New Library Chair

We are pleased to announce our new Library Chair, Erika Montenegro, who officially replaced outgoing Library Chair, Choonhee Rhim, on February 2. Hired as an Instruction Librarian in 2010, Erika brings her experience as an instruction and reference librarian to her new administrative role.

Library Workshop Changes

The Main Campus library is streamlining its library workshop offerings. Please adjust your course workshop requirements accordingly. Students can choose from the following 4 workshops: Find Books, Find Articles, Go Digital with E-Books, and Cite Right. Instruct students to enroll at least one day in advance at library.elac.edu. Students will not receive a verification form for a workshop that he/she has already attended in the same semester, but students are welcome to retake a workshop just to refresh their skills.

Maximize Your Library Orientation

If your students need help with a research assignment, schedule an orientation with a librarian during class time. How can you get the best results from an orientation?

Schedule @ the Point of Need: If you bring students too early, they may not be ready to take advantage of the help. If they don’t have a topic, practicing has less value.

Identify Outcomes: Clearly communicate what you want your students to be able to do or know after the orientation. Keep in mind that we can only reasonably achieve one or two outcomes in a one-hour session.

Research Ready: Avoid introducing the research assignment on the day of the orientation. Give students time to digest the assignment and select tentative topics. If they come to the orientation with a focused topic, they can jump right into the research! Make the most of the students’ and the librarian’s time.

Circulate: Circulate and check in with your students as they practice searching the databases. It communicates to your students that research is a vital part of their assignment.

Database Update

Students can now access 4 advanced journal article collections from Elsevier (Health and Life Sciences, Physical Sciences & Engineering, and Social Sciences & Humanities), 1 basic controversial issues DB from ProQuest (SIRS Issues Researcher), and 1 beginner’s guide to research also from ProQuest (Research Companion). Our extended trial of NewsBank’s Access World News Research Collection has been continued by subscription. Two trial DBs will end soon: PolicyMap, a graphical statistics platform, and Oxford’s e-book series, Very Short Introductions. Our trial of PsychiatryOnline’s DSM-5 Library has ended. Hopefully, the English Department will soon conclude a deal for the annotated literature database, GLEEDITIONS.
How Can We Help You?

Textbook and Course Reserves
Help students save money and keep up with reading assignments. Add your course textbook(s) to the Library’s Course Reserves. A faculty library card and a completed reserve form are required to place items on reserve. Library cards and reserve forms are available at the Circulation Desk.

Curriculum Support
Suggest books and DVDs for the library collection.

Books: Ran Gust, (323) 265-8628
DVDs: Choonhee Rhim, (323) 265-8625

Research Instruction

*Orientations*: Need help getting your students started on a research project? Schedule a research session with a librarian to assist your students with a specific assignment. We can conduct sessions during your class time in our computer classroom. Request an orientation: http://researchguides.elac.edu/libraryorientations.

*Research Guides*: Request an online research guide tailored to your course assignment. Compile relevant sources for the assignment on a single web page.

Contact Amy Guy (323) 267-3775 or Erika Montenegro (323) 415-5008.

How Can We Help Your Students?

Research Help Desk
Librarians are available to assist students with their assignments. Students can call or visit the desk in-person. Main campus: (323) 415-4134; South Gate: (323) 357-6214.

Library Workshops
Refer students to our workshops to learn research skills outside of class time. To reserve a seat, students must register online at least one day before the workshop at library.elac.edu. Workshops are limited to 20 students. Check out the schedule and policies at http://researchguides.elac.edu/workshops.

24/7 Online Research Help
ELAC students can chat live online with a co-op librarian to get help with a research project. Students can enter a research question in the chat box on the library homepage.

Online Library Tutorial
We’re working hard to make sure all students have access to research instruction by offering our self-paced library tutorials on topics like “Choosing a Topic,” “Finding Books and Articles,” and “Citing Sources.” Try it out at library.elac.edu by clicking on the Library Instruction link.

Alumni Corner
The library recently purchased two copies of the book Latin American Unification by Salvador Rivera, Ph.D., professor of History and Sociology at the State University of New York. Latin American unification has intrigued him since his student days at ELAC between 1975-1978. His new book analyzes the different attempts made in the last 200 years to create an economic and political union of Latin America.

Call #: F 1410 .R495 2014

New Books!

Helen Miller Bailey: The Pioneer Educator and Renaissance Woman who Shaped Chicano(a) Leaders

Helen Miller Bailey, Ph.D., became the chair of the ELAC Social Science Department in 1946 and held that position for 28 years. In recognition of her contributions to the college, the main campus library was posthumously named after her in 1980. Former ELAC, Rita Soza’s compelling 300-page biography filled with letters, tributes, interviews, and photos offers evidence of the history professor’s impact on her students, many of whom trace their rewarding careers to the mentoring received from their professor, whom they affectionately called “Doc Bailey.” The book’s foreword was written by LACCD Chancellor Dr. Francisco Rodriguez.