matsuda, English

I’ve made my English 101 classes take the Getting Started with Research workshop and I can safely say that I would never teach another composition class at ELAC without utilizing this great workshop.

Jeremy Kaye, English

My students were very pleased with your seminars…and they returned to me with skills that I found both useful and up-to-date.

Art Goldman, English

Library Modernization Project Update

All demolitions were completed in summer 2010. Currently, the installation of electrical work; fire alarms and sprinklers; underground plumbing; and heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) ductwork are in progress. Structural steel is being erected for the new elevator shaft and for the new wing. The project is approximately 40 percent complete and construction is on schedule for completion in fall 2011.
Introducing Two New Librarians

**Erika Montenegro** (full-time)

Erika Montenegro comes to the library with a wide range of teaching and library experience. As the first member of her family to attend college, Erika began her academic career at her hometown community college, College of the Desert, before transferring as an English major to the University of California, Riverside. Erika pursued her love of literature with a Master's in English from UC Riverside and she taught writing and literature for several years at community colleges across Los Angeles, including as an instructor in ELAC's English department and PACE Program from 2006-2008.

Teaching English afforded many visits with her class to the library, and it was these visits that rekindled her life-long dream of becoming a librarian. She realized that many of the skills she was teaching to her students, like critical thinking and research, needed to be mastered in the library to truly be successful in the classroom and in the workplace. In 2008 she received a Master's in Library and Information Studies from UCLA.

She comes to the ELAC faculty after two years as the Adult Services Librarian at the Arroyo Seco Regional Branch in Highland Park. Erika is extremely excited about returning to ELAC's Helen Miller Library (where she interned in spring 2008). She believes that her community college background (as both student and teacher) and her community-oriented approach as a librarian enables her to understand the unique needs of ELAC's student body and to provide them with the kind of one-on-one interaction that will allow them to get the most out of their library’s extensive resources and thus out of their educational experience.

**Susan Hoang** (part-time)

Susan Hoang has been an Adjunct Librarian at ELAC since spring 2009. She has a Master's in Library and Information Science from San Jose State University and a BA degree in History from Pomona College. Previously, she also interned with ELAC's library for one year, helping students on the reference desk and teaching library workshops.

With experience in public, school and academic libraries, she believes that information competency is necessary for students to succeed as lifelong learners. This semester, she looks forward to teaching the online section of Library Science 101: Library Research Methods. Students will gain skills necessary to understand the research process, find and evaluate scholarly sources of information, use library databases, and learn to avoid plagiarism and properly cite sources of information.

In her spare time, she is also a University of California Certified Master Gardener, helping community members learn how to grow their own food.
SGEC Library

There will be no changes in the South Gate Educational Center Library services for 2010-2011. The SGEC Library has about 3,800 books and 250 DVDs and 10 student computers, a B&W printer and a scanner.

Hours

Fall and Spring semesters

Helen Miller Bailey Library
Monday - Thursday: 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Friday: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Saturday: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

South Gate Educational Center Library
Monday - Thursday: 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Friday: 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Winter & Summer sessions

Helen Miller Bailey Library
Monday - Thursday: 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Friday: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

South Gate Educational Center Library
Monday & Wednesday: 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Tuesday & Thursday: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.